

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BEXAR COUNTY ESD 5 FIRE AND RESCUE
JANUARY 20, 2022



APPROVED

In compliance with the provision of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, notice is hereby given that a REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Directors of Bexar County ESD 5 Fire and Rescue was held at 7120 East 6th Street, Somerset, TX 78069 on January 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

1) Call the meeting to order and establish a quorum.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm and a quorum was established. Board members in attendance were Herschel Postert, Howard Dalros, Andrew Flores, and Robert Pierce. Becky Schneider was absent.

2) Invocation: Pledge of Allegiance and prayer

Pledge recited and prayer led by Director Pierce.

Both consent agenda items were taken in Executive Session at 6:03 pm.

Meeting returned to Open Session at 6:06 pm.

3) Consent Agenda:

a) Minutes for the Regular Meeting on November 18, 2021

Motion by Director Dalros to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Director Pierce. Motion carried.

b) Review and approval of financials

Motion by Director Dalros to clarify payments made to employees in December as "retention payments" and further note that checks were from the NON-tax revenue account. Seconded by Director Pierce. Motion carried.

Motion by Director Dalros to accept the financials as presented with the amendment noted. Seconded by Director Flores. Motion carried.

4) Chief's Report; including requests for funds, if any; and Department and Operations report with action taken as necessary.

Captain Arias was present for the Chief report. Cpt. Arias talked about the 200 acre fire the previous Friday saying it resulted in no loss of structures or life. He noted the high winds and talked briefly about the back burn strategy that was used battling the blaze. He said this was a multiple agency response. No action taken.

The Bexar County ESD 5 Fire and Rescue reserves the right to adjourn into closed session at any time during the course of the meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above should such action be necessary as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.074 (Personnel Matters) or 551.087 (Economic Development) and any other provision under Texas Law that permits this governmental body to discuss a matter in a closed session. Action, if any, will be taken in open session.

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5) Action items:

- a) Discussion with action taken as appropriate regarding the future fire station in the Montgomery Road area, and any other matters related thereto, including any action necessary regarding financing**

Director Dalros briefed the other board members on the project saying he met with the engineers this week about the platting process. He said the county has signed off on it but now the city of San Antonio has requested changes – after previously approving the platting. Director Dalros explained the engineers did a 100 year flood plane but the city only requires 25 year so he does not know why there is an issue. Director Dalros is going to try to meet with TxDot to have a water line diverted which will take care of all the problems. If that is not possible, the cost for the changes the city wants is estimated at \$30,000. Also noted were the time limits. Three years after the deed was given and the platting also has a time limit or the process has to start all over. This item was taken in Executive Session after this report.

- b) Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of a temporary building for the property in the Montgomery Road area**

Director Postert stressed the time limitations and suggested a temporary building be put up once the platting process is done. Director Dalros said the platting takes into consideration the building they are planning and how that affects the drainage so the design cannot be changed after the platting is done. No action taken.

- c) Discussion with possible action regarding presentation by Rob Killen, Attorney with Killen, Griffin, & Farrimond at the 10/7/2021 Special Meeting on possible donated land**

Director Dalros said he has not heard anything from Attorney Killen. He said a letter needs to be sent with the preferred location. Legal Counsel, Woody Wilson, says he plans on meeting with Attorney Killen very soon. This item was taken in Executive Session.

Meeting was called into Executive Session at 6:24 pm citing Texas Government Code 551.071 and 551.087 Economic Development.

Meeting resumed in Open Session at 6:42 pm.

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d) Discussion and action, if necessary, regarding a site for a future fire station (Dalros, Pierce)

There was a discussion about moving the focus from IH35 to Hwy 90 based on development.

Director Dalros said he and Director Pierce would try to meet with developers.

No action taken.

e) Discussion and possible action regarding the department's inventory

There was a discussion about setting a monetary limit of what needed to be inventoried and to clarify a group of items, for example, a set of bunker gear, as one unit.

Motion by Director Pierce to set the inventory limit for \$750. Seconded by Director Dalros. Motion carried.

f) Discussion and possible action regarding the repair or purchase and installation of a generator for at least one fire station in the district

It was noted that the generator was at the repair shop. No action taken on this item.

6) Adjourn

Motion by Director Flores to adjourn. Seconded by Director Dalros. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

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