

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**BEXAR COUNTY ESD 5 FIRE AND RESCUE**  
**NOVEMBER 16, 2023**

**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 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Somerset, TX 78069 on November 16, 2023 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, Becky Schneider, and Robert Pierce.*

**2) Invocation: Pledge of Allegiance and prayer**

*Director Dalros led the pledge and Director Pierce led the prayer.*

**3) Consent Agenda:**

**a) Review and approval of the Minutes for the October 19, 2023 Regular Meeting**

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

**b) Review and approval of financials**

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

**4) Welcome Rep. John Lujan and allow time for him to speak**

*State Representative John Lujan was welcomed and given a plaque from the Bexar County ESD Association for his legislative work for the ESDs.*

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

*Chief Estep gave his written and oral report on trainings, public relations to include football games, Somerset Homecoming, and several Halloween events. Crews also completed preplans on medium targets within the District and now are beginning on low risk targets. Chief reported Engine 152 is in San Marcos for maintenance that will cost about \$38,000. Call volumes were 51 from Station 150 with an average response time of 6:00 minutes; 255 calls from Station 151 with an average response time of 9:00 minutes; and 74 calls from Station 152 with an average response time of 7:00 minutes.*

*Chief said all 3 Battalion chiefs completed the inaugural class from the Texas Fire Chief's*

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*Association Battalion Chief's Academy. Jackie Pereles and Ryan Arias were presented with certificates. Elisha Herevia was home sick.*

**6) Action items:**

**a) Discussion and possible action regarding needed repairs to the various stations**

*Chief Estep reported that the flooring will be started at Station 151, the generator will be installed at ST151, and 4 new recliners have been purchased. Generators for Stations 150 and 152 will cost around \$11,000 instead of the \$6000 generator that was purchased at Home Depot. Flooring upstairs at Station 150 will be replaced with commercial grade vinyl planking. He plans on painting and replacing base boards. Station 152 still needs the concrete to be repaired after the plumbing issue was completed. No action necessary.*

**b) Discussion and possible action regarding purchase and installation of generators at the fire stations**

*Chief purchased one generator from Home Depot and has gotten only one quote for the installation. No action taken.*

**c) Discussion and possible action regarding the department providing CPR training**

*Chief said the American Heart Association has the CPR certified training. Director Dalros talked about how that becomes a liability for the department. All instructors must be certified. No action taken.*

**d) Reminder of the Firefighter Award Banquet at 6:30 pm on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Glimmering Oaks Event Center**

*Just a reminder given. No action taken.*

**6) Adjourn**

*Motion to adjourn by Director Schneider. Seconded by Director Pierce. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.*

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