

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**BEXAR COUNTY ESD 5 FIRE AND RESCUE**



**APPROVED**

**June 18, 2020**

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 at 6:00 pm on June 18, 2020. This meeting was conducted in person as well as via Zoom Link.

Board members and the public were invited to participate by calling 346-248-7799 and entering the meeting ID 87959708937, password 159223. A recording of the meeting will be made available to the public upon request.

*Effective March 16, 2020, Governor Gregg Abbott authorized the temporary suspension of some of the statutory provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law. This meeting of the Bexar County ESD 5 Fire and Rescue Board of Directors is being held pursuant to this authorization and will limit face-to-face meeting to slow the spread of the Corona Virus (COVID19).*

**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 Howard Dalros, Andrew Flores, Becky Schneider, and Robert Pierce. Herschel Postert was absent.*

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

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

**3) Consent Agenda:**

**a) Minutes for the Regular Meeting on May 28, 2020**

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

**b) Review and approval of financials**

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

**4) Presentation by Ryan Rosborough of AGCM**

*Mr. Rosborough was not present.*

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

*Chief Estep gave his report including billing, training, status of apparatus, staffing, and call volumes. Directors Schneider and Flores inquired as to the number of employees. Response was 26 full time firefighters with 1 opening, 10 part time, 2 volunteers, Battalion Chief, and Chief Estep.*

*Chief Estep presented the board with a proposal from the BuyBoard for a new Ford chassis to make a new brush truck with the skid unit already in inventory. He noted he has \$61,308.76 in the Apparatus Replacement line item.*

*Motion by Director Schneider to authorize Chief Estep to purchase the Ford chassis as proposed and outfit it as needed not to exceed \$61,308.76. Seconded by Director Flores. Motion carried.*

**6) 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 roundabout requested by Bigelow Development, LLC**

*Director Dalros advised that since the land was given to the district by the county, a portion of it cannot be sold or donated without it reverting back to the county. No action taken.*

*It was also noted the Title Policy was received and everything is in order with that. Director Dalros asked Legal Counsel about the status of the contract with L.K Travis. Mr. Wilson said he would try to call him again tomorrow.*

**b) Report from committee to look for land for future fire stations (Comm. Pierce, Chief Estep, Comm. Dalros) with action taken if appropriate**

*This item was taken in Executive Session citing Texas Government Code 551.072 Deliberation regarding Real Property.*

**c) Discussion and possible action regarding the litigation with the Somerset Volunteer Fire Department in reference to Cause No. 2019-CI-08846**

*This item was taken in Executive Session citing Texas Government Code 551.071 Consultation with Attorney.*

*Meeting was called into Executive Session at 6:21 pm.*

*Meeting resumed in Open Session at 6:33 pm.*

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*Item 6b – No action taken.*

*Item 6c – Motion by Director Schneider to proceed as recommended by Legal Counsel. Seconded by Director Pierce. Motion carried.*

**6) Adjourn:**

*Motion to adjourn by Director Schneider. Seconded by Director Flores. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.*

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