

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BEXAR COUNTY ESD 5 FIRE AND RESCUE
AUGUST 17, 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 6th Street, Somerset, TX 78069 on AUGUST 17, 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 July 19, 2023 Regular Meeting, and the August 1, 2023 Public Hearing (TEFRA)

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 Flores. Motion carried.

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

Chief Estep gave his report on training, status of apparatus, and preplans for Somerset ISD facilities. Calls reported were 55 from Station 150 with an average response time of 6:30; 275 calls from Station 151 with an average response time of 8:30; and 50 calls from Station 152 with an average response time of 7:00.

5) Action items:

a) Discussion with action taken as appropriate regarding the future fire station on Montgomery Road, including any action necessary regarding financing, bid process, status of platting, water drilling issues, COSA matters, and Resolutions that may be required, and any other matters related thereto

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There was a discussion about the request from the City of San Antonio to give them a waiver from the pro rata portion of debt and then they would approve the ESD's request for funding approval. Director Dalros said being able to finance in the ESD name rather than the Fire Rescue, would save the district about \$90,000.

Motion by Director Schneider to approve signing the waiver with the City of San Antonio with the stipulation that the dollar amount does not increase from what is shown on the paperwork. Seconded by Director Flores. Motion carried.

b) Update from Galm Real Estate regarding the acquisition of land for a future fire station, with action taken as necessary

There was a brief discussion about possible future locations. No action was taken.

c) Discussion and possible action to set up a policy for a spending limit that would require board approval, even if the purchase has been budgeted for

Motion by Director Dalros to set a limit of \$10,000 that would require board approval even if in the budget. Seconded by Director Schneider. Motion carried.

d) Discussion and possible action to approve the 2023-2024 Fire Rescue budget

Motion by Director Dalros to approve the 2023-2024 Fire Rescue budget as submitted. Seconded by Director Pierce. Motion carried.

e) Discussion and action taken, if necessary regarding a generator for one or more stations

Director Dalros said the cost has been approved in the Fire Rescue budget beginning October 1. He said Chief is getting bids for a propane fueled generator along with all the associated costs. No action taken.

f) Discussion and possible action regarding the warranty for the KME fire engine

Legal counsel is reviewing the paperwork. Director Dalros directed Chief to get proposals for the repair of the truck. No action taken.

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g) Discussion and possible action regarding a suggestion / comment box

There was a discussion about having a box at each station. Cody Perez, president of the Firefighter's Association introduced himself and said he is available for employee disputes. Director Dalros had a concern about this undermining operations and reiterated that Chief has final say. Motion by Director Schneider to place a box at each station to be picked up weekly by Director Schneider and opened and reviewed by Director Postert. Seconded by Director Flores. Motion carried with Directors Schneider, Flores, and Postert voting aye and Directors Dalros and Pierce voting nay.

h) Discussion and possible action regarding a Firefighter Award Banquet at the end of the year

General Manager had one price for a venue in Somerset with catering for \$9000. There were some other suggestions given of places to check. No action taken.

i) Discussion and possible action to create a new checking account with Texas Community Bank

There was a brief discussion about having to close and reopen a new checking account due to fraud on the account where a check was washed and cashed for a different amount. Somerset Police department is working on the investigation. No action necessary as the bank sent all the paperwork to be signed.

6) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Director Schneider. Seconded by Director Pierce. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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