

**MINUTES**  
**PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING**  
**BEXAR COUNTY ESD 5 FIRE AND RESCUE**  
**MARCH 18, 2021**



**APPROVED**

In compliance with the provision of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, notice is hereby given that a **PUBLIC HEARING** and **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 March 18, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

This meeting was conducted in person as well as via Zoom Link.

Board members and the public were able to participate in the meeting by calling 346-248-7799 and entering the meeting ID 861 8839 7943, and password 718314. A recording of the meeting will be made available to the public upon request.

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

*Meeting was called to order at 6:03 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**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**3) The Board will hear public comments for or against the proposed financing of a fire station as noticed on the District website from March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 to present pursuant to the Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act and Internal Revenue Code.**

*The floor was opened for public comment however, there was no one either in person or on Zoom to comment.*

**4) Consent Agenda:**

**a) Minutes for the Regular Meeting on February 25, 2021**

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

**b) Review and approval of financials**

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

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 on claims billing saying there is about \$17,000 in process, trainings, all apparatus being in service, and being fully staffed. He also talked about the department being a water distribution site after the extreme weather event in February. Call volumes were 228 from Station 151 with an 8-minute response time; 42 calls for Station 150 with a 9-minute response; and 51 calls for Station 152 with a 6-minute response. He noted 100 more calls from February of 2020. Chief Estep presented the board with a proposal for a new ladder truck. He talked about the need once Station 153 is completed and the new Amazon distribution center. He also talked about possibly trading in the 1994 Ladder, the Pierce, and the Grumman.*

*Motion by Director Dalros to authorize Chief to take the necessary steps to lock in the proposal as presented through the Buyboard and get finance proposals to present to the board. Motion seconded by Director Pierce. Motion carried.*

**6) Presentation from Texas Community Bank**

*No one was present from the bank to make a presentation.*

**7) 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 review and possible action on finance proposals.**

*Director Dalros said the paperwork has been submitted for the well and it is not considered a public water system. The county did raise the question about possibly needing an easement with SAWS for runoff water.*

*Meeting was called into Executive Session at 6:10 pm in reference to this item citing Texas Government Code 551.074 Consultation with Attorney.*

*Meeting resumed in Open Session at 6:20 pm.*

*Motion by Director Dalros to authorize Legal Counsel to move forward with the proposal from Government Capital for financing of the new fire station. Seconded by Director Flores. Motion carried.*

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

*Director Dalros reported that he is waiting from a proposal from the Byrom family for 5 ½ acres at IH35 and Kinney Road. No action taken on this item.*

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**8) Adjourn**

*Motion to adjourn by Director Dalros. Seconded by Director Flores. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.*

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