

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BEXAR COUNTY ESD 5 FIRE AND RESCUE

September 14, 2020



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 September 14, 2020 at immediately following the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for Bexar County Emergency Service District 5.

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

Board members and the public were invited to participate in the meeting by calling 346-248-7799 and entering the meeting ID 87959708937, and password 159223. 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 8:18 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 the prayer.

3) Consent Agenda:

a) Minutes for the Regular Meeting on August 20, 2020 and Budget Workshop on September 3, 2020

Motion by Director Pierce to accept the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Director Flores. Motion carried.

b) Review and approval of financials

Motion by Director Dalros to accept the financials as presented. Motion 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 the board a timeline of construction from LK Travis. There was a discussion about the platting process and having that complete before any construction begins. Chief then continued with his regular monthly report including billing, training, apparatus status, and call volumes.

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Station 119 had 198 calls with an average response time of 8:30; Station 140 had 39 calls with an average response time of 5:30; and Station 141 had 40 calls with an average response time of 5:00. Chief Estep also congratulated Director Pierce on completing his Chaplain course and getting certified, and noted his participation in the 9/11 Memorial Tower Climb.

5) Action items:

a) Discuss and consider adopting the 2020-2021 budget

Motion by Director Pierce to adopt the 2020-2021 budget as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Dalros. Motion carried.

b) Discussion with action taken as appropriate regarding the future fire station in the Montgomery Road area, and any other matters related thereto

This item was discussed as part of Chief Estep's report.

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

Director Dalros said he would like to finish with one station before looking for a location for another. Directors Pierce and Dalros continue communicating on this subject but nothing to report yet.

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

This item was covered in the ESD meeting. Nothing else to report.

6) Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Director Dalros. Seconded by Director Flores. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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