

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BEXAR COUNTY ESD 5 FIRE AND RESCUE
FEBRUARY 29, 2024

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 FEBRUARY 29, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

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, Becky Schneider, and Robert Pierce.

2) Invocation: Pledge of Allegiance and prayer

Pledge recited and prayer led by Director Pierce.

3) Consent Agenda:

a) Review and approval of the Minutes for the January 18, 2024 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 Pierce 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 said the generator has been installed at Station 151. They will try it out for a couple of months before installing generators at other stations. Chief talked about sending Administrative Assistant, Sylvia Garza, to an Admin workshop that is the same time as the Second in Command workshop that Javier Esparza will be attending in January. Chief said he would like to start looking at trucks with Metro Fire. He said their turnaraound is the quickest at 15 months. Director Schneider asked about brush trucks and Chief said he would like to redo the Ford and make that into a Quick Attack. Director Flores asked about the ceiling tiles at Station 151 needing repair now that the roof has been fixed. Chief will be working on that. Call volumes – Station 150 had 68 calls in January with an average

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response time of 7.5 minutes; Station 151 had 263 calls with an average response time of 10 minutes; and Station 152 had 69 calls with an average response time of 7.5 minutes.

5) Action items:

- a) Discussion and possible action regarding procedures for hiring contractors**

This item was tabled.

- b) Discussion and action for a budget amendment to receive funds from ESD for Construction in Progress (CIP)**

The board discussed whether it was proper for the construction bills to be paid from Fire Rescue since the property is owned and the loan was given to the ESD. They discussed a construction account in the ESD name, therefore, no budget amendments were needed for the Fire Rescue budget.

- c) Discussion and possible action to increase the credit limit on credit card**

Motion by Director Peirce to increase the Fire Rescue Visa credit card limit to \$5000. Seconded by Director Schneider. Motion carried.

5) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Director Schneider. Seconded by Director Dalros. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

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