

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**BEXAR COUNTY ESD 5 FIRE AND RESCUE**  
**November 21, 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 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Somerset, TX 78069 on November 21, 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 Scheider, and Robert Pierce.*

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

*Pledge led by Director Dalros and prayer by Director Pierce.*

**3) Consent Agenda:**

**a) Review and approval of the Minutes for the October 17, 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 Flores to accept the financials as presented. Seconded by Director Dalros. 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, vehicles, and legislative meetings in Austin. He said the crews have sold the breast cancer t-shirts and will be making the donation to Alamo Breast Cancer Foundation. Public relations events have been Somerset High School for career day and an event at Texas A&M. Call volumes reported were 61 from station 150 with an average response time of 6:28; 203 calls from Station 151 with an average response time of 10:26; and 68 calls from Station 152 with an average response time of 8:00.*

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**5) Discussion and possible action regarding department wide training for ALS in the amount of approximately \$80,000**

*Chief Estep requested training department wide for ALS. He had 3 proposals with the best one being Thrive Response for approximately \$80,000. He also noted they have a 98% pass rate.*

*Motion by Director Schneider to accept the bid from Thrive Response for not more than \$80,000 for advanced training, and adjust budget accordingly. Seconded by Director Dalros. Motion carried.*

**6) Discussion and possible action regarding agreement with new ambulance service including placement of apparatus**

*Chief Estep said they will park a dedicated ambulance at stations 150, 152, and 153. He said they will be just like the firefighters cooking and cleaning. He hopes this will start January 1, 2025.*

*Motion by Director Dalros to have legal counsel proceed with a contract for \$1 a year. Seconded by Director Schneider. Motion carried.*

**7) Adjourn**

*Motion to adjourn by Director Schneider. Seconded by Director Flores. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm.*

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