

## COMMISSIONERS:

Reed Boyd, President  
Tom Dodds, Vice President  
Dennis Wright, Treasurer  
Judy Canion, Assistant Treasurer  
Tom Quirk, Secretary

# TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5: BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 8, 2021

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Commissioner Boyd.
  - a. **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** All Present
  - b. **COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** N/A
  - c. **OPERATIONS STAFF:** Chief Barron via teleconference, Jennifer La Font
  - d. **VISITORS:** N/A
2. **MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 4, 2021 BOARD MEETING WERE APPROVED.**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** N/A
4. **ESD TREASURER'S REPORT:** Balanced Accounting and Financial Reports were presented by Commissioner Wright. Treasurer's report was approved. All in favor.
5. **OPERATIONS MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT:** Chief Barron presented the attached written report. Certain highlights follow:

### Apparatus/Equipment/Projects

- New Engine Update
  - Further revisions/requests to Spartan for revised quote to more meet our needs for an apparatus
  - Spartan quote with revisions: \$594,979
    - Delivery is 180 days compared to 365days
    - Driver/Operators looked over all proposals and wish to go with the Spartan
- Apparatus, hose, ladder and nozzle testing all complete. Several sections of hose did not pass and 8 nozzles did not pass inspection. Nozzles being sent off for evaluation/estimate. No need to replace out of service hose
- Brush Truck 501 currently at Steele Apparatus undergoing repairs from fire that affected the front of the truck. Luckily, the fire did not get into the engine compartment/ They are awaiting a couple of parts and once received, it should take about a week to put back together.
- TCESD1 has loaned us one of their brush trucks to use in the meantime.

### **Winter Weather 2021**

- We have ordered several items for the department to help us be more prepared for the next winter weather event when it should take place

### **Personnel**

- Annual employee evaluations all complete

### **Countywide AutoAid**

- The Austin Fire Department has announced they will pull out of AutoAid if the Travis County/Williamson County Fire Departments cannot agree on incident command terminology that allows more flexibility with AFD's policies and the Blue Card system
- A committee has been setup to go back to working on a new policy to address the concerns of AFD
- IF Austin pulls out of the AutoAid plan, ESD5 will need to work on an individual agreement with AFD on fire responses in/out of ESD5 territory

### **COVID-19 Info:**

- No new cases
- Requests from TCEM to supply personnel to assist with vaccines at COTA
- Requests from TIFMAS to send personnel to assist with statewide vaccine efforts - no personnel deployed

### **Station/Land**

- Station 501
  - No current issues or problems with the station
- Station 502
  - Developer is getting closer with an agreement with Milestone communities for a large residential development on the north and south side of Bliss Spillar Rd.
  - Buda FD continues to show interest in working with TCESD5 on development of the station and fire/EMS protection for that area.
  - Developer is still about 2 years out for wastewater system to be in place
  - Developer is indicating the 2.3 acres on the NW corner of 45 and Bliss Spillar might be better location for the fire station.

## **6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK. Tabled.**

**Board went into executive session beginning at 7:12 pm and resumed regular board meeting at 7:50 pm**

## **7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ACCOUNTING PRACTICES AUDIT. All board members in favor of the audit and approval of proposal as discussed in executive session.**

## **8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMPENSATION AUDIT. Commissioner Dodds will be partnering with Lake Travis in regards to the compensation audit and will have information to the board by the end of May as discussed in executive session.**

## **9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AUXILIARY GROUP UPDATES/REQUESTS OR APPROVALS NEEDED BY THE BOARD. No Action.**

**10. SET AGENDA ITEMS AND DATE FOR APRIL MEETING.** May 6th, 2021

**11. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm

Submitted by:

Approved:

Tom Quirk, TCESD #5, Secretary

Reed Boyd, TCESD #5, President