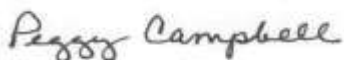


**NOTICE OF MEETING  
BRACKEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of June 2009 the Board of Directors of the Bracken Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Meeting at 7:00 PM at the Central Fire Station located at 23600 FM 3009, San Antonio, Texas.

The subjects to be discussed are listed on the agenda, which is a part of this notice. If, during the course of the meeting covered by this notice, the Board of Directors should determine that a closed meeting or session of the Board is required, then such closed meeting or session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act will be held by the Board at the date, hour and place given in the notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this notice as the Board may conveniently meet in such closed meeting concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act.

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed meeting, then the final action, decision or vote shall be in open session.

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|  | <b>Secretary</b> |
| _____<br>Signature  | _____<br>Title   |

**AGENDA**

Regular Board Meeting - Call to Order by Board Vice-President (Buddy Boone)

1. Approve minutes of the May18, 2009 Board Meeting
2. Report of the Treasurer (Marsha Kern)

Unfinished Business and General Orders

1. Fire Chief Report (Donald Zipp)
2. Fire Marshal Report (Bill Anz)
3. Emergency Rescue Report (Craig Ackerman)
4. ESD Update (Bob Fleming )
5. Firefighters' Festival Status (Firefighter Roger Sassman)

New Business

1. BVFD Name Discussion (Buddy Boone)
2. Finance Committee Report on 10-Year Forecast (Fred Moos)

Adjourn

Next Meeting is July 27, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

**Minutes - Board Meeting of the Bracken VFD  
Monday, June 22, 2009**

**Board Members Present**

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| Marsha Kern, Treasurer      | Fred Moos, Member    |
| Buddy Boone, Vice President | Tom Potter, Member   |
| Peggy Campbell, Secretary   | Tim Fey, Member      |
| E. J. Fiedler, Member       | Bob Schoeler, Member |

**Board Members Absent**

Mark Schroeder, President

**Regular Board and Member Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Buddy Boone at 7:00 p.m.

As the first order of business, Buddy asked if there were any questions or corrections to the minutes of the May 18, 2009, board meeting. There were none, and the minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Marsha Kern provided a budget recap (as of 6/22/09) reporting that through 50% of the year, expenses were at 39.9% of budget and income was at 70.5% of budget. The Treasurer's Report with full details is attached (Attachment A).

**Unfinished Business and General Orders**

**Fire Chief Report** - Chief Zipp reported that the burn ban is in effect and hopefully a fireworks ban will be implemented too.

Chief Zipp stated that 12 sets of bunker gear had been in for testing and cleaning, which cost \$40 per set. Three sets failed. All paid personnel's gear is okay; volunteers are sharing. Five new sets of gear have been ordered (\$1,400-\$1,500 per set) and we need to order 12 sets of boots. Everything else is okay. Chief Zipp reported that he has submitted to the Texas Forest Service a cost-sharing grant application to help with the bunker gear cost. If approved, the department would receive \$11,500 and we would pay \$8,500.

Chief reported that all hoses have been tested. Some need repairs; some need to be replaced. All truck problems were fixed in one day and done under warranty.

Lastly, he stated that the department will participate in one, and possibly two, 4<sup>th</sup> of July parades.

**Fire Marshal Report** - Fire Marshal Bill Anz reported that there were a total of 33 total calls for May 2009, with 9 being fire calls. A list of the fire and rescue calls is available through the Secretary. Bill also stated that Roger Sassman had put on our website ([www.brackenvfd.org](http://www.brackenvfd.org)) a video of a residential fire demonstrating the difference between a fire with sprinklers and a fire without sprinklers.

**Emergency Rescue Report** - Bill Anz reported in Craig Ackerman's absence that there were 24 rescue related calls for May 2009. Bill stated that there were not a lot of heat related calls last month, but the department is beginning to have them now.

**Emergency Services District (ESD) Update** - Bob Fleming stated that not much was going on at this time and he had nothing to report.

**Firefighters' Festival** - Roger Sassman reported that in 3 - 4 weeks, work will start-up again in preparing for the rescheduled festival. He stated that there is approximately 54 items in inventory for the auction. We need about 10 - 15 more "big" items. Buddy mentioned that his wife, Veronica, would be willing to co-ordinate having a craft show for the event. Roger stated he did not see any conflict, and asked Buddy to have Veronica contact him.

### New Business

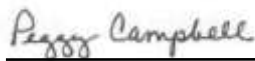
**BVFD Name Discussion** - Buddy stated that a question had been asked previously about whether or not the word "volunteer" should be dropped from the department's name. Most board members thought that if the word were to be removed that members of the community would not feel a need to donate anything any more to support the department. A question was raised regarding if it would affect our status as a non-profit organization if the word was removed. Marsha stated that she did not think so. It was also stated that there would be a cost associated with changing everything with the department's name on it. The main point stated in favor of removing the word "volunteer" was that the word conveyed the thought that maybe we were not a first-class fire department (which we are). There was no vote taken but the general consensus was to leave the name as is.

**Finance Committee Report on 10-Year Forecast** - Fred Moos distributed copies of the committee's report (Attachment B) for review. The report contained 10-year historical data and 10-year cost/income projections. Some points made during the discussion were that the department has a 25-year old truck that will need to be replaced, that the department will need to increase personnel, that the service area continues to grow, and that possibly the ESD income generated from taxes will be flat this coming year. The Board agreed that Fred and the Finance Committee should take the forecast information to ESD #6 to start a discussion about the department's future needs.

### Adjourn

E.J. Fiedler made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned, which was seconded by Tim Fey. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Campbell  
Secretary

Attachment A: Treasurer's Report

Attachment B: Finance Committee Report on 10-Year Forecast