

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

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of October 2009 the Board of Directors of the Bracken Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Member 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.

Peggy Campbell

Signature

Secretary

Title

AGENDA

Regular Board and Member Meeting – Call to Order by Board President (Mark Schroeder)

1. Approve minutes of the September 28, 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. Emergency Services District Update (Bob Fleming)

New Business

1. Board Member Election/Term 2010-2012 (Mark Schroeder)

Adjourn

Next regular Board Meeting is November 16, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

**Minutes - General Membership Meeting of the Bracken VFD
Tuesday, October 13, 2009**

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

Bob Schoeler, Member

Regular Board and Member Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Schroeder at 7:01 p.m.

As the first order of business, Mark asked if there were any questions or corrections to the minutes of the September 28, 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 10/13/09) reporting that through 79% of the year, expenses were at 68.1% of budget and income was at 96.9% of budget. The Treasurer's Report with full details is attached (Attachment A). Marsha reported that the Firefighter's Festival net income was \$22,832.76, excluding membership dues and donations. She stated that it did include the raffle. Additionally, Marsha reported that the BVFD 2010 Budget was presented to the ESD #6 Commissioners at their meeting on October 12, 2009. She stated that the Commissioners did not approve the contract amount and tabled the action until their next meeting.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

Fire Chief Report - Chief Zipp reported that the Bracken VFD provides fire and first response coverage for approximately 70 square miles from two stations. The Central Station is manned 24 hours a day by 2 FTE's. The second station is still volunteer only. Currently, the department has 5 full-time employees, 13 part-timers, and 12 volunteers. Chief Zipp reported that there are 5 more volunteers in training.

He reminded everyone that the blue reflective address signs are very helpful in emergency situations and that they are still available through the department. Also, he reminded everyone that they should trim trees on their driveways or roads on their property to a 12' wide by 12' high clearance to allow emergency fire equipment and EMS easy access.

Chief Zipp reported that currently the department is providing the annual Fire Prevention sessions at local schools. He also stated that next year, there are 300-400 students expected to be enrolled at the new Garden Ridge Elementary School in our area. He reported that Bracken VFD personnel have been involved in providing input into the building of the school and it will be equipped with a sprinkler system.

Lastly, Chief Zipp expressed sincere gratitude for the RAIN!

Fire Marshal Report - Fire Marshal Bill Anz reported that for the period of October 2008 through September 2009, there was a total of 409 calls, which was an increase in the number of calls over previous years. Before this period, the highest count was 380. Of the 409 calls, 171 were fire calls. A list of the fire and rescue calls is available through the Secretary.

Emergency Rescue Report – Chief Zipp reported for Craig Ackerman that there were 238 rescue related calls for the period of October 2008 through September 2009. Also, Chief Zipp reported that there is a lot of rescue training being invested in personnel.

Emergency Services District (ESD) Update - Bob Fleming reported that ESD #6 is a taxing agency for the state of Texas. Their source of funding comes from a 1/2¢ sales tax and 3¢ per \$100 property valuation. ESD #6 contracts for fire and EMS services for our area. He stated that ESD #6 took in a small portion of additional property this past year to create better alignment of boundaries and to help with dispatching more accurately. This will be the first year to receive monies from the new property. Bob reminded everyone that the whole county of Comal is now covered either by an ESD or a municipality.

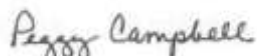
New Business

Board Member Election/Term 2010-2012 – President Mark Schroeder stated that there were three positions up for election and there were four candidates running. Mark explained that two board members, Fred Moos and Buddy Boone, were running again. However, Marsha Kern would not be running. The other two candidates running were identified as Walter Brown and Charlie Flink. Each candidate was introduced and a vote was taken. After the votes were counted, Mark announced the three board members elected for the 2010-2012 term were Fred Moos, Buddy Boone, and Charlie Flink.

Adjourn

Member E. J. Fiedler made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned, which was seconded by Buddy Boone. Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Campbell
Secretary

Attachment A: Treasurer's Report