

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

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of February 2009 the Board of Directors of the Bracken Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Special 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*

	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>

**AGENDA**

Special Board Meeting – Call to Order by Board President (Mark Schroeder)

1. Decision regarding Firefighters' Festival and Puffer Fest 2009

Adjourn

Next regular Board Meeting to be held on February 23, 2009 at 7:00 PM

**Minutes - Special Board Meeting of the Bracken VFD  
Monday, February 2, 2009**

**Board Members Present**

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

**Board Members Absent**

None

**Regular Board and Member Meeting**

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

Mark stated that the purpose of the special meeting was to decide about our fundraising activities for 2009, primarily the Firefighters' Festival and the Kartoffel Puffer Fest.

Peggy reviewed the 3 options that were currently identified.

- **Option 1** - Have the Firefighters' Festival (FF) on May 2, 2009 as usual. Have the Puffer Fest (PF) in the Fall (no date had been set).
- **Option 2** - Have the FF on May 2, 2009 and have potato pancakes as the meal menu. This would combine the festivals and we would have only one fundraiser this year. It would be held at the Community Center.
- **Option 3** - Have the FF on May 2, 2009 as usual and not have a PF in 2009. However, start the planning and marketing to combine the two for 2010; hold it in March, April, or May.

Buddy added the following option.

- **Option 4** - Have the PF in conjunction with the Schertz Festival.

Mark led a discussion regarding all options. Tom made a motion that we go with option 2 that combines the FF and the PF on May 2, 2009. Buddy seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Mark stated that Roger Sassman agreed to be the overall Festival Chairman. The name of the event will be "The Bracken VFD Firefighters' Festival." It will be described as "featuring kartoffel puffers."

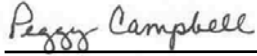
Mark reminded everyone that we will not be able to mail raffle tickets for our fundraiser any more. After discussion, Tom made a motion to eliminate raffle tickets, to plea for donations in the letter, to have high quality auction items, and to place smaller items on the silent auction. Tim seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Peggy identified the need for an article announcing the festival and changes to be submitted for the March *Grapevine*. Also, the Spring Newsletter needs to be prepared. Roger stated that he would have a draft of the newsletter for the February board meeting. Peggy stated she needed a check to reserve the Community Center.

**Adjourn**

E.J. made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned, which was seconded by Buddy. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Peggy Campbell  
Secretary