



BRACKEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Minutes –Meeting of the Bracken VFD Board of Directors Monday, July 22nd, 2019

Board Members

Charles Flink, President	- Present	Skip Courter, Member	- Present
Kurtis Wilcox, Vice President	- Present	Bob Schoeler, Member	- Present
Mark Schroeder, Treasurer	- Present	Rick Shimon, Member	- Absent
Jim Moreland, Secretary	- Present	Walter Brown, Member	- Present
Buddy Boone, Member	- Absent		

Regular Board Meeting

Pledge Recited to US and Texas Flags.

President Charles Flink called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

As the first order of business, Minutes of the May 20, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting presented. Director Wilcox made a motion to approve the minutes as amended by Commissioner Randy Maschek. Second by Director Schroeder. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Mark reported our cash on hand, as of July 19, 2019, is \$690,186.13. As of June 30, 2019 income was 50.57% of budget, and expense was 41.84% of budget through 50% of the year. We have received the 3rd quarter ESD check in the amount of \$390,912.50 which is included in the July 19, 2019 balance on hand.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

Fire Chief Report – Chief Zipp reported that

1. BVFD participated in the Garden Ridge 4th of July Parade. The Rock Wall Ranch Home Owners Association made a \$1,000 donation to the BVFD.
2. Despite the presence of fireworks in some areas covered by BVFD, there were no fireworks related calls on 4th of July.
3. Schertz fire investigators determined the LaQuinta hotel fire originated in a first floor electrical box and spread up a chase, damaging 50,000 out of 55,000sf.
4. BVFD assisted Schertz FD on another structure fire.
5. Firefighters replaced a water pump housing on Brush Truck 851.
6. The Station 2 remodel is moving along. Ground breaking expected this fall.
7. BVFD purchased 25 specialized hoods for fire fighters to increase their protective clothing. Cost was \$104 each from ESD budget.

Activity/ Emergency Rescue Report – Asst Chief Bill Ansz reported a total of 65 total runs, 21 fire calls and 44 rescue calls during June. Average emergent fire response was 7:09 minutes and average emergent rescue response was 7:42 minutes. 4 calls were run out of station 2. Runs are up... consistently 60-65 per month. President Flink asked how often we are having two trucks out at the same time. Chief Zipp reported it is not frequent, but when it happens, BVFD relies on

surrounding departments. During the week it is less of a problem because Chief and Asst Chief can cover calls.

Emergency Services District (ESD) Update –

No ESD representative present. Chief Zipp reported that the Project Manager is in contact with the architect daily. It appears things will move along at a better pace.

The Employee Handbook: Chief Zipp reported that in talking with other Chiefs in the area, the Union some of our members belong to does not impact BVFD personnel policies. Marilyn Winters reported that Texas is an at-will employee state, meaning that an employer may terminate any employee for any reason, and the employee has the right to sue if they feel the termination was unjust. Handbook is tabled pending additional research and review.

New Business -

1. Additional Insurance. President Flink addressed the issue of additional insurance for our fire fighters, particularly for cancer-related and other catastrophic illnesses. Chief Zipp reported that there may be additional insurance available through the Volunteer Fire Fighters Organization (SFFMA Group Cancer & Critical Illness Plan). Payout and qualifications are similar to AFLAC-type insurance, Tabled by President Flink pending survey of importance to fire fighters by Chief Zipp.
2. ESD Strategic Planning Committee. President Flink outlined the Strategic Planning Committee duties and reported that Director Schroeder had already applied. There is a form attached to his original email to get your name in the hat

Adjourn

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday Aug 26, 2019 at 7:00 PM. Director Boone made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned, which was seconded by Director Schoeler. Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted.

J.P. Moreland

James P. Moreland
Secretary, BVFD Board of Directors

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Treasurer's Report

(Will be Included in Final Copy of Minutes)

**Activity Report
June 2019**

65 total runs, 21 fire calls and 44 rescue calls.

TOTAL Average emergent fire response was 7:09 minutes and average emergent rescue response was 7:42 minutes.

Station 1 average fire response time 9:45

Station 1 average emergent rescue response time 7:00

Station 2 average emergent fire response time 4:34

Station 2 average emergent rescue response time 5:54

4 calls were run out of station 2.

6 calls to SH46 area – all responses from Central station

1 Medical emergency – Forest Bell – 16:42

1 Medical emergency – Herbelin Rd – 13:19

1 Unauthorized burn – Copper Valley – 22:33

1 Medical emergency – Copper Valley – 17:02

1 Medical emergency – Copper Valley – 18:48

1 Medical emergency – High Forest – 19:07