



BRACKEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Minutes –Meeting of the Bracken VFD Board of Directors Monday, Aug. 26th, 2019

Board Members

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

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 July 22, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting were presented. Buddy Boone made a motion to approve the minutes with second by Mark Schroeder. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Mark reported our cash on hand, as of Aug. 16, 2019, is \$588,310.76. He also reported income was 76.2% of budget, and expense was 48.4% of budget through 58.3% of the year. Buddy made a motion to approve the Report with second by Bob. The motion passed unanimously. The complete Treasurer's report is attached.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

Fire Chief Report – Chief Zipp reported that

1. Protective hoods for all Firefighters have been purchased.
2. We have been very busy, mostly with medical calls due to the heat, but we're lucky there have not been any major fires.
3. Buddy and another Volunteer will be on standby at the Dry Comal Vinyard on Labor Day for a Walking Activity.
4. On Sep. 11 we will have a standby at Trophy Oaks for the Homes for Heroes event.
5. All shifts will attend live fire drills at the Guadalupe County Facility on FM 725 alongside with the Live Oak FD rotating shifts on Sep. 16, 18, and 20.
6. We will be standing by at Natural Bridge Caverns on Sep. 14 for running event.

Activity/ Emergency Rescue Report – Asst. Chief Bill Anz reported a total of 65 total runs, 21 fire calls and 44 rescue calls during May. 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.

Emergency Services District (ESD) Update – Randy Maschek

1. ESD met Aug. 12 and passed their budget and proposed a tax rate of 0.088400 / \$100 evaluation. Roll back hearings will be held on Aug 28 and Sep 3 and the tax rate will be adopted on September 9 at the regular ESD Board meeting. Voters must submit a petition signed by 10 percent of the registered voters to the taxing unit's governing body within 90 days of the tax rate adoption to trigger a possible roll back election.
2. Chief Zipp has been working with the ESD Project Manager on designs for the upcoming construction at the Delafield station and renovations of the main BVFD Station
3. ESD Commissioners Solomon and Waechter are working on a strategic plan along with a group of volunteers from throughout the ESD district.

Old Business

1. Additional health Insurance Plans for Firefighters from AFLAC, SFFMA, and Colonial were discussed. Charlie tabled the item until September so we could have time to compare all plans.
2. Employee Handbook was discussed and a motion was made by Buddy, and 2nd by Walter to engage the Gardner Law Firm to review the handbook as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. **Discuss and act on as required, on mailing out information on the Annual Membership Meeting**, The meeting will be held on Oct. 8, 2019 at the Main Fire Station, we will begin getting the mailer ready ASAP. There will be an election for 3 board members, Jim, Rick and Walter.
2. **Discuss and act on as required, on the BVFD Christmas Party arrangements**, The Party will be the 1st Friday in December 6th. Chief Zipp will sign contract at Community center. We will have Beef Tips instead of Pork Loin.
3. **Adjourn**

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday September 23, 2019 at 7:00 PM. Buddy Boone made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned, which was seconded by Mark Schroeder. Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

James P. Moreland
Secretary, BVFD Board of Directors

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**Treasurer's Report
For August 26, 2019**

- **Budget Recap Jan 1, 2019 – July 30, 2019**

Through 58.3% of the year

Income	76.2% of budget
Expenses	48.4% of budget

- **Cash on Hand as of 06/16/19: \$588,310.76**

**First United Bank Checking \$135,919.11
First United Bank Christmas Fund \$1,527.53
Schertz Bank Checking \$57,495.97
Schertz Bank Payroll \$101,663.69
Schertz Money Market \$291,704.46**

- **No other business to report at this time.**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Mark Schroeder
Treasurer**

Activity Report July 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 – Forrest 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 Forrest – 19:07

