



BRACKEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
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Minutes –Meeting of the Bracken VFD Board of Directors
Monday, July 27th, 2020

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	- Present		

Regular Board Meeting

President Charles Flink called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. via ZOOM video conference due to COVID-19 Pandemic public meeting restrictions.

Pledges of Allegiance to US and Texas Flags were suspended due to this meeting being held by video/teleconference.

Minutes Approval – As the first order of business, minutes of the June 2020 General Meeting were presented. Walter Brown made a motion to approve and Bob Schoeler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – President Flink reported on behalf of Treasurer Schroeder. As of July 24, 2020, cash on hand is \$651,835.47. As of Jun 30th, income was 51% of budget and expenses were 44.5% of budget through 50% of the year. Numbers include receipt of the 3rd quarter check from the ESD in the amount of \$393,362.50. Payroll averages between \$50 and \$60k per month. Bob Schoeler made a motion to approve the report and Mark Schroeder seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

Fire Chief Report – Chief Zipp reported that the Burn Ban has been continued as we did not get enough rain to lift it. No firefighters have exhibited any symptoms of COVID-19. Numbers for the country seem to be dropping. The Central Station work is a bit behind schedule, but not significantly. Living conditions are improved with the addition of the new trailer.

Activity Report/ Emergency Rescue Report – Asst Chief Anz reported that in June we had 68 total calls, 20 fire related and 48 rescue related. Average response time was 11:55 for fire response and 8:03 for emergent response. The higher than normal fire response time average was due to several lengthy fire calls, one delayed by a train, a grass fire, dumpster fire in Bracken. Have had several calls from residents of Copper Ridge complaining about insurance rates because of increases due to not being within 5 miles of a fire station. See attached report.

Emergency Services District (ESD) Update – None of the ESD Commissioners were present, but President Flink reported we had an informal meeting to go over the budget. ESD is also discussing their budget because of the rollback tax provision if they exceed a much lower percentage increase in the tax rate.

New Business

1. Discuss and take action on the draft 2021 BVFD Contract. President Flink went through the updated draft contract and asked those present if they thought there was anything significant for discussion. Walter Brown suggested we change the address from Garden Ridge to San Antonio since the Fire Department is outside the city of Garden Ridge. President Flink noted the new contract was for a base year with five option years. With the city address change, Walter Brown made a motion to approve the contract as written and Bob Schoeler seconded. Motion was approved unanimously without further discussion. President Flink noted that the contract must now be formally approved by the ESD Commissioners.



Updated Draft 2021
BVFD CONTRACT 072

2. Open floor comments: None

Roundtable: Skip Courter who in addition to being a member of the BoD, also serves as the BVFD Chaplain, shared that he spent the past two weekends on-line with 20 other people around the country getting certified to be a First Responder Chaplain. President Flink commended and congratulated him for that achievement. There was no other input from BoD members.

Adjourn

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, Aug 24th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Buddy Boone made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned, which was seconded by Mark Schroeder. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Moreland
Secretary, BVFD BoD

Treasurer's Report

For July 27, 2020

- Budget Recap Jan 1, 2020 – Jun 30, 2020

Through 50.0% of the year

Income 51.0% of budget

Expenses 44.5% of budget

- Cash on Hand as of 07/24/20: \$ 651,835.47

First United Bank Checking \$ 155,383.11

First United Bank Christmas Fund \$ 1,682.53

Schertz Bank Checking \$ 68,601.96

Schertz Bank Payroll \$ 203,148.89

Schertz Money Market \$ 223,018.98

- **We have received our 3rd quarter check from the ESD in the amount of \$393,362.50. This amount is reflected in the cash balances shown above.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Schroeder

Treasurer

Activity Report

June 2020

68 total runs, 20 fire calls and 48 rescue calls.

TOTAL Average emergent fire response was 11:55 minutes and average emergent rescue response was 8:03 minutes. 1 fire response was delayed due to train.

Station 1 average emergent fire response time 9:10 (1 fire response was delayed due to train)

Station 1 average emergent rescue response time 7:48

Station 2 average emergent fire response time 7:23

Station 2 average emergent rescue response time 8:42

17 calls were run out of station 2.

SH 46/Copper Ridge responses

- Medical emergency – SH46 W – 13:31
- Medical emergency – Felger Dr – 18:57
- Medical emergency – SH46 W – 15:02
- Medical emergency – Vintage Way – 10:54
- Medical emergency – SH46 E – 10:59
- Medical emergency – Mission Valley – 2:28
- Medical emergency – Basilone Ridge – 22:53