

Brodhead Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2026

5:00 P.M.

Brodhead Fire Station

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM

2. Roll Call to determine if a quorum is present.

Present - S. Hazeltine, J. Baxter, A. Schneider, P. Faessler, B. Moon, T. Colvin, D. Schwartzlow

3. Motion to deviate from the order of the agenda if necessary.

D. Schwartzlow made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Seconded by T. Colvin

Motion Passed

4. Public Appearances: This is the public's opportunity to speak.

Each citizen may speak for 10 minutes to address the Commission.

5. Approval of previous meeting minutes. Discussion/Possible Action.

J. Baxter made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the August 4, 2026 meeting

Seconded by D. Schwartzlow

Motion passed

6. Treasurer's Report- Discussion/Possible Action:

August 2026

Operating Checking Account Balance: **\$269,349.32**

*Fund Balance Money Market: **\$65,422.53**

*Supplies & Equipment Money Market: **\$573,869.70**

Total Accounts Balance: **\$908,641.55**

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by T. Colvin

Seconded by J. Baxter

Motion passed

Admin. Assistant Osborne mentioned upcoming larger expenses in September. Annual Hose

Testing, Repairs to Engine 1 and Truck 2, SCBA Testing, front truck tires for Truck 2 and Squad 4.

7. Payments of Bills- Discussion/Possible Action:

Expenses paid after the August 4, 2026 meeting:

AT&T \$42.99, Bartels Powder \$787.50, Brodhead Water & Light \$654.70, Capital One \$2,816.79

Decatur Dairy \$103.11, Dinges Fire \$1,690.00, EcoWater \$23.00, EMS Management \$332.64

Fire Rescue Supply \$335.00, Gasser \$72.41, Frontier \$150.71, NFPA \$809.44, NAPA \$342.47

Piggly Wiggly \$68.39, Register Print Center \$103.00, Rennerts \$1889.62, Resop Repair \$226.35

Sewer-City of Brodhead \$ 125.97, Speich \$1,018.25, SWANI \$37.50, WE Energies \$12.07

Wis. State Firefighters \$25.00.

Revenue received after the August 4, 2026 meeting:

Brodhead Area EMS \$467.21, Fire Recovery \$1,574.00

Stewart & Pauline Badertscher Donation \$150.00, Town of Avon 2% dues \$1,206.73

Interest \$21.67

Motion to approve the Payment of Bills made by T. Colvin

Seconded by D. Schwartzlow

Motion passed

8. Reports of department activities:

A. Firefighters Inc.:

Open House, October 10, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

B. Fire Inspector:

Nothing at this time

C. Administrative Assistant Reports:

AUGUST 2026

Fire Response: 4, Cancel: 2, MABAS: 0, Lift Assist: 4, MVA: 3, Assist BAEMS: 7, Assist GCEMS: 0

Assist Orfy: 0, Assist 860: 2, 1st Response: 4

AUGUST TOTAL CALLS: 26

D. Life Quest/Fire Recovery:

AUGUST 2026

Claims Submitted: 4 for \$1,006.00

Payments received: 2 claims by FRUSA: \$804.04

Payment plans received: 0 by FRUSA: \$0.00

Claims Denied: 0

Non-Billable(Other): 0

In Progress: 3

E. Fire Chief:

Chief Scheidegger mentioned the dire need for Firefighters/EMRs during the day/during the week. Would like to start the process of hiring paid, on-premises staff. Chief Scheidegger will ask in-house if any Firefighters/EMRs are interested in the position. L. McGuire recently took a position at Kuhn and will no longer be filling the paid on-premises position during the day. Funds are available in the executive money market for hiring employees. Will need to review previous bylaws and wage scales. The Brodhead Fire Commission and Brodhead Area EMS will meet September 12, 2026, at 8:00 AM; this will be discussed. Chief Scheidegger will also contact Ryan Perkins, Orfordville Fire Chief, to ask questions about their paid on-premises program and how they implemented it. BFD will need a pool of employees to fill the positions; will need 2 to 4 people daily. J. Baxter mentioned a possible holiday, bonus sign-on, or referral bonus to get firefighters/EMS to apply. This discussion will be put on the October meeting agenda.

9. Old Business:

A. 2027 Brodhead Fire District Budget Discussion/Possible Action

The Commission reviewed the 2027 Brodhead Fire District budget. S. Hazeltine mentioned that, with the upcoming addition of personnel, he would like to raise line item 72 of the budget from the proposed \$760.00 to \$125,000.00, which could be financed from the Executive Money Account. The committee also discussed other budget options. 2nd Assistant Chief R. Pinnow will revise budget lines to reflect Brodhead Fire Commissioners' request. Updated 2027 budget will be sent to Rural Fire Association and City of Brodhead for review. Brodhead Fire Commission will vote on the 2027 Brodhead Fire District Budget at the October 6, 2026 meeting.

10. New Business

Nothing at this time

11. Commission Comments or Questions:

The Commission may speak on any topic, not on a specific agenda item.

Rural Fire Assoc. will meet Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 10:30 AM at Decatur Town Hall to discuss the 2027 Brodhead Fire District Budget.

12. Discussion/Possible Action on future agenda items and next meeting date and time:

Future Agenda Items: 2027 Budget Discussion/Possible Action

Paid on-Premise Employees Discussion/Possible Action

Next Meeting: Brodhead Fire District and Brodhead Area EMS Quarterly Meeting

September 12, 2026 at EMS Garage 8:00 AM

Brodhead Fire District Monthly Meeting October 6, 2026, at 5:00 PM

13. Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn at 6:00 PM by A. Schneider

Meeting adjourned

Typed by: Administrative Assistant H. Osborne

9/18/2026 10:37 AM