



# *Rural Fire Commission*

598 Saluda Road  
Chester, South Carolina 29706

February 27<sup>th</sup> , 2023

The meeting was called to order by Gene Hudson and opened in prayer by Donald Trowell at 5:30pm pm.

Commission Members Present: Jordan, Hudson, Williams, Trowell, Collins and McNeil

Departments Present: Richburg, Lando and Fort Lawn

Special Guests: None

Motion by Jordan, second by Trowell to approve agenda, motion passed.

Motion by Williams, second by McNeil to approve the minutes, motion passed.

**Citizens Comments:** Richard Miller from the Lando Fire Department: A representative from the commission indicated that they would be getting one of the new trucks being ordered. It appears that they are not going to get it. He indicated that Lando has funded much of their apparatus on their own. He would like the commission to consider them for a new fire truck.

David Dutton Fort Lawn Fire Department- They have recently purchased a 2002 Sutphen Rescue Truck. They will be using it as a service truck and are requesting the commission continue to provide insurance. He also mentioned that they are having issues with the dispatch protocols.

**Fire Coordinators report:** We need to look at revamping the incentive program for the volunteers.

**Old Business:** Jay Williams stated that we should look into a computer dictation program for taking minutes. M. Brewer will contact IT about a program.

A motion by Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trowell to add an additional capitol budget request for South Chesters bathrooms at their main station. Motion Passed.

**New Business:** Chief association- None

Williams motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trowell to update the training grounds policies. Motion approved.

Williams also stated that Lucky Stone is looking to donate a land parcel to the county for a new training ground. Motion by Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jordan to approach council to get the property from Lucky Stone. Motion passed.

T. Melton Richburg Fire- last year they put in for a FEMA grant for airpacks and got it. They are now applying for a grant to get a new air system. Richburg was down multiple trucks a few weeks ago due to maintenance issues, they have been pushed down the truck rotation list for the past few years. Something has to give.



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There was much discussion on the truck rotation lists. A committee of Hudson, McNeil and Williams was appointed to look at the maintenance records and truck ages. They will provide a report at the next meeting. (Motion by Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Collins to appoint committee.)

A discussion about the leftover money from the incentives and how to divide it among the eligible volunteers was conducted. A motion by Jordan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trowell to divide the remaining funds equally among those volunteers who qualified for the incentives. Motion passed.

A motion by Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McNeil to continue insurance on the new Fort Lawn truck, motion passed.

**McNeil motions, Jordan seconds to adjourn meeting, motion passed.**

**Meeting adjourned 18:53.**