



Rural Fire Commission

598 Saluda Road
Chester, South Carolina 29706

August 23rd, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Mike Walley and opened in prayer Hudson at 6:30 pm.

Commission Members Present: Martin, Beard, Hudson, Walley and Edwards

Departments Present: Fort Lawn, Leeds and Lewis

Special Guests: None

Motion by Beard, second by Hudson to approve agenda.

Hudson motions to approve the minutes (June) Beard seconded, motion passes.

Citizens Comments:

None

Fire Coordinators Report:

Ladder and pump testing will take place on 9/13, 9/14 & 9/15. All help getting equipment to the training center would be appreciated. Mike Walley stated that any department needing help can contact him directly. He also wanted the fire office to send out a letter to the chiefs stating the same.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Chiefs' Association- Chairman Hudson met with Dr Frederick about coming to the meetings every quarter. He will be coming to the September meeting.

Lewis Fire- They requested an airpack for one of their trucks and it was denied, why? Per commission they items were denied because the truck was not completely in service at the time of the request. Asst Chief Williams also asked why the fire department was not notified of the denial. The commission made the decision at the March 2021 meeting. Asst Chief Williams questioned why an unaltered budget wasn't submitted to Tommy Darby. The commission and the fire coordinators officer were never told that an unaltered budget was to be submitted.

Commission member Hudson stated that we need to be consistent with the decisions that are made for equipment.



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Asst. Chief Williams suggested that each department sit down individually with the commission to review their budgets. Commission also needs to investigate if trucks are being supplied with equipment before they are in service.

Truck rotation list- Hudson: we need to revise the list and investigate different manufacturers for our next truck (2022). We have a lot of needs for apparatus and our budget has not increased.

Leeds FD- we also need to investigate how we determine the truck needs, even if the department purchased trucks on their own.

Number of trucks per department: current policy attached. There are options on how to approach:

Re due quantity currently allowed.

Commission can decide which trucks to insure and maintain

How do we track payments for vehicles that the departments are responsible for?

Hudson: We need a list of when trucks were put in service and discuss at next meeting. Motion by Hudson, second by martin, motion passed

Chairmen Walley: we will have a special called meeting on Monday August 30th @6:30pm to discuss truck list further. Send email to chiefs about meeting. Jay Williams stated that the commission needs to communicate better with the departments.

Hudson motions to adjourn, Beard seconds

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm