



Rural Fire Commission

598 Saluda Road
Chester, South Carolina 29706

July 24, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Bobby Jones and opened in prayer by Bobby Jones.

Commission Members Present: Weir, Jones, Martin, Beard, Nicholls

Departments Present: Richburg, Chester City

Special Guests: John Agee, David McCain, Paul Caldwell

Andy Weir motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of South Chester reserve truck 1111, Gail Nicholls seconded, motion passes.

Andy Martin motioned to approve the minutes from the June meeting with the correction of adding the discussion of the truck committee, truck rotation, and the amount of trucks, Gail Nicholls seconded, motion passes.

Citizens Comments:

None

Fire Coordinators Report:

- The office turned in incentive paperwork to the county finance office last week to get it payed out of last year's budget.
- There will be classes taking place in Chester this 6-month period is Pump ops II, traffic incident management, Basic structural firefighting, hazmat ops, wildland firefighting for structural firefighters, firefighter survival, fire investigation for FR
- The new budget for 17/18 came in and it is the same as last year, the Rural Fire Commission will look over it at the next meeting and will decide on how much to allow for equipment money.
- The Fire Coordinators Office did a presentation to the Rotary Club 7/18/17 about the Fire Service in Chester County and what exactly we do.
- The Fire Coordinators Office will be making a presentation tomorrow 7/25/17 to students at York Tech. about the usage of drones in the fire service.



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Old Business:

OSHA- B. Thomson gave an update on the Great Falls FD OSHA inspection, B. Thomson stated the Great Falls FD was inspected about a month ago, and OSHA came into the office and inspected the turnout gear about 2 weeks ago. OSHA was mainly concerned about inspecting the turnout gear issued to volunteer and stated we would receive something in writing within 30 business days. The Rural Fire Commission took this as information.

New Business:

Chester City Truck Rotation- Chief Caldwell came before the Commission to get Chester City put back on the truck rotation list. Chief Caldwell spoke of the original truck rotation list in 2000 he stated he continued to come back to the Commission in 2006,2008,2012, and 2017 to continue to ask to be on the truck rotation list so Chester City could stay on the rotation list. Chief Caldwell stated he needed to stay on the rotation list to replace the older tankers he has in the fleet. Bobby Jones stated to take this as information and it will be discussed more in depth at the following meeting.

Truck Rotation- David McCain came before the Commission to present the truck rotation list and minutes from 1997 about trying to get the truck rotation list finalized and asking the Rural Fire Commission to put something in writing on an approved truck rotation list. David McCain also spoke about getting a truck lease program to get 5 trucks over a 5year period. Andy Weir stated the truck rotation list had already been voted on in 2016 and we needed to stick with that list. Andy Weir also voted to allow the truck committee to come up with a lease purchase plan and present it to the Commission, Gail Nicholls seconded, motion passes. The truck lease purchase agreement with actual figures will be discussed at the September meeting.

South Chester FD Engine 1111- B. Thomson presented to the Commission about South Chester's engine 1111 asking the Commission if South Chester will keep their 1987 as a spare or will it be taken out of service. Bobby Jones motions to discuss it more at the following meeting, Gail Nicholls seconded, motion passes.

Andy Weir motioned to adjourn, Gail Nicholls seconded, motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.