

Minutes for a Regular Meeting on Monday June 12, 2023, at 12:00 pm at 8305 Augusta Road Pelzer, SC 29669.

Sabrina Bedingfield asked John Jennings to open with prayer. Jim Darby was absent.

Everyone reviewed the minutes. John Jennings motioned to approve the minutes. Jimmy Brashier seconded it. All were in favor.

Everyone reviewed the Financial Statements. Jennifer Adams reviewed the Check Report. Donnie Freeman asked about the foam we put in the concrete pad at Station 76. Cantey Foundation drilled 3/8" holes, filled under the pad with foam and it took effect immediately. They even tested it before they left. It seemed to work really well. Donnie Freeman motioned to accept the Financial Statements. John Jennings seconded it. All were in favor.

Chief Sutherland started the staff reports by reminding everyone that we normally do not have a meeting in July. As of right now, we have no business to discuss. If that changes during the month, we can always have a meeting. John Jennings motioned to cancel the July meeting unless something pressing comes up. Jimmy Brashier seconded it. All were in favor. Hazmat 78 has been sold through Brindlee Mountain. We received \$13,000.00 for it and 10% will go for the broker fee back to Brindlee Mountain. Once old Rescue 80 is repaired, we will be listing it for sale with them. Captain Jeremy King, Lieutenant Kevin Blakely, FF/Engineer Matthew Erskine, and Master Firefighter Garrett Ricketts went to Irmo Fire Department to work a shift after the loss of FF J. Muller through SC Firefighter Mobilization. They did a great job and deserve a huge thank you. We also received recognition from Donaldson Career Center for our support of their firefighter program.

Assistant Chief Finley said Platform 77 and Engine 73 had to have rear tires. Platform 77 has a coolant leak due to a bad air compressor. It is at Spartan and will be a very labor-intensive repair. Engine 77A is not stopping and needs to have the brake pads and rotors changed. The parts have been ordered for this, but we have no estimated delivery time for them. The bunker gear order for this year has been received and has been issued. In the Greenville County Fire Chiefs meeting last week, we found out that the user fees that Greenville County has been paying for all agencies to use the Palmetto 800MHz system may be cut out of the 24-25 Budget. If this is not funded then it will be a cost that the departments will have to cover. There was a request for departments to attend the meeting, which Assistant Chief Finley did. The money was not removed from the Budget during the second reading. Lynn Ballard was in attendance and stated they should not be able to amend the Budget at the 3rd reading unless, they motion for exceptions. Our call volume for May was 273 bringing the total up to 1,926 for the year.

Jennifer Adams said that she knew there was some worry about the money being moved to LGIP, but as you can see from the attached statement that account is doing well.

Old Business

- I. Chief Sutherland reviewed the changes made in the 15-year plan that reflect what we have done based on the lead time for purchasing trucks at the last meeting and asked everyone to review it for this meeting. Chief Sutherland said that he started getting pictures of the new Engine 77 and Engine 80. Once they start to actually do work on them, he will include pictures for everyone to see. Jimmy Brashier motioned to approve the updated 15-year plan. Donnie Freeman asked about the realignment of Command Staff. Chief Sutherland explained about adding a new Battalion. This will be a new position that will allow us to split the District in half for calls. This additional Battalion Chief would allow us to send an Incident Commander and an Incident Safety Officer to all reported fires. John Jennings said that this will allow us to have more promotions and more people. John Jennings asked if Chief Sutherland was still working on getting property to build an administrative building. Donnie Freeman asked what do we need to do to complete the purchase of the land next door. Chief Sutherland said that he is working on setting up a meeting to talk with the land owner. Chief Sutherland said that

we have plans to add a substation in 2029 and to reopen Station 79 in 2026. The current plan also shows Headquarters' replacement in 2028. Right now, we are focusing on purchasing trucks and we cannot replace both trucks and stations at the same time due to budget constraints. John Jennings seconded the motion. All were in favor. Chief Sutherland reminded everyone this plan will probably change again, and as long as we work together, we can get things done.

- II. The updated procurement policies were discussed in the last meeting and given to everyone to take home for review. Donnie Freeman motioned to accept the changes in the policy. John Jennings seconded it. All were in favor. Donnie Freeman asked if Chief Sutherland thought the property next door was going to sell for \$1,000,00.00. Chief Sutherland said that he needs time to talk to the land owner and see what he says. If we add that to our current property, then we will have to add a retention pond before we could make any changes to it. John Jennings motioned to adjourn. Jimmy Brashier seconded it. All in favor.

Minutes recorded by:
Jennifer L. Adams, Administrative Specialist

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer L. Adams", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.