

Minutes for the Regular Meeting on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 12:00 pm at 8305 Augusta Road Pelzer, SC 29669.

Jim Darby called the meeting to order and asked Terry Creamer to open with prayer. He asked everyone to have a moment of silence for the loss of a firefighter from our neighboring department in Clinton last week.

Chairman Darby asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes. John Jennings motioned to approve the March minutes. Jimmy Brashier seconded it. All were in favor.

The Financial Reports were presented and reviewed. Jimmy Brashier motioned to approve the Financial Reports. Terry Creamer seconded it. All were in favor.

Chief Sutherland started the staff report by updating everyone about the 2019 Polaris Ranger 900 XP from Forestry for \$800.00. We have been waiting for several years for a good one and we finally got one. It needs some minor work, but it will go to Station 76 once it is in good working order. An information sheet about the Federal Government recognizing SPDs as government bodies to allow us to get federal funds and grants was included in your packets. This is just for information purposes. There is also an email from Brian Straley praising our Fire Marshal's Office personnel and the good job that was done on their project. Chief Sutherland said our Honor Guard also stepped up to help the Greenville County Honor Guard for the funeral in Clinton last week and they did a great job. We will have our Spring SPD Training in Columbia on May 16th and leave Headquarters around 7am. We also need to get the questionnaires back from everyone to do the post on our social media for "Meet Your Commissioners Monday". Chief also reviewed other upcoming dates.

Assistant Chief Finley said that the PM on Engine 73 was just completed and it is back in service. All of our ladder testing for the year was completed this past weekend and everything passed. The call total for March was 273 and the total for the year is 787.

Fire Marshal Horn said he has been looking at plans. He is also still in the process of putting up the picnic shelter due to the weather issues that we have had this year he has had to work around.

Communication Supervisor Jessica Phillips said that we will be going live with ESO on May 1st. Last week SC State Fire designated South Greenville Fire District as a 2023 Fire Safe South Carolina Community once again this year. The Community Risk Reduction Team has worked hard again this year for this designation. Next week is National Telecommunicator Week.

Jennifer Adams told everyone that Greene Finney Cauley LLP will be here starting tomorrow to begin work on our annual audit and will be here for about two weeks. They will have the completed report for us by the June meeting. A copy of the Management Letter was given out prior to the meeting for everyone to have. A signed copy will be returned to them. It tells what they expect from us and what we can expect from them.

New Business

- I. Chief Sutherland said that there was a committee for us to purchase another mower and trailer for the District since we are getting to the point that it is taking more than one day to cut grass. He formed a committee to pick what we purchased. The committee was Terry McAlister, Cade Frith and Bryson Parnell. They quoted several different mowers and trailers (see attached). Chief Sutherland recommends from the committee purchasing the Toro 5000 Series 72906 with 25 HP Kohler Command Pro EFI w/52" deck like we currently have for the mower From Huff's and purchasing the trailer from Ellenburg Trailer because they are in the Fire District. Jimmy Brashier motioned to purchase the items recommended by Chief Sutherland. Bubba Bagwell seconded it. All were in favor.
- II. Chief Sutherland said there have been several calls where we have had a need for a lumber trailer for shoring and stabilization for collapsed structures from vehicles versus

buildings. We have had this need for a while but with all the growth in the area it has become more important. He formed a committee to find a trailer to fit our needs that included Terry McAlister, Jeremy King and Dalton Nations. The trailer they need will be an enclosed trailer and they chose the size. (see attached) There are quotes included in your packets for three trailers. Two of them are Covered Wagon trailers and one is an Anvil. We have heard good things about the Covered Wagon Trailers. Chief Sutherland recommends purchasing the 8.5 x 24 Covered Wagon Trailer from T-N-J Trailers, that is in our District, for \$13,626.30. John Jennings motioned to approved Chief Sutherland's recommendation. Jimmy Brashier seconded it. All were in favor. Jimmy Brashier motioned to adjourn. John Jennings seconded it. All were 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.