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Minutes for a Regular Meeting on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 12:00 pm at 8305 Augusta Road, Pelzer, SC 29669.

Jim Darby called the meeting to order and asked John Jennings to pray. Terry Creamer was absent. Jim Darby thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. David Phillips from Greene, Finney, Cauley, LLP was in attendance to review the 2024 Audit and Financial Reports. The review is coming later this year due to a delay in the reports from Greenville County. There were some discrepancies in some of the reports and we had to get them corrected before the Audit could be finalized. A copy of the completed report audit, management letter and all the slides David Phillips will be reviewing has been given to everyone for your review. The firm issued an unmodified opinion. That is a clean opinion and there is no finding of wrong doing. David reviewed the slides covering the audit. Our operating expenses were the same. We did not have as much Capital Outlay in 2024. We did have an increase in personnel due to a COLA and increase in benefits. The new GASB guidelines for compensated absences went into effect. Our expenses for 2024 were under budget. All of these things are good for the District.

Jim Darby asked if everyone had time to review the minutes from the July meetings. John Jennings motioned to accept the minutes. Jimmy Brashier seconded it. All were in favor.

The Financial Reports were presented and reviewed. Jennifer Adams said that LGIP closed out the month of June earning \$31,801.04 in interest at an Average Interest Rate (365) of 4.4551%. Jennifer Adams reminded everyone of the State SPD Conference October 15<sup>th</sup> through October 17<sup>th</sup>. She also reminded everyone that the Greenville County SPD meeting in October will be sponsored by South Greenville Fire District at the Piedmont Community Center. It will be after we return from the State Conference. Jimmy Brashier motioned to accept the Financial Reports as presented. Bubba Bagwell seconded it. All were in favor.

Chief Finley started the Chief's report by stating that we finalized the sale of 40 Old Augusta Road. The final payment to the district was \$327,731.15 from the sale of the property. We have completed everything we need for the preapplication process for the USDA loan. We hope to have it submitted by the end of the week. New Engine 75 will be completed by the end of the August. The two new Ford F150s came in on July 21<sup>st</sup>. The old vehicles are at Campbell-Brown for the up fit on them. Windows 11 is coming. We are having to purchase new computers for all of the ones that cannot be upgraded. We have started the process of replacing the computers and all the ones at Headquarters are completed. We are working to finish the ones at the outlying stations by the end of September.

Deputy Chief Harbert started his report with the call volume. There were 310 calls in July and the total year to date is 2,218. Platform 77 had an EGR valve and pressure sensor replaced and still is not fixed. They are still trying to find the problem. KME has approved the work on the welds of Quint 76, but we are waiting on Platform 77 to return before we schedule the repairs. Engine 74 has been repaired and is back in service. Engine 77A has had several water leaks and air leaks we have been working through. We had to return it to be put in service due to other trucks having mechanical issues. Engine 73 had bearings grinding in the A/C compressor and had to be towed to be repaired. The A/C compressor, condenser and other components have been replaced. Engine 80A had throttle issues and is awaiting repairs. Engine 78 had headlight issues and we replaced all of them. Battalion 76 and Brush 74 both have had to have tires replaced on them. The water heater at Headquarters went out and had to be replaced. Station 76 had the washing machine go out and due to the age of them both we also replaced the dryer. John Jennings asked if we knew about how much interest we earned last year from LGIP. Jennifer Adams said she believed it was about \$375,000.00. If you look at the report from last month through June of this year, we have earned \$181,847.23. John Jennings said it is showing we made a good choice moving our money to LGIP.

## New Business

- I. Jim Darby introduced Anne Peden, Jim Scott and Candice Morgan. They are here to request that we consider to allow a historical marker to be placed on our property for Hwy 25 and Old Georgia Road. (See attached) South Carolina Colonial Dames 17<sup>th</sup> Century state Chapter would like to put the historical marker on our station grounds. Their chapter was founded in 1915. They would like to put the marker on the staff side where there is room and parking so people could stop and look at the marker. Bubba Bagwell motioned to allow the South Carolina Colonial Dames 17<sup>th</sup> Century to erect a historical marker on our property at 8305 August Road Pelzer, SC 29669 to recognize Hwy 25 and Old Georgia Road. Jimmy Brashier seconded it. All were in favor.
- II. It was brought up several months ago that we would need to liquidate some assets before we received more trucks. We do not have room to house all the trucks we have with the new ones we are getting. Highwater 80 has only been used by Greenville Couty ERT the past two times it has been used. They have offered to accept the transfer of it. They will take possession of it and will maintain and take care of the up keep on it. We have not used it for our department recently. Assistant Chief Harbert said we recently had to replace the batteries on it. We need to make room for the new trucks when they arrive. John Jennings said we just need to weigh out the advantages and disadvantages of owning the truck. We need to make sure that if we do not own it and know there is a possibility that we may not be able to get it, we are ok with that. If we are having a hard time getting parts for it and keeping up the maintenance on it then maybe we need to reassign it to someone else. Chief Finley said that Highwater 80 is one of the least used of our apparatus and it would be one that we could consider reassigning if we needed to. Jimmy Brashier motioned to table this issue until a later date. John Jennings seconded it. All were in favor. Jimmy Brashier motioned to adjourn. Bubba Bagwell seconded it. All were in favor.

Minutes recorded by  
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