

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. Notice of this meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted online, at 8305 Augusta Road, Pelzer, and made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Minutes for a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 12:00 pm at 8305 Augusta Road, Pelzer, SC 29669.

Jim Darby called the meeting to order and asked Bubba Bagwell to open with prayer. Jim Darby welcomed everyone.

Jim Darby asked if everyone had time to review the minutes from the Regular Meeting. John Jennings motioned to accept the minutes. Bubba Bagwell seconded it. All were in favor.

The Financial Reports were presented and reviewed. Jimmy Brashier motioned to accept the Financial Reports as presented. Bubba Bagwell seconded it. All were in favor. Jennifer Adams said that LGIP closed out the month of February earning \$22,742.34 in interest at an Average Interest Rate (365) of 3.8897%. Enclosed in your packets was the information from Greene, Finney, Cauley, LLC about the upcoming audit. The management letter, the price agreement letter and the letter of expectations were all included and no one had any questions or comments about them.

Deputy Chief Finley started his report stating the call volume for February was 277, bringing the total for 2026 to 643. He said that Engine 77 went to Carolina International for a warranty repair. We are waiting on parts to repair Quint 76. Engine 73 had an electrical problem that had to be repaired as well as the rear tires replaced. Platform 77 and Engine 80A are currently at Spartan for preventative maintenance, pump testing and minor repairs.

Chief Harbert started his Chief's report by telling everyone that we received a call from someone that John Friar and Aston Miller provided her great service on a call they recently ran with her. Our 2026 Uniform order has begun arriving. We are still waiting on a few items. We are working on updating the policy in the handbook and hope to have it available to the Board for review next month. The County Fire Study is continuing. We have given them the initial information requested. We have also had our initial meeting with the group conducting the study. They asked all types of questions about our department. Chief feels good about the meeting due to the fact that the people conducting the interview were current firefighters and we gave them accurate information about our department. There may be more questions when they start reviewing the information we have provided to them. Legislative Day was in Columbia last Wednesday. We had several people go to represent our department. We met with our local representatives and had some good conversations with them. We are trying to work with Representative Huff to get funding to upgrade the generators at all of our stations. Even if we do not get approved this year, we can try again next year. The Truck Committee went to Appleton, Wisconsin for the final inspection on Quint 76. It is expected to be at Spartan in Spartanburg soon. We will have to add some shelves and mount the equipment once it gets here. Chief Harbert reminded that the State SPD Leadership Program will be on May 20th in Columbia from 9am until 3pm. Please let Jennifer know if you want to attend.

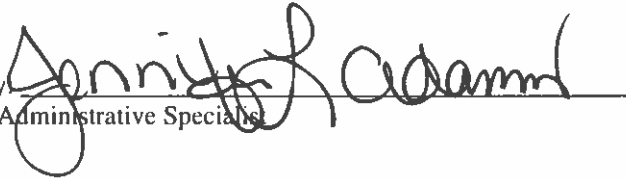
New Business

- I. Deputy Chief Finley said that it became apparent after Helene that we need to put some Forestry Hose on all of our frontline trucks due to access and water flow. Included in your packets were quotes to add a forestry hose package to all the trucks. For the best pricing, we will need to make the purchase from Wally's Fire Equipment for \$6,715.00 and Rhinehart Fire Service for \$3,326.28 totaling \$10,041.28. These items are going to be paid for from the New Fire Fighting Equipment line in the Budget. Bubba Bagwell motioned to approve the purchase as recommended by Deputy Chief Finley. Jimmy Brashier seconded it. All were in favor.
- II. Included in your packets was pricing for our Annual Ladder Testing. Deputy Chief Finley recommended using CFS Inspections. The total cost will be \$6,630.00 and this is

a line item in our 2026 Budget. Jimmy Brashier motioned to approve the purchase as recommended by Deputy Chief Finley as presented. John Jennings seconded it. All were in favor.

- III. There was a quote from Stryker for our annual AED Testing. We must use them due to the fact they are the sole source provider for this service on our AEDs. The total cost for this year will be \$5,892.00. This is for fourteen AEDs that we currently have. Jimmy Brashier motioned to approve the recommended purchase as presented by Deputy Chief Finley. Bubba Bagwell seconded it. All were in favor. Terry Creamer 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.