

**NEWBERRY COUNTY  
BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL  
March 23, 2023**

The meeting for the Board of Rural Fire Control was held at the Newberry County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) 540 Wilson Road, Newberry, SC on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.

**Members of the Board:**

Jason Fulmer, Chairman  
Daniel Werts, Vice-Chairman  
Rodney Bedenbaugh-Secretary  
Bert Lucas-Absent  
Clay Bodie-Absent  
Wesley Boland  
Rodney Wicker-Absent  
John Pollard-Absent  
Keith Minick  
Terry Russell  
Aubrey Horne, II

**Others Present:**

Tommy Long- Emergency Services Director, Brandon Wicker- Emergency Services Coordinator, Chief Barry Richardson- Pomaria Fire Department, and Assistant Chiefs Bobby Reynolds and Allen Cox-Friendly Fire Department

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fulmer
2. **Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda and Minutes:**
  - Addition- Discussion of grass cutting at Stations.  
The agenda was adopted with all in favor.
3. **Public Comments:** No comments from the public.
4. **Personal Appearances-**None
5. **Business Meeting**
  - A. **Discussion of Air Packs-**That discussion on presenting air packs needs to take place at the next Public Safety Committee meeting.
  - B. **Firefighter Standards-** It was decided to have Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs at the next meeting to go into more detail. Motion was made to accept two

firefighters' successful completion at the Career Center as being qualified to be interior. A motion was made by Member Terry Russell second by Member Rodney Bedenbaugh with all in favor.

- C. **Grass Cutting at Stations-** Will be discussed at the next Public Safety Committee meeting.

**6. Sub-Committees:**

**ISO:** ISO assessment has been completed and waiting on reports that up to six months for results.

**Building and Maintenance:** Member Bert Lucas will be replacing Member Blair Long on this committee.

**Communications:** Member Wesley Boland discussed communication updates and expressed to everyone the need to update all 800 radios.

**Truck and Equipment:** Waiting for County Council to decide on Covid-19 Funding for truck purchases.

**Training Ground:** Member Terry Russell asked to be removed from the committee. Coordinator Brandon Wicker and Member Keith Minick will replace him.

- 7. **Executive Session-** No Executive Session

- 8. **Comments from Chairman or Vice-Chairman:** None

- 9. **Comments from Board Members:** None

**10. Future Meetings**

Regular Board meeting: TBA

**11. Adjournment**

Chairman Fulmer declared the meeting adjourned.

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Tommy Long, Emergency Service Director

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Rodney Bedenbaugh, BRFC Secretary