

NEWBERRY COUNTY BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL

August 14, 2018

The regular monthly meeting for the Board of Rural Fire Control was held in the Newberry County Emergency Operations Center 540 Wilson Road, Newberry, SC Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Aubrey Horne, Chairman
Jason Fulmer, Vice-Chairman
Rodney Bedenbaugh-Secretary
Bob Pollard-**absent**
Dwight McDuffie
Clay Bodie
Wesley Boland
Rodney Wicker
John Pollard-**absent**
Blair Long-**absent**
Mike Engemann-**absent**

Others Present:

Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator, Chief Evan Horne, Chappells Fire Department, Asst. Chief John Cumalander.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aubrey Horne.
2. **Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda-** Additions: Glenn Hamm- Poseidon

On the last BRFC meeting Jerry Koon was voted as Secretary but he is not a member of the Board. Member Rodney Bedenbaugh was nominated to be Secretary. The nominations pass with all members in favor.

3. **Approval of March 13, 2018 Minutes-** Member Bodie made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Member Bedenbaugh. The vote was unanimous.

4. **Public Comments**

No comments

5. **Personal Appearances- Glenn Hamm-Poseidon-** Mr. Hamm reported the 2017 order for Turn Out Gear was awarded to Safe Industries and as he compared the merchandise to the specification bid, he noticed a lot of discrepancies. Glenn stated you should get what you request especially if it concerns safety. Chairman Horne

said the needed to review the specs again. Tommy Long, Chairman Horne and Vic-Chairman Fulmer will meet on the August 16th at 4:00 to review the specs.

6. Business Meeting

A. Discussion of 800 Radios - Member Wesley Boland-

- Chappells, Stoney Hill, and Consolidated towers are completed.
- Silverstreet tower will be up in September.
- Whitmire needs to have another tower built. A possible location in the county will be Hwy 72 and Duckett Ave at the water tank.
- The Chiefs radios programming will in September and October. Other radios will have to wait until the new towers are up.
- A date will be set for when everyone can switch over to the 800 radios. Right now, only Communications can hear both VHS and 800. Just because you are issued an 800 radio you are not automatically talking on 800 radio.

Member Boland discussed Bi-Directional Amplifiers (BDA). This is a repeater that is put inside a large industry or building to help radios communicate better inside. He reported Lexington County is requiring large buildings to have them. The law can require a building to have them and they can cost \$5,000 to \$30,000, depending on the size of the building. What he would like for Newberry County to do is to have a meeting with the City Fire Chief Keith Minick, County Building & Inspections Director Ron Powell, Kyle Vaughn to represent County Fire Service, and City Planning & Development Director Ward Braswell to discuss how will this law will be enforced properly. Tommy Long reported they need to concentrate on new industries and buildings where as older industries and buildings could be grandfathered in.

B. Update on Bunker Gear- See Personal Appearances

C. Update on Budget- The budget is on the County website, www.newberrycounty.net under the Finance Department.

D. Discussion of Communications Information Given on the Radio- Chairman Horne reported Communications and fire service personnel needed to give better detailed information to each other. He advised each did not have to give out long paragraphs of information but relay what is most important. He also noticed the deputies receive more in-depth information to call both are responding to. Member Boland stated it is a training process and communications has a lot of new employees and he will pass this information to communications.

7. Sub-Committees:

ISO: Nothing to report.

Building and Maintenance: Tommy reported he is never told when things are fixed. He said someone needs to call or email him and let him know when things are fixed so he can stop requesting them to be fixed.

Consolidated reported their outside lights are on in the daytime.

Communications: Nothing to report.

Truck and Equipment: Nothing to report.

Training Ground: Nothing to report.

8. Executive Session- Not needed.

- 9. Comments from Chairman or Vice-Chairman -** Vice-Chairman want to know why three departments were not tone for a structure fire. Member Boland said the mapping in Communications only shows the primary two stations; but the mapping will be updated in the future. If three stations are needed tell dispatch what station you want toned out.

10. Other Comments

Fire Safe Training will be August 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Drill Hall
Incident Command starting September 4, 2018 at Little Mountain 6:00 p.m. 16 Hours
2 weeks Tuesday and Thursday
Live Burn September 22nd at Whitmire 7:00 p.m.

11. Future Meetings

Regular Board meeting: November13, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment

Chairman Horne declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Zenda McClurkin, Emergency Service Assistant

Rodney Bedenbaugh, BRFC Secretary

