

NEWBERRY COUNTY BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL

August 8, 2017

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 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Blair Long, Chairman
Burt Lucas, Secretary
Bob Pollard
Clay Bodie
Wesley Boland
Rodney Wicker -absent
Jason Fulmer-absent
John Pollard
Rodney Bedenbaugh
Mike Engemann-absent
Aubrey Horne, I

Others Present:

Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator, Councilman Scott Cain, Barry Brown, Friendly Fire Department, and Chief Frank Graham, Fairview Fire Department.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Blair Long.
2. **Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda**
 - Addition- Election of Vice President
3. Member Boland made a motion to nominate Member Horne as Vice President until the next election in January 2018. Member Bedenbaugh seconded and the vote was unanimous with all in favor.
4. **Approval of May 9, 2017 Minutes-** Member Bedenbaugh made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Member Lucas. The vote was unanimous.
5. **Public Comments**

No comments
6. **Personal Appearances**

No Appearances.

7. Business Meeting

A. ISO Ratings- Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator-

Tommy Long reported he wanted the Board to think about county wide ISO vs individual stations ISO. Tommy also stated he would try to have an ISO representative present at the next meeting to explain county wide and individual stations ISO ratings.

B. Discussion of Radio Communications- Tommy Long, Emergency Service Coordinator and Member Wesley Boland-

Tommy Long reported changes were made to the Radio Communication SOG (see attached SOG). He wanted each member to look over for addition updates. Member Boland reported he is considering other counties SOG's for ideas for Newberry County.

8. Sub-Committees:

ISO: Nothing to report.

Building and Maintenance: Member Bedenbaugh was nominated to serve on building and maintenance committee by Tommy Long and seconded by Bob Pollard with all in favor.

Communications: Nothing to report.

Truck and Equipment: Chairman Long reported a tanker for Station 9 and a brush truck for Station 5 is in the budget for this year to purchase.

Training Ground: Nothing to report.

9. Executive Session

10. Comments from Board Members

10. Other Comments Councilman Scott Cain-

Councilman Cain reported all departments needed to create a plan together on where they would like to see fire and rescue services in 10 years. They also needed to add to this plan the justification on items requested for purchases. Items such as fire trucks, ambulances and justification for a need for a training facility; by doing this County Council can see the need for these purchases and it would not look like individual departments only want their department to grow.

The Board also discussed the recruitment and retention officer grant will end July 2018. Member Bob Pollard made a motion for Tommy Long to advise the Public Safety and Courts Committee to consider a way to keep this position for the county and the city because of all the recruitment and training this position has

brought to the fire services. Member Lucas seconded, and the motion passed with all in favor.

11. Future Meetings

Regular Board meeting: 7:00 P.M. September 12, 2017

12. Adjournment

Chairman Long declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Zenda McClurkin, Public Safety

Bert Lucas, Secretary

