

NEWBERRY COUNTY
BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL

May 21, 2026

The Board of Rural Fire Control meeting was held at the Newberry County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) 540 Wilson Road, Newberry, SC May 21, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

Members of the Board:

Jason Fulmer, Chairman
Bert Lucas-Secretary
Barry Brown
Ray Ellison
Wesley Boland
Jay Harley
Michael Parker
Keith Minick
Paul Cromer-Absent
Terry Russell
Andrew Branham

Others Present:

Tommy Long-Emergency Services Director, Brandon Wicker-Emergency Services Coordinator, County Administrator Ted Luckadoo, and Susan Ellison- Whitmire Fire\Rescue Department.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Fulmer at 6:00 PM.

There was a moment of silence in memory for former Chief of Silverstreet Fire Department John E. Pollard.

Additions: None

Public Comments: None

Personal Appearance: County Administrator Ted Luckadoo was introduced and he addressed the board.

Business Meeting:

- A. Sirens were discussed to start using again in the March 26, 2026, meeting but the board decided to come up with guidelines for the next meeting.
It was voted for this meeting to have them set off for fires again. Stations who voted **NO** were: 2,7,8, and 9. Stations that voted **YES** were: 3,4,5,6,10, and 11. A

motion was made by Member Ellison and second by Member Lucas to accept the vote.

Further discussion from the board was to check into cost and gather more information. A motion was made by Member Parker and second by Member Davis to table until later to gather more information.

B. Discussion on AFG Grant coming up.

C. 1% Funding- Member Minick and Parker had question about the 1% funds. A meeting needs to be with the Auditor, Treasurer and Administration Offices in the near future for questions on the funds.

Sub-Committees:

- ISO- Nothing to report.
- Building- Still need compressor installed at Silverstreet Fire Department.
- Truck and Equipment-Member Branham and Member Brown were appointed to this committee.
- Communications- Member Boland will check on siren cost to program.
- Training- Ideas for the future in training: Recruitment & Retention Funding, Training ideas for Association Meetings, charging for calls and start Chiefs meetings again.

Executive Session

- No Session needed

Next meeting- July 30, 2026

Meeting adjourns.



Tommy Long, NCEMS Director



Bert Lucas, Secretary BRFC