

NEWBERRY COUNTY
BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL

July 30, 2026

The Board of Rural Fire Control meeting was held at the Newberry County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) 540 Wilson Road, Newberry, SC July 30, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

Members of the Board:

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

Others Present:

Tommy Long-Emergency Services Director, Brandon Wicker-Emergency Services Coordinator, Chief Joe Palmer, Allen Cox, Melvin Dominick, Butch Price-Friendly Fire Department, Daniel Hesson-Consolidated Fire Department, Nick Huffstetler and Richard Wymer-Little Mountain Fire, and Chief Aubrey Horne I-St. Philips Fire Department.

Meeting called to order by Tommy Long in the absents of Chairman Jason Fulmer.

There was a moment of silence in memory for former Chiefs Wayne Blount-Consolidated Fire Department and Chief Jerry Stoudemire-Little Mountain Fire Department

Additions: None

Public Comments: None

Personal Appearance: None

Business Meeting:

- A. Training discussion by Chief Palmer and Member Minick.
- B. Mission Statement was discussed and asked for feedback from the Board members.
- C. Discussion on new engine placement to Friendly Fire Department.

D. Software update by Brandon Wicker.

Sub-Committees:

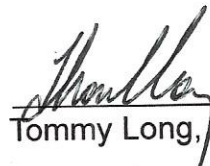
- ISO- Nothing to report.
- Building- Some concerns to follow up on later.
- Truck and Equipment-Discussed tanker 85 issues.
- Communications- Member Boland gave an update on the lightning strike that hit Communications.
- Training- Member Parker discussed plans for training classes and he talked about Recruitment & Retention Funding.

Executive Session

- No Session needed

Next meeting- August 27, 2026

Meeting adjourns.



Tommy Long, NCEMS Director

Bert Lucas, Secretary BRFC