

# **NEWBERRY COUNTY BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL**

**May 9, 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, May 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:**

Blair Long, Chairman  
Michael Thomas, Vice-Chairman  
Burt Lucas, Secretary  
Bob Pollard-**absent**  
Wesley Boland  
Rodney Wicker  
Michael Chapman-**absent**  
John Pollard  
Rodney Bedenbaugh  
Mike Engemann-**absent**  
Aubrey Horne I

**Others Present:**

Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator, Jerome Coughman, Little Mountain Fire Department and Jay Tothacer, Newberry County Attorney.

- 1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Blair Long.**
- 2. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda**
- 3. Approval of January 10, 2017 Minutes-** Member Bedenbaugh made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Member Lucas. The vote was unanimous.

**4. Public Comments**

No comments

**5. Personal Appearances**

No Appearances.

**6. Business Meeting**

- A. Update on Radio System-Major Wesley Boland, Newberry County Sheriff's Office-**  
Major Boland reported:
  - All the radios are in
  - The contract for the tower build is about a month and a half behind schedule
  - The paperwork for getting the tower placed have begun
  - Training will start in October

**B. Discussion of Interior Firefight Certifications-Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator**

Tommy Long discussed the Board needed to vote on changing the SOG's to state the Chief can check off a firefighter using a check list to make them certified to be an interior firefighter.

Member Horne made a motion to change the SOG. Member Lucas seconded, the motion passed with all in favor.

**7. Sub-Committees:**

**ISO:** Tommy Long reported he had a meeting with the ISO representative and the Leitzsey Road sub-station is in the process of getting entered in the system. Tommy reported they would get together later and process the Indian Creak and Belfast sub-stations.

**Building and Maintenance:** Tommy Long reported all departments needed to send him a copy of all the building complaints that are made. He needs to follow up and need to know if request are fixed.

**Communications:** Nothing to report.

**Truck and Equipment:** Tommy Long reported any problems with any truck over the weekend need to be reported to him by email or text; not to Communications.

**Training Ground:** Chairman Long reported refresher burn training will be on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> in Whitmire 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**8. Executive Session**

Member Boland made a motion to enter into Executive Session for:

SC Code §30-4-70 (a) (1): Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body; however, if an adversary hearing involving the employee or client is held, the employee or client has the right to demand that the hearing be conducted publicly. Nothing contained in this item shall prevent the public body, in its discretion, from deleting the names of the other employees or clients whose records are submitted for use at the hearing.

Member Pollard seconded, the motion passed with all in favor.

**Executive Session- 7:22 p.m. to 8:10 p.m.**

Chairman Long motioned to return to Open Session, the motion passed with all in favor.

Member Pollard motion made a motion to not change the Newberry County Emergency Services Polices, seconded by Member Boland. The motion passed with all in favor and one not in favor.

**9. Comments from Board Members**

**10. Other Comments**

## **11. Future Meetings**

Regular Board meeting: 7:00 P.M. July 11, 2017

## **12. Adjournment**

Chairman Long declared the meeting adjourned.

---

**Zenda McClurkin, Public Safety**

---

**Bert Lucas, Secretary**