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ANDERSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEETING 5/21/2024 – 5:30 pm

Minutes subject to approval by the Fire Commission

Present for the meeting were: Tommy Keaton, Charlie Dickerson, Gerald Hanks, and Randy Wilson, and Mark Cole. Also present were Chief Jimmy Sutherland and Assistant Chief Brian Moon.

Chairman Keaton opened the meeting at 5:30 pm. Mr. Hanks offered the invocation.

MOTION: The motion to approve the minutes of the 3/28/2024 meeting was made by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cole. All members approved.

MOTION: Motion by Mr. Hanks and second by Mr. Wilson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 4/16/2024, and all members approved.

MOTION: Motion by Mr. Cole and second by Mr. Hanks to approve the agenda of 5/21/2024, and all members approved.

Visitors: Lee Gilreath (SC House District 7 candidate) introduced himself to all in attendance.

Old Business -Committee Reports:

Personnel: None

Finance: Mr. Dickerson updated that they have had a budget workshop, adjustments have been made and sent out for review. The budget is looking positive. The Commission just received the audit report prior to the meeting, and the net position has improved on a positive basis.

MOTION: Motion on recommendation of the finance committee was made by Mr. Dickerson to approve the 2024/2025 budget, and the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Keaton added that they were able to increase the station mileage allowance and the station allotments for this budget. He sent appreciation to Mr. Dickerson and the Headquarters staff and all that worked on the budget planning this year.

Purchasing: None

Rules & Regulations:

MOTION: Motion on recommendation of the Rules & Regulations Committee was made by Mr. Cole to approve Ebenezer Station 23's bylaws, and the vote was unanimous.

Maintenance: None

Planning & Development: None

Communications: None

There were no motions for Executive Session.

New Business -Committee Reports:

Personnel: None

Finance: Mr. Dickerson reported that the audit for 2022/2023 is all clear, with no findings or irregularities, and the review was positive from the auditor. He thanked the staff (Chief, Brian, and Angie) for their hard work on it.

Purchasing: None

Rules & Regulations: None

Maintenance:

MOTION: Motion on recommendation of the Maintenance committee was made by Mr. Wilson to approve disposal of the decommissioned 4500 Compressor at HQ, and the vote was unanimous to let Chief Sutherland handle it

Mr. Wilson reported that the committee has discussed paying for countywide hose testing for all stations. This would eliminate the need for station volunteers to do it every year, and make annual maintenance records easier to maintain. Quotes were presented from Fail Safe Testing at \$74,174.40 (not including ground ladder testing) and Safe Industries at \$70,765 (including ground ladder testing) for the full Commission's review and consideration at the next meeting.

Planning & Development

Mr. Dickerson reported they have been working Anderson University staff to improve social media and marketing.

Communications: Mr. Wilson advised the Chief and Scott will be looking at the current radios to see which ones will need replacing with the new trucks.

Mr. Dickerson gave an update on replacing the Emergency Reporting software. They interviewed five companies. He said that First Due was the favorite platform but the price tag was steep. In all, they liked Alpine for both value and quality of the software. A video call was made with Will Wendel with Alpine software for a demonstration.

MOTION: Motion made by Dickerson to go with Alpine software for a one year contract with Alpine software, second by Mr. Wilson, and the vote was unanimous.

Department Reporting: Tim Burton presented the Department Report for Maintenance. The Commission expressed appreciation.

Comments from the Fire Chief: Chief Sutherland advised, in addition to his report: Airpack batteries have been changed (thanks to all staff), gas monitors have been calibrated, and there are approximately six stations left to turn in paperwork for the station allowance. He also advised bottles are being hydrottested at the stations in District 1 currently, and they are doing a few at a time this time (so as not to leave the station without), so be patient as it will take a little longer this way.

Comments from Chiefs Advisory Board: Chief Branyon reported that the meeting last night went good, there were no complaints at the meeting, and that no news is good news.

Comments from Others: Billy Guin (Station 22) commented that the hose testing is the best idea since the new trucks and that it will save each station a lot of time and manual labor to test 8000 feet of hose.

MOTION: Following a motion by Mr. Hanks, the meeting adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,

Anglo Bryant

APPROVED BY:

Tommy Keaton

TOMMY KEATON, CHAIRMAN

Mark Cole

MARK COLE, VICE CHAIRMAN

Gerald Hanys

GERALD HANYS, TREASURER

Charlie Dickerson

CHARLIE DICKERSON, COMMISSIONER

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