

Chester County Rural Fire Commission

598 Saluda Street

Chester, SC 29706

October 26, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Bobby Jones and opened in prayer by Bobby Jones.

Commission Members Present: Martin, Beard, Jones, Weir, Nicholls, Stone

Departments Present: None

Special Guests: Hank Eisenga: GiTi Tire

Weir motions to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session concerning a personnel matter, Beard seconds; motion passes.

Martin motioned to approve the September meeting minutes, Stone seconded, motion passes.

Beth Suber gave the Fire Coordinators Report.

Old Business

None

New Business

- GiTi Tire – Hank Eisenga spoke with the Commission concerning the construction status of GiTi Tire. GiTi will begin hiring in the spring of next year. The entrance road will be paved before winter for better access to the site which is 1.3 miles from Hwy 9. Hank expressed GiTi's desire to do more trainings with area fire departments between now and next spring. GiTi will have trained first responders on each shift that can handle small incidents but will still need assistance for larger incidents. They will have a staffed medical clinic for minor injuries onsite. There will be a large water tank onsite with hydrants located around the plant. Shifts will conduct evacuation drill on a regular basis. GiTi will not have their own fire apparatus on site, they hope to have personnel trained to handle for small incipient fires. They will not be trained and equipped to perform as their own fire department. SC Fire Marshal's office is working with plan reviews with the architectural design company. Hank discussed having a landing zone or designated area for use by medical helicopters if needed.

- Daytime Response Plan/SAFER Grant Presentation – Kris Grant presented to the Commission the Daytime Response Plan. Kris asked the Commission’s approval to seek funding for the plan through a SAFER Grant and to present the plan to the County Council on November 16th. **Weir motions to support the application for the SAFER Grant and to support the presentation of the plan to County Council, Beard seconds; motion passes.**

Nicholls motions to enter executive session, Martin seconds; entered executive session at 7:00 pm.

Nicholls motions to exit executive session, Martin seconds; exited executive session at 7:04 pm.

No action was taken in executive session.

Weir motioned to adjourn meeting, Nicholls seconds; motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.