

Chester County Rural Fire Commission

598 Saluda Street

Chester, SC 29706

August 24, 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: Beard, Jones, Weir, Nicholls, Martin, Stone

Departments Present: Richburg

Special Guests: John Agee

Nicholls motions to approve the agenda with an amendment of an executive session in reference to a personnel matter, Weir seconds; motion passes.

Weir motioned to approve the July meeting minutes, Beard seconded, motion passes.

Beth Suber gave the Fire Coordinators Report.

Old Business

- Fort Lawn SCBAs – Beth presented to the Commission her researched information concerning the Fort Lawn fire department Scott air packs. The report and attachments were read and presented. Beth explained that she has 6 Survivair Panther packs and plans to switch Fort Lawns Sigma pack for the Panthers. She checked with Great Falls chief David Galloway about the MSA packs that Culp referred to at last month's meeting and was told that Great Falls has only Survivair packs. There was discussion concerning the packs among the Commission. **Weir motions for the Fire Service Office to have the 6 Panther packs flow tested and replace the Sigma packs with the newly tested Panthers, seconded by Nicholls; motion passes. Martin motions per the Respiratory Protection Policy and OSHA regulations the Rural Fire Commission does not accept the Scott air packs into Chester County Fire Service and they are to be removed from Chester County owned fire vehicles, Beard seconds; motion passes.**
- New Equipment Policy – Beth read the Equipment and Vehicle acquisition policy to the Commission. There was open discussion on the policy. **Nicholls motions to present the policy to the Chiefs to review and to have any suggestions on the policy to be submitted in writing to the Fire Office before the September Commission meeting, Weir seconds; motion passes.**

New Business

- New SOGs – Kris presented the Fire Service Vehicles policy, Junior Firefighters SOG and Roadway Safety SOG. There was open discussion on the SOGs. **Nicholls motions to approve the Fire Service Vehicles Policy and the Roadway Safety SOG and to send the Junior Firefighters SOG to the Chiefs for review, with the addition of giving the current members 1 year from Sept 2, 2015 to comply with the training requirements in the Fire Service Vehicles Policy but for new members,**
- **the training requirements are effective immediately, Beard seconds; motion passes.**

Weir motions to enter executive session, Nicholls seconds; entered into executive session at 6:53 pm.

Beard motions to exit executive session, seconded by Nicholls; exited executive session at 7:08 pm.

Jones stated no action was taken and topic was taken as information only.

Weir motions for all Commission meeting minutes to go to County Council, Nicholls seconds; motion passes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.