

CHARLTON COUNTY FIRE BOARD  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022  
FOLKSTON FIRE STATION  
6:00 P.M.

3/28/2022 - Minutes

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Those present were: President Lee Gowen, along with Fire Board members Jesse Crews, Orival Thompson, Kip Taylor, and Mike Harris; Fire Chief C. L. Lewis; Assistant Chief Willard Turner; County Administrator Hampton Raulerson; Secretary Jenifer Nobles; and visitors as recorded hereafter.

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Mr. Gowen led the Invocation and Pledge to the Flag.

**3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. Taylor made motion to adopt March 28, 2022 agenda and also to add 9D North Repeater to the agenda. Motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

**4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

Mr. Thompson made motion to adopt the January 24, 2022 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

**5. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Thompson made motion to approve Financial Report. Motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

**6. GUESTS**

Mike Harris entered meeting at 6:10 p.m

**7. REPORTS: GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION: ROGER TODD**

Roger Todd, Georgia Forestry, reported 4 wildfires for February and 2 in March, had 7.3" rain, and 40 kbi. Fully staffed, with one in Texas, have 1 tractor plow out of service, should be repaired by the weekend, had water handling trailer sand blasted that will be used for mop up and gold trailer with 9000 gallon tank that can also be used for mop ups.

**8. REPORTS: OWLR: REGGIE FORCINE**

Reggie Forcine, Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, was present and reported that Terri Jenkins retired in

December, 2021. Mr. Forcine reported that they have 1 equipment operator position available, 1 dozer in shop, and 1 engine in shop, kbi 120 and water table 121 excellent. Helicopter is available if needed.

## **9. REPORTS:**

Fire Chief Lewis reported that AFG application has been submitted. Mr. Crews and Fire Board agreed that if AFG grant for new truck is awarded, that truck is to be housed at the Bend Fire Station.

Chief Lewis reported that bid for replacing 8 bottles is \$9,640.00

Chief Lewis reminded the Board that the 64 bottles that were purchased several years ago will need to be replaced by 2031. The Board agreed that 10 bottles per year should be budgeted.

Mr. Crews made motion to recommend to the BOC to approve North Repeater repairs for Hasty's Communications for \$8,000.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Fire Class begins tonight, March 28.

3 new applicants are in attendance and have received 2 applications that are not complete. Chief Lewis has reached out to applicants.

Mr. Lee expressed appreciation to the new volunteers.

Chief Lewis reported that truck repairs are needed: lights and alternator repair are needed. Fire Board reminded Chief Lewis if county shop can not make repairs, to find someone who can.

Concrete was poured today at St. George for shed to house Georgia Forestry truck, Hampton will take picture of slab, in order to place order for enclosed shed.

## **10. PERSONNEL REPORT**

None.

## **11. FIRE RUN REPORTS BY TYPES (ENCLOSED IN HANDOUT)**

No report.

## **12. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK REPORT**

Mr. Raulerson reported that hand held radios have been purchased from 2021 Budget.

## **13. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)**

None.

## **14. NEXT MEETING, MONDAY MAY 23, 2022**

Fire Board agreed next meeting will be held in Winokur.

## **15. ADJOURN**

Mr. Crews made motion that meeting be adjourned at 6:25 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson,

Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

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Lee Gowen, President

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Jenifer Nobles, Secretary