

CHARLTON COUNTY FIRE BOARD
MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023
RACEPOND FIRE STATION
6:00 P.M.

3/27/2023 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Thompson made motion to adopt the March 27, 2023 Agenda. Motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Taylor made motion to adopt the November 28, 2022 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Note- Meeting scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2023 in St. George did not have quorum present.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Thompson made motion to approve Financial Report. Motion was seconded by Mr. Harris, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Report becomes integral part of Minutes.

6. GUESTS

Mr. Gowen welcomed all present.

7. REPORTS: GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION: ROGER TODD

Roger Todd, Georgia Forestry, was present and reported that kbi is 4.21, had 2 wildfires in March, assisted Camden with 2 wildfires also. Equipment is being maintained and everything should be up and running in a couple of days, all positions are currently filled in Charlton.

8. REPORTS - ONWR - ANDY HEISEY

Andy Heisey, ONWR, was present and reported that he is currently filling in for Reggie Forcine. Kbi is 4.46. There is a fire in the swamp, that is almost out - has good water and vegetation around it; hopefully will rain tomorrow. Currently trying to fill positions for 2 heavy equipment operators, 2 permit forestry

technicians, and 2 seasonal firefighters.

9. REPORTS

C. L. Lewis, Fire Chief reported that shop is trying to build parts for truck repair, AFG grant for Station 4 engine has been submitted, and youth program was discussed.

Liability and insurance was discussed. Some of the duties of youth program may be to clean trucks, assist in projects at fire station, assist with inventory, training events, exposure to fire program. Mr. Thompson made motion that youth program be tabled until next meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. The Board asked that sop's and sog's be considered with youth program proposal.

10. PERSONNEL REPORT:

Scheduled assessments for 4 applicants, and then will submit to HR for adding.

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

Fire run report becomes integral part of Minutes.

12. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK REPORT

Hampton reported that the county is looking for 5 acres of property for a new tower and Bend Fire Station.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

14. NEXT FIRE BOARD MEETING, MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023 - BEND FIRE DEPARTMENT, 6:00 P.M.

15. ADJOURN

Mr. Thompson made motion that meeting be adjourned at 6:35 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. Harris, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.