

2/25/2019 - Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

Invocation and Pledge to the Flag was led by Chairman Gowen.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. Taylor made motion to adopt the February 25, 2019 Agenda. Motion was seconded by Mr. Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

Mr. Crews made motion to adopt the October 22, 2018 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Meetings in November and December, 2018 were canceled due to the holidays and didn't have quorum present at the January, 2019 meeting.

5. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Taylor made motion to approve financial report. Motion was seconded by Mr. Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

6. **GUESTS**

None.

7. **ONWR, TERRI JENKINS**

Terri Jenkins, ONWR, reported that weather has provided rain lately - lowering fire potential, hiring practices are changing, only hiring seasonal workers twice a year, personnel - one firefighter out with torn bicep, asked for a copy of the mitigation plan, asked the County to consider guidelines for set-backs to homes, and will make plans for May event with Charlton and Baker County for Community Wildfire Preparedness.

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

Absent.

9. **REPORTS:**

9.I. **STATE CLASS AT FIRE DEPARTMENT ON 02/23/2019**

A. Held 2 (two) classes, which included certificates for completion

B. Will send letters to firemen not meeting training requirements

9.II. **OFFICER CLASSES**

Chief Lewis will begin classes in Forsythe for Fire Officer 4

9.III. **GRANTS**

Submitting bids for 50/50 grant

Russell Wilson will apply for Fire & Life Safety Grant - to be used for safety events at school and Senior

10. PERSONNEL REPORT:

10.I. APPLICATION BEING PROCESSED (WAITING ON BACKGROUND CHECKS)

As recommended by Chief Lewis, Mr. Crews made motion to approve Noah Prescott as member of Station 1. Motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

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

Run report becomes integral part of Minutes.

12. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK REPORT

County Administrator Raulerson reported that trees have been cut down at Station 1.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

None.

14. DISCUSS DATE FOR NEXT MEETING - CHIEF LEWIS IN CLASS

The Board agreed to schedule meeting for next month, if needed.

15. ADJOURN

Mr. Crews made motion that meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.