

3/26/2018 - Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Thompson made motion to appoint Lee Gowen as Chairman for 2018. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

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

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

4. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. Crews made motion to amend agenda to include Equipment Reports at #11. Motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

Mr. Crews made motion to approve February 26, 2018 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

6. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

7. **ONWR, TERRI JENKINS**

Terri Jenkins, ONWR, reported that prescribed burns have been suspended and that the helicopter is not currently available. Budget is continuing to decline and currently have 2 seasonal firefighters. Trying to retain current positions, may not be able to fill open positions. Forestry Day is scheduled for this week.

Ms. Jenkins also reported that AED's have recalls on the heat resistors.

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

Roger Todd, Georgia Forestry Commission, reported 7 wildfires in March, 1 employee is out for 8 weeks, and 1 tractor is in the shop.

9. **DISPATCH: CHIEF DEPUTY MARTY CREWS & LYNN JOHNSON, COMMUNICATIONS & DISPATCH** Absent.

10. **GUESTS**

None.

11. **REPORTS:**

Fire Chief Lewis reported that pumps 40, 31 & 51 have been replaced.

Class for Fire 1 students will be tested on Thursday.

Chief Lewis reported that he attended Supervisor Class in Valdosta and would recommend that all officers be able to attend class.

Chief Lewis reported that trucks and training records will be inspected by the State on Thursday. The Fire Board asked that truck maintenance records be kept and maintained weekly. Spot checks are also necessary.

Mr. Crews asked Fire Chief Lewis if trucks are in order for inspections. Chief Lewis reported that 2 AED's are needed for trucks in St. George and Racepond. Mr. Crews instructed Chief Lewis to provide a listing of needed equipment and that same be placed on the next BOC agenda for approval.

12. PERSONNEL REPORT:

Awaiting one application for approval.

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

There were 59 fire runs for the month.

Fire Board member Mike Harris entered meeting at 6:30 p.m.

14. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK REPORT

None.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

None.

16. NEXT MEETING, 6:00 P.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2018 - BOC CONFERENCE ROOM

17. ADJOURN

Mr. Crews made motion to adjourn meeting at 6:35 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.