

**CHARLTON COUNTY FIRE BOARD
MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 P.M.**

9/24/2018 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Those present were: Chairman Lee Gowen; along with Fire Board Members Jesse Crews, Kip Taylor, and Orival Thompson; Fire Chief C. L. Lewis; Assistant Chief Williard Turner; County Administrator Hampton Raulerson; Secretary Jenifer Nobles; and visitors as recorded hereafter. Fire Board member Mike Harris 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 September 24, 2018 Agenda. Motion was seconded by Mr. Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Crews made motion to adopt the August 27, 2018 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

6. ONWR, TERRI JENKINS

Terri Jenkins, ONWR, was present and reported that personnel is in the middle of western fire season and hurricane. No issues here, presently. Structure Plan Assessment within 3 miles of the Refuge is in progress. Community Wildfire Protection Plan is being updated, with Forestry and Wildlife Refuge involved; copies should be available at next fire board meeting. Still losing personnel and not able to replace.

7. REPORTS: GA FORESTRY COMMISSION: ROGER TODD

Kenny Lee, Georgia Forestry Commission, reported that kbi is 583 - 800 is dry and 0 is wet. Had .9 acre fire, consisting of 2 fires in Racepond. Presently have 1 tractor in operation, expecting Cat tractor next month. Fully staffed. St. George tower scheduled to be removed this week, and working on plans for new building at St. George.

8. REPORTS:

A. Haz Mat Awareness & Ops Test - testing results pending

B. Officer Classes - Chief Lewis will attend training once a week in Forsythe until December 18, 2018.

C. Open House at St. George - Thursday, September 27, 2018 - 5:00 - 6:30

D. Fire Line Tender 20 - overheated at structure fire - out of service; estimate forthcoming

Mr. Crews asked about status of donated uniforms from Camden County. Chief Lewis reported that he has not received anything in writing from Camden, yet. Mr. Crews asked Mr. Raulerson to check on status of

donated uniforms.

9. PERSONNEL REPORT:

One (1) application - awaiting background check

Currently have 43 active volunteers, including support personnel

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

57 fire runs for the month were reported.

11. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK REPORT

Administrator Raulerson stated that \$47,000 (2014 SPLOST funds) has been set aside for the Bend Fire Station/Polling Place. The Fire Board agreed to roll the remaining \$47,000 into the next SPLOST.

12. GUESTS

None.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

None.

14. NEXT MEETING - MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. BOC CONFERENCE ROOM

15. ADJOURN

Commissioner Crews made motion to adjourn meeting at 6:20 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.