



Minutes

OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting January 25, 2024

MEMBERS

Kelly McCormick, Tammy Wilbanks, Brady Land,
Steven Zahn, Phyllis Raver, Donna Rogers (at-large),
Mike Carroll, Scott Krein

The Oconee County Rescue Squad Advisory Commission met at 6:00 PM in the conference room, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla. Kelly McCormick, Tammy Wilbanks, Brady Land, Steven Zahn, Phyllis Raver, Donna Rogers, Mike Carroll and Scott Krein were present.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeesc.com]. In addition, it was made available [upon request] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

1. **Call to order** – OCES Director Scott Krein called the meeting to order at 1800 hours.
2. **Election of Officers – Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary**
 - a) Chair – 1) Kelly McCormick was nominated by Steven Zahn; Kelly McCormick declined nomination
2) Brady Land was nominated by Kelly McCormick, seconded by Tammy Wilbanks; no other nominations were offered; passed 5-0.
 - b) Vice Chair – Kelly McCormick was nominated by Brady Land, seconded by Tammy Wilbanks; no other nominations were offered; passed 5-0.
 - c) Secretary – Tammy Wilbanks was nominated by Steve Zahn, seconded by Kelly McCormick; no other nominations were offered; passed 5-0.
3. **Committee Appointments**
 - Radio Committee –
 - a) Brady Land was nominated by Steve Zahn, seconded by Kelly McCormick; no other nominations were offered; passed 5-0.
 - b) Steve Zahn was nominated by Kelly McCormick, seconded by Tammy Wilbanks; no other nominations were offered; passed 5-0.
 - Incentive Committee –
 - a) Tammy Wilbanks was nominated by Brady Land, seconded by Kelly McCormick; no other nominations were offered; passed 5-0.
 - b) Steve Zahn was nominated by Brady Land, seconded by Kelly McCormick; no other nominations were offered; passed 5-0.
4. **Calendar Approval** – Two calendars presented: one for first Thursday of month, one for fourth Thursday of month with some changes due to Council Chamber conflicts. A motion was made by Kelly McCormick to change the calendar to the 4th Thursday set, except for February’s meeting on the 29th, seconded by Commissioner Wilbanks, and passed 5-0.
5. **Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner McCormick made a motion to approve the minutes from November 15, 2023. Commissioner Land noted a needed change to indicate he attended virtually. Commissioner McCormick made a motion to approve the minutes, with the change, seconded by Commissioner Zahn and approved 5-0.
6. **Public Comment** – none
7. **Commission Member Comments** – none

8. Committee Reports

- **Radio Communications Committee Report** - Possibility of purchasing two additional frequencies; discussion on process; will be scheduling meetings with the new Radio Communications employee.
- **Incentive Committee Report** - Will be meeting soon to set criteria for 2024 incentive; request by Commissioner McCormick to consider retention/recruitment ideas.
- **SOG Committee Report** – Edits and suggestions have been made; 2nd draft complete and will be sent for review; Commissioner McCormick made a motion to table the vote on the new SOGs, seconded by Commissioner Land, approved 5-0.
- **Training Committee Report** - Survey will be sent out requesting training suggestions, times, etc.; meetings set for third Wednesday of the month; Commissioner McCormick made a motion for Commissioner Raver to replace Erik Sprogis on this committee, seconded by (inaudible), passed 4-0, 1 no vote.

9. Mike Carroll's Report

- a) New Vehicle update
 - No date for upcoming vehicles
 - Looking at a utility truck style for Rescue 2 replacement vehicle
- b) Call and No Response call report – Reviewed document for each squad's calls/responses,
- c) Incentive update – 165 personnel from Fire/Rescue qualify for incentive.

10. Director Scott Krein's Report

- a) Welcome to the new year and thanks for a good year in 2023.
- b) Introduction of Phyllis Raver who will be the Region 4 representative for the new term.
- c) Incentive Update
 - Anyone who receives an incentive check will be qualified to receive helicopter insurance,
 - Getting closer to getting information for checks finalized
- d) Staffing Update
 - The radio person position has been finalized and Aaron Smith has been hired. There is a lot to do still to get everything ready.
 - Part-time Radio Position to be posted to assist with radios and programming.

11. Rescue Squad Updates

- Region 1 – Squads 1 & 3 (Kelly McCormick)
 - 1) Rescue 1 – Two squad owned Tahoes are down for repair (motor mount and water pump); will provide a list of Priority 1 calls that rescue wasn't dispatched to; rehab trailer has been upgraded; goal for rehab is to save a life and prevent injury to firefighters/citizen,
 - 2) Rescue 3 – Two new members and two prospective members; excited about possibility of Explorer Program
- Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 (Tammy Wilbanks)
 - 1) Rescue 2 – Started a mentor program with six of our newer members; have two prospective members,
 - 2) Rescue 6 – Nothing to report (Mike Carroll added that they have a new chief and are planning to be more involved)
- Region 3 – Squads 4 & 5 (Brady Land)
 - 1) Rescue 4 – No update
 - 2) Rescue 5 – No update
- Region 4 – Squad 22 (Phyllis Raver) – Potential of four people for EMR class; trying to set goals/objectives, become more organized; assigning jobs; work in progress.
- Region 5 - Rescue 7 & 8 (Steve Zahn)
 - 1) Rescue 7 – New chief Robert Sparkman; looking at more training, more equipment; trying to get more people involved,
 - 2) Rescue 8 – Continuing to work on replacing outdated equipment; Commissioner Zahn requested a way to get to know the members of the 21 staff.
- At-Large Member Donna Rogers – spoke about the mentor program that Salem Rescue has started with new members

12. Executive Session –

- 1) A motion was made by Commissioner Land and seconded by Commission McCormick to enter executive session. Motion was approved 5-0.
- 2) A motion was made by Commissioner McCormick and seconded by Commissioner Wilbanks to exit executive session. Motion was approved 5-0.
- 3) No action needed from executive session.

13. Adjourn - Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner Land, seconded by Commissioner Raver, and approved 4-0, 1 no vote. Meeting adjourned at 1928 hours.