



Minutes

OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting March 28, 2024

MEMBERS

Kelly McCormick, Tammy Wilbanks, Brady Land, Steven Zahn,
Phyllis Raver, Mike Carroll(At-Large), 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, and Mike Carroll 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** – Chairman Land called the meeting to order at 1800 hours.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner Raver made a motion to approve the minutes from February 29, 2024. Commissioner Land seconded the motion. Motion was approved 5-0.
3. **Public Comment** – none
4. **Commission Member Comments** – none
5. **Commissioner Land's Report** –
 - Chairman Land announced that At-Large member, Donna Rogers, had resigned her position on good terms. He asked that the at-large position vacated by Mrs. Rogers be brought up at the next chief's meeting.
 - Re-instatement of the Budget Committee: Commissioners Zahn and McCormick expressed interest. Commissioner McCormick made a motion to reinstate the Budget Committee, seconded by Commissioner Land, approved 5-0. Commissioner Zahn was nominated by Commissioner Land, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and approved 5-0. Commissioner McCormick was nominated by Commissioner Land, seconded by Commissioner Wilbanks and approved 5-0.
6. **Committee Reports**
 - Radio Communications Committee Report – Discussed radio brand, update on Bad Creek tower, coverage in Fairplay, code plugs, channels for operations and dispatch, and channels for box alarms
 - Incentive Committee Report – No meeting held, will use same criteria as last year
 - SOG Committee Report – Still working on it after making a few updates; redid the Jr. Firefighter program to align with the OCES program
 - Training Committee Report – Did not meet last month but will be attending the meeting set for April 3rd at headquarters with Michael Hunnicutt.
7. **Mike Carroll's Report**
 - New Vehicle update – Several items installed on the two new trucks; waiting on info about the Rescue 2 truck
 - Rescue Squad Response Updates – Went over the response form; some squads still struggling to make calls each month
 - Incentive Update – Make sure you get CPR class and certifications; Commissioner McCormick would like the committee to consider a LOSAP program (there is a cost to manage the program)

- Run Card Update – Changes have been made to some of the response areas; errors are still occurring with dispatch, but are being worked out
- EMT/EMR/Training Update – Free EMT class being offered at HQ starting in July; Twenty new EMRs just finished class; Several classes coming up, be sure to see info from Michael Hunnicutt; Difficulty getting ride time scheduled with EMS for new EMRs
- Other – A contract has been signed with the program that will replace ERS. Data is currently being transferred over.

8. Director Scott Krein's Report –

- Box Alarm Update – Overlay and maps have been changed to show the new lines; Rescue 1 is now matched to Station 21 with some of Station 11 and Rescue 4 being added to Rescue 1; before everything was in place, Dispatch was doing the best they could
- Name Changes – Necessary to change 21-1 and 21-2 to Oconee 1 and Oconee 2 due to several changes being made with Station 21 and within some departments; did not get information out to member before change due to time frame with decision; a request was made for a list of Command Staff and OCES personnel
- Transport Insurance Update – MASA is the company; everyone who received an incentive should be getting information in the mail; next year departments will be responsible for anyone who does not receive and incentive.

9. Rescue Squad Updates

- Region 1 – Squads 1 & 3 (Kelly McCormick)
 - 1) Rescue 1 – Continue to meet response; district has expanded to cover 6 fire districts; it's time to pursue more funding for operational purposes; continue to bear expense of housing EMS unit; members are spending money out of pocket to help with operational expenses
 - 2) Rescue 3 – Has three new members; picture fundraiser coming up; squad wants to do well
- Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 (Tammy Wilbanks)
 - 1) Rescue 2 – Successful breakfast fundraiser; mentor program still going well; everything operational; next fundraiser April 13th 4:30-7:30 with hamburger/hotdog plates
 - 2) Rescue 6 – Reminder of possibility of purchasing something to replace the John Deere Gator
- Region 3 – Squads 4 & 5 (Brady Land)
 - 1) Rescue 4 – Congratulations to two members who just completed EMR
 - 2) Rescue 5 – Starting to get new members, which is helping with call coverage
- Region 4 – Squad 22 (Phyllis Raver) – Chief Sprogis is back in the country after extended trip; “Stop the Suicide” class needs ten people
- Region 5 - Rescue 7 & 8 (Steve Zahn)
 - 1) Rescue 7 – Continuing to update equipment; adding new members; doing well with training
 - 2) Rescue 8 – Replacing equipment; doing a lot of training; no calls lately; thankful for the help from the 21 staff

10. Executive Session – Not needed

- 11. Adjourn** - Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner McCormick, seconded by Commissioner Raver, and approved 4-0 vote, 1 no vote. Meeting adjourned at 1850 hours.