

Landrum Fire and Rescue District

Meeting of The Commission Minutes: August 23, 2021
6:00pm at the Landrum Fire and Rescue District Station

In Attendance:

Commissioners: Pam Hilsman, JR Jackson, Scott Owens, Joe Brown, and Tiffany Freel

Others Present: Warren Ashmore, Taft Matney, Calem Upton, Bob Frost, Al Essey, and Kim Sherwood

Proceedings:

Invocation was given by Warren Ashmore.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pam Hilsman.

In accordance with South Carolina legal requirements, meeting notification was posted on the Landrum Fire and Rescue door and website (landrumfire.com).

Minutes of the previous meetings on June 28, 2021, were read and approved.

Public Comments

Kim Sherwood shared questions and concerns about the meeting agenda, meeting minutes, FOIA policy, and information available to the public.

Old Business

Discussion took place on the proposed substation located on Fairwinds Road. Architectural plans representing 30% of the complete drawings were presented. The next step is to setup a meeting with the Landrum Architectural Review Board.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for the month of July and August 2021 was presented.

Legislative Update

Taft Matney gave an update on the current legislation that pertains to The District. Those items being the state's plan to disburse the funds available from the American Rescue Plan and the status of the Firefighter Training Reimbursement legislation.

Fire Chief's Report

Warren Ashmore presented the Fire Chief's Report for the month of August 2021.

New Business

Discussion took place on making updates to the website (landrumfire.com). Taft Matney and Warren Ashmore are going to setup an appointment to discuss the updates that need to be made.

Discussion took place on accepting and implementing a Freedom of Information Act Policy. The FOIA Policy and fee schedule were presented. Questions arose about the cost of the items listed on the fee schedule. Discussion to amend the fee schedule took place. MOTION to amend the fee schedule item "Flash Drive" to market price was made by Scott Owens and seconded by Joe Brown, unanimous. MOTION to accept and implement the Freedom of Information Act Policy was made by Tiffany Freel and seconded by Joe Brown, unanimous.

Joe Brown stated, "Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, I MOVE that this body enter executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property. The motion was seconded by JR Jackson, unanimous.

MOTION to end executive session was made by Tiffany Freel and seconded by JR Jackson, unanimous. No decisions were made, and no votes were taken during executive session.

MOTION to retain Ginny Merck-Dupont as general counsel was made by Scott Owens and seconded by Tiffany Freel, unanimous.

MOTION to authorize Warren Ashmore to post the sale of Engine 3 with final terms to be approved by The Commission was made by Scott Owens and seconded by Joe Brown, unanimous.

Public Comments

Kim Sherwood shared questions and concerns about the need for The Commission to have entered executive session during the meeting.

Commissioners' Comments

Scott Owens shared his appreciation for Warren Ashmore's attention to the ISO Rating breakdown during his presentation of the Fire Chief's Report.

MOTION to adjourn at 7:47pm was made by Scott Owens and seconded by Tiffany Freel, unanimous.

Submitted by

JR Jackson



**GUEST SPEAKER SIGN-UP SHEET
LANDRUM AREA FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT**

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	TOPIC	AGENDA ITEM (Y or N)
Bob Frost		561 716 3435		
Jill Essey		864 4576711		
Kim Sherwood			FOIA etc	

As per the By-Laws of the Landrum Area Fire and Rescue District Commission:
Section 3.6: Members of the public wishing to address the Commission on a matter of District business will have an opportunity to register to speak no sooner than twenty-four (24) hours prior to and no later than ten (10) minutes prior to each regularly scheduled Commission meeting. Prior to the Commission's consideration of any item of business listed on the agenda, members of the public registering to speak on any item of business listed on the agenda for that Commission meeting will speak in the order in which they register. Presentations shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person, not to exceed a thirty-minute period. Following the conclusion of remarks by members of the public regarding business items listed on the agenda, members of the public who registered to speak prior to the regularly scheduled Commission meeting concerning items not listed on that meeting's agenda shall have an opportunity to speak about those matters not listed on that meeting's agenda. Presentations shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person with all presentations not to exceed a total period of thirty minutes minus time used by citizens to speak on items listed on the agenda. The Chairperson may permit additional time for speakers who have signed up before the meeting.

No speaker may use language that is obscene, disruptive, scurrilous, or recklessly defamatory. Following any presentation from anyone addressing the Commission, no person other than a member of the Commission will be recognized to question the speaker or to make any other statement unless a member of the Commission requests comment from a member of the staff for clarification. The Chairperson may schedule additional opportunities for presentations by the public as he or she deems appropriate and the above rules for registration and time limits will apply.