



Minutes

OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Thursday, January 26, 2023

MEMBERS, RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Kelly McCormick, Tammy Wilbanks,
Brady Land, Steven Zahn, Eric Sprogis,
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, and OCES Director 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** – Director Scott Krein called the meeting to order at 1800 hours.
2. **Election of 2023 Rescue Advisory Commission Officers**
 - Chair - Nomination of Kelly McCormick by Commissioner Zahn, seconded by Commissioner Land; no other nominations; approved 3-0 with Commissioner McCormick abstaining
 - Vice Chair – Nomination of Steven Zahn by Commissioner Wilbanks, seconded by Commissioner Land; no other nominations; approved 4-0
 - Secretary – Nomination of Tammy Wilbanks by Commissioner Zahn, seconded by Commissioner McCormick; no other nominations; Tammy Wilbanks approved 3-0 with Commissioner Wilbanks abstaining
3. **Appointment of 2023 Rescue Commission Committees**
 - Radio Committee – Commissioners Zahn and Land
 - Incentive Committee – Commissioners Zahn and Sprogis (pending his approval)
 - Training Committee – Commissioners Wilbanks and Sprogis
 - SOG Committee – Commissioners McCormick and Land
4. **Approval of the 2023 Rescue Squad Advisory Commission Calendar**

Discussion was held on the proposed 2023 calendar of meeting dates. There was also discussion about our meeting date not being on the first Thursday as stated in the ordinance. There will need to be a resolution to change that but voting on this calendar does take care of the change. A motion was made by Commissioner Zahn to accept the proposed 2023 meeting calendar with the following adjustments: February meeting will be held in the conference room due to a conflict with Council Chambers and the

November meeting will be held on November 15th instead of the 23rd due to Thanksgiving. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Land and approved 4-0.

5. Approval of Minutes

- a) Commissioner Zahn made a motion to approve the minutes from November 16, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Land and approved 4-0.
- b) Commissioner Zahn made a motion to approve the minutes from December 28, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Land and approved 4-0.

6. Radio Communications Committee Report

- a) Report was given that progress is still being made toward upgrading system. Several towers will help with communications. Committee is still in need of list of radios/serial numbers from squads. This is needed for programming purposes. No reason given from chiefs as to why information is not being supplied.
- b) Director Krein mentioned that he is trying to get a communication person for just Emergency Services. The Fire Advisory Commission has voted to support this. A motion was made by Commissioner Land to support a request for communication person for Emergency Services, seconded by Commissioner Zahn and approved 4-0.

7. Rescue Squad Updates

- Region 1 – Squads 1 & 3 / Kelly McCormick
 - 1) Rescue 1
 - a) Have newly certified people; continuing to work on recruitment
 - b) Rescue 1A is out of service
 - c) Working on better coverage for some of coverage area
 - d) Completing inventory for grant writing purposes
 - e) Equipment in working order and finances in good shape
 - f) Working to have a boat in service for the summer
 - g) Expenses have increased while funding remains the same
 - 2) Rescue 3
 - a) Justification letter submitted concerning R3B service
 - b) Information given about a damaged vehicle
- Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 / Tammy Wilbanks
 - 1) Rescue 2 –
 - a) Busy with calls
 - b) All trucks and equipment operational
 - c) Just had two personnel complete EMR, with one of those beginning EMT
 - d) Question about maintenance of county equipment at substation
 - 2) Rescue 6 – Chief Wilbanks says he has no issues/concerns/needs to report
- Region 3 – Squads 4 & 5 / Brady Land
 - 1) Rescue 4 –
 - a) Making strides with more work to do
 - b) Question about procedure for recertification information on new document
 - c) Two new members responding, two vehicles responding
 - 2) Rescue 5 – No information from Chief Smith

- Region 4 – Squad 22 - Erik Sprogis – Absent; no report provided
- Region 5 - Rescue 7 & 8 - Steve Zahn –
 - 1) Squads have a lot of members on the roster but have hardly any response to calls
 - 2) Spending money on keeping equipment in working order

8. Commissioner Steven Zahn's Report

- a) Concern that the daytime EMT refresher will not allow some to attend, which is rough on volunteers, concerned about responder having to pay
- b) All emergency responders need access to ERS, even if it needs to be limited access for library purposes
- c) Would be helpful if gate codes were provided via Active911 on cardiac arrest calls
- d) Reminder that anyone giving Narcan must have training; fire department members using Narcan must be CPR trained and trained in use of Narcan
- e) Concern that dispatch is not sending closest medical unit or closest fire department to cardiac arrest calls

9. OCES – Mike Carroll's Report - absent

10. OCES – Scott Krein's Report

- a) Welcome to new commissioner Brady Land and returning members
- b) Encouraged commissioners to be sure we are talking to our designated squads; get input from the members
- c) We want to better the service we are providing the citizens and address items as needed (even if before the next meeting)
- d) Under NO circumstances are we to drive emergency vehicles on railroad tracks

11. Executive Session

- a) Motion to move to executive session made by Commissioner Wilbanks, seconded Commissioner Land, and approved 4-0
- b) Motion to exit executive session made by Commissioner McCormick, seconded by Commissioner Land, and approved 4-0
- c) No action needed for any item discussed in executive session

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner Zahn, seconded by Commissioner Land, and approved 4-0. Meeting adjourned at