KEOWEE FIRE COMMISSION

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*Commissioners: Karen Graves. Don Chamberlain, Bill Griffiths, Leo Primeau, John Turner*

**Keowee Fire Commission Meeting, September 21, 2021**

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Primeau called the meeting to order at

3:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Primeau, Turner, Griffiths and Chamberlain

Visitors Present: Chief Shirley

Secretary Report

Minutes from the August 17, 2021, meeting were submitted by Commissioner L. Primeau.

Motion was made to accept the minutes D Chamberlain

Seconded by B Griffiths

Vote to accept was unanimous.

**Financial Report**

Cash on hand including CDs, general saving accounts and the station checking account as of 8/30/2020 was $534,956.41. Cash on hand as of 6/30/2021 was $615,895.20

The total revenue collected this year to date is $4804.97 more than last fiscal year at this time.

B Griffiths stated that the current rates continue to be too low to commit any funds

to long term CDs.

**Grant Activity**

Chief Shirley reported that the AFG Grant will not be awarded until the

September / October timeframe

**Donations**

No donations were received.

**Station Activity**

The station had 51 calls during August including 2 building fires, 17 EMS calls, 17 medical assist and 2 vehicle accident and 2 watercraft rescue calls. One watercraft

accident resulted in a fatality.

**Personnel Status**

Karen Graves submitted her resignation from the commission. The resignation

was accepted unanimously by the commission members.

**Equipment Status**

Chief reported that the Brush 17 had a new head gasket installed on the pump.

New tires were installed on the truck and on the trailer as well.

**Dock Permit/Extension**

Chief Shirley reported that the dock extension was complete assuring that the

rescue boat could be launched at all times within the Duke high and low lake water

levels.

**9/11 Memorial**

Chief Shirley reported that the 9/11 memorial is complete and the one hour

well attended dedication ceremony, held on the 20th anniversary, was a tremendous

success. The commission recognized Chief Shirley for his dedication and persistence

in making the memorial a reality.

**Med Helipad Project**

Chief Shirley is in discussion with KKPOA regarding the details of the project. He is

in touch with Duke Energy regarding their plans for the power line relocation.

**Apparatus Committee, Ladder 17 Replacement**

The committee recommended the E-One proposal for a 95’ ladder truck with platform.

The cost for the truck as specified is $1,300,000. D Chamberlain made a motion to purchase the truck with a $200,000 down payment and the balance to be paid with a county bond. The commission voted unanimously to accept the E-One proposal and the $200,000. down payment.

**Firewise Activity**

Keowee Key had an uhaul event on August 24. One hundred sixteen residents participated and delivered 91 truckloads which roughly equates to over 313 cubic yards of flammable material removed. A curbside pickup event is tentatively scheduled for 10/19.

Waterford, Waterford Point and Waterford Ridge expect to have a curbside pickup in November.

**Open House**

In lieu of an open house at KFD, the station will move personnel and equipment to the Lighthouse Restaurant on October 9, 2021, 10AM -2:00 PM, for a static equipment display during the scheduled Corvette show. This will allow for interaction with the public outdoors without congregating at the station.

**Christmas Dinner**

The annual Christmas dinner is scheduled for December 11th, at 6:00. There will also be a promotion ceremony for Kris Childress.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for 3:00 PM, October 21, 2021.

A motion was made to adjourn at 4:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Turner, Secretary

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