

## BOD Mtg. Minutes

### Sandy Branch Boadd Meeting

#### MINUTES

April 21, 2026

Meeting called to order – 6:08 p.m. by R, Layton

Attendance – R. Layton, G. Heffner, T. Deason, L. Rutland, C. White, V. Narveson R. Morris and D. Domas

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: T. Deason, 2<sup>nd</sup> L. Rutland; Passed unanimously.

Financial reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup> T. Deason; Passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business**

Replacement of Board member – Motion made to accept R. Connor to fulfill M. Welch term ending 2026 by L. Rutland , 2<sup>nd</sup> T. Deason; passed unanimously.

New Ladder Truck- Training in process, Check engine light came on, MM Fire Apparatus Repair looked at and truck has been sent to Freightliner in Augusta to check out. Brindlee Mountain to pay for MM work and transmission fluid.

E81 or E83 Replacement – E 87 arrived, foam system was installed. Found water leaks and multiple issues (won't go into pump gear all the time). Fireline in Winder GA is making the repairs and doing pump test.

Donation from Tutts Revocable Trust in the amount of \$21,841.12 was put into a 5 month CD 3.3% with Frist Citizens Bank.

Station III – A building company will build a metal building and the POA will lease to SBVFD, POA will handle leveling the land, pouring concrete slab, and frontload for the first few years. An agreement is in the works in hope for completion late summer 2026. Station III location: Hwy 7 and Shenandoah Dr.

New Brush Truck – Crew is going to look at 2010 Ford F750, 500 gallon tank, 20 gallon foam system with 4WD and 6100 miles. This is through GOV.deals, original list at \$60,000, through negotiations, offered \$45,000.

Station 1 Temp Structure – on hold, if Station III is completed no need for the temp structure.

**New Business**

There is a plan in place (but on hold) with the SLV Tax Commission to have a paid crew at Station 1 M-F 8am-5pm if needed to be implemented.

**Chief Morris**

Fire calls: 9 calls, 52 responded, average of 6 responders per call, 4 training session, 53 people, Average 13 per training

Medical: 32 calls, 97, average 3 responders per call, 1 training session, 15 attended.

**Public Comments** – Chief Morris suggested that Vicki have a voice recorder on her iPhone to use to record meeting notes.

Motion to adjourn – 6:51 p.m. by G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup> T. L. Rutland; Passed unanimously.

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Sandy Branch Fire Board Meeting

MINUTES

March 10, 2026

Meeting called to order – 6:02 p.m. by R, Layton

Attendance – R. Layton, G. Heffner, T. Deason, L. Rutland, C. White, V. Narveson R. Morris and D. Domas

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup> T. Deason; Passed unanimously.

Financial reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup> L. Rutland; Passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

New Ladder Truck- Training in progress; hope to be in service first week of April. Clifton thanked everyone for their help in getting the truck prepared for going into service. Next month another group will be trained to drive and operate.

E81 or E83 Replacement – Waiting to have a Facetime meeting for final inspection and once completed delivery date will be scheduled. Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus will deliver.

**New Business**

M. Welch gave his resignation for his position on the Fire Board and as an EMR. Replacement board member was suggested to take to the membership.

500 ft of 5" hose was donated

Funeral for Al Gaer on 3/11/26 at McCormick Methodist Church.

Motion made by D. Domas, 2<sup>nd</sup> L. Rutland to accept new firefighter Robert Cantarutti, Passed unanimously.

The Fire Dept received a donation from the Tutts Revocable Trust in the amount of \$21,841.12. The estate is not completely settled. There will be another small donation once estate is completed. Motion made to open a short term CD with these funds by G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup> T. Deason; passed unanimously.

Station III – Willington Academy Road and Shennandoah area- looking for space to build another station

SLV Tax Commission has agreed to purchase a new brush truck.

SLV Tax Commission has agreed to pay for a temp structure behind Station 1 to house Rehab truck 86 and E81.

**Chief Morris**

Fire calls: 9 calls, 60 responded, average of 7 responders per call, 2 training session, 34 people, Average 17 per training

Medical: 29 calls, 91, average 3 responders per call, 1 training session, 17 attended.

**Public Comments – None**

Motion to adjourn – 6:38 p.m. by G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup> T. Deason; Passed unanimously.

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Sandy Branch Fire Board Meeting

MINUTES

February 10, 2026

Meeting called to order – 6:02 p.m. by M. Welch

Attendance – M. Welch, R. Layton, G. Heffner, T. Deason, L. Rutland, C. White, D. Domas, V. Narveson and R. Morris

## Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: R. Layton, 2<sup>nd</sup> L. Rutland; Passed unanimously.

Financial reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup> T. Deason; Passed unanimously.

## Old Business

New Ladder Truck- Truck has arrived (on 2/10/26)! T. Deason and C. White will go over and hopes to be in service first part of March. The truck needs equipment, hose loaded, brackets etc.

E81 or E83 replacement- Chief reports foam system being installed, estimate finish date is 3/12/26. We are not sure if it is being delivered or if we are picking it up. Hope to be in service mid-April.

Spouse Appreciation Dinner - Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> in the SLV Rec Center McCormick room, drinks 5:30 p.m., dinner 6 p.m., sign-up sheet is on the kitchen island at Station 1.

## New Business

Motion made to consolidate the Ed Meyer accounts into the SBVFD Operating accounts by G. Heffner 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Layton; Passed unanimously. Need new signers on bank accounts – V. Narveson, R. Layton, R. Morris, and M. Welch.

Chief is going to talk to the tax commission regarding the appearance of the fire station in hopes we can get some repairs and clean up done.

G. Heffner asked if we would bring a fire truck by Al Gaers home (he was a First Responder) as he is ill and a ride would brighten his day and invite to the dinner on 2/24/26.

L. Rutland asked what are the guidelines for sick and in need; see guidelines in the Policy & Best Practices binder.

## Chief Morris

Fire calls: 15 calls, 294 responded, average of 6.3 responders per call, 3 training session, 47 people, Average 15 per training

Medical: 29 calls, 90, average 3 responders per call, 1 training session, 16 attended.

Jennifer ware is now able to respond to medical calls and will be observing at this time.

## Public Comments –

1. R. Whitall asked if we could add service time for all members to the SBVFD website.
2. R. Campbell explained why E82 wouldn't start regarding a MVA/Injuries call on 2/4/26; reason given per E82 owner's manual.
3. L. Rutland had a question regarding service plaques.

Motion to adjourn – 6:27 p.m. by G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Domas; Passed unanimously.

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Sandy Branch Fire Board Meeting

MINUTES

January 13, 2026

Meeting called to order – 6:02 p.m. by M. Welch (temporary Vice Chairperson as of 11/2025)

Attendance – M. Welch, R. Layton, T. Deason, L. Rutland, C. White, D. Domas, and R. Morris

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: R. Layton, 2<sup>nd</sup> L. Rutland; Passed unanimously.

Annual Meeting Minutes – Sent out previously. – Motion to approve: T. Deason, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Layton; Passed unanimously

Financial reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: R. Layton, 2<sup>nd</sup> T. Deason; Passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

New Ladder Truck- to be named Tower 84, C. White had FaceTime with Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus, need areas of truck undercoated: 3-4 days time, should be good to go after completion, hoping for beginning of February for delivery. Our existing ladder truck 84 has been sold, 103 bids, sold for \$11,200 to a hunt club in Sparta GA. for skeet shooting use. Chief Morris and R. Layton to deliver truck tomorrow (1/14/26).

E81 or E83 replacement- Chief reports foam system being installed.

Spouse Appreciation Dinner – Chief met with Lori Maines (SLV Dir. of F & B) Patty Tridente (SLV Events Coord.), a third choice has been added to the menu, choices now are: salmon, pork loin, and NY strip steak w/one dessert choice, date of dinner is Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> in the SLV Rec Center McCormick room, drinks 5:30 p.m., dinner 6 p.m., sign-up sheet is on the kitchen island at Station 1.

Budget has been approved for new beanies and shirts.

**New Business**

No interest in exercise equipment at Station 1

Motion made by T. Deason to elect M. Welch as Chairperson, 2<sup>nd</sup> C. White; Passed unanimously

Motion made by T. Deason to elect R. Layton as Vice Chairperson, 2<sup>nd</sup> C. White; Passed unanimously

## Chief Morris

Fire calls: 4 calls (3 in SLV), 23 responded, average of 6 responders per call, 1 training session

Medical: 38 calls (5 outside of SLV), 100 responded, average <3 responders per call, no training session

Total calls for 2025: 573; 121 for fire (of which 20 were brush fires); 452 for EMR's.

Public Comments – None

Motion to adjourn – 6:33 p.m. by T. Deason, 2<sup>nd</sup> L. Rutland; Passed unanimously.

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### Sandy Branch Fire Board Meeting - Annual Meeting

#### MINUTES

December 9, 2025

Meeting called to order – 7:45 by Chief Morris

#### Chief Election

There was 1 candidate- Bob Morris

Membership written ballot – Bob Morris received majority vote

#### Secretary/Treasurer

Vicki Narveson was the only name on the ballot

Membership written ballot – Vicki Narveson received majority vote

#### Board Member

There were 5 candidates for 4 positions- D. Domas, R. Connor, L. Rutland, C. White and T.

Deason

Membership written ballot- 3 yr Term- D. Domas and T. Deason; 2 yr term L. Rutland and

C. White

1% Budget

#### **Recruitment & Retention**

Retirement Contribution - \$7000

MASA flight/Ground Insurance - \$5000

#### **Training and Education:**

Promotional Handouts- \$500

SC Fire Rescue – vehicle mileage - \$200

SC Fire Rescue – hotels/lodging - \$600

SC Fire Rescue – meals - \$200

Other conferences – Entrance fees - \$600

Other conferences – vehicle mileage - \$400

Other conferences – hotels/lodging - \$1000

Other conferences – meals - \$350

Drill Dinners (30 @ 15 x12) - \$5400

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| Annual dinner (60 @ 50 x 1) - \$3000              |                 |
| Retirement plaques/service awards - \$1000        |                 |
| Clothing - \$4000                                 |                 |
| Dues to SCFFA - \$3000                            |                 |
| Flower Fund (Illness/bereavement) \$500           |                 |
| Fire Training simulation software - \$2000        |                 |
| Media upgrade (large TV & rolling stand) - \$1000 |                 |
| <b>Total 1% expenditures</b>                      | <b>\$35,750</b> |

Chief Morris

Many positions are changing to give new members a chance to be involved.

- R. Layton PIO
- G. Heffner – Inspections
- R. Campbell- Station I – Truck Inspections, Truck Washing and Bay Cleaning
- S. Thomas-Station II – Truck Inspections, Truck Washing and Bay Cleaning
- L. Rutland – Community Outreach Documentation
- T. Turcheck – Narcan
- J. Ware and L Rutland – Fire Reporting

We will be streamlining clothing- all will use the same Sandy Branch Fire Dept Logo and will be receiving Beanie, cap, LS and SS t-shirt, Polo shirt and sweatshirt

New engine – needs step stool to reach upper compartments, 5 seat cab, 2025 Demo truck Platform ladder is safer to operate and has 2 nozzles on the platform. T. Deason and C. White received training and will train the membership.

Future hopes the chief would like

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Brush truck at Station II
- Build an addition at Station II to house the Brush Truck
- Replace other engine by early 2027
- Station III by Shenandoah- Non POA land, 2 bay building, Rehab Truck and Engine

Work on recruitment

Motion to adjourn: 8:13 pm; passed unanimously.

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## Sandy Branch Fire Board Meeting

### MINUTES

December 9, 2025

Meeting called to order – 6:00 p.m. by R. Connor

Attendance – G. Heffner, R. Connor, A. Luedecke, J. Deason, R. Layton, M. Welch, V. Narveson and R. Morris

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: R. Layton, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Heffner; Passed unanimously.

Financial reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Welch; Passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business**

New Ladder Truck- T. Deason and C. White are on their way back for seeing the new truck, reporting punch list is not completed, hope for mid January delivery.

E81 or E83 replacement- T. Deason and C. White looked at the new engine and it will take about 3 months to get the foam system installed.

4 Board members are up for election this year.

J. Deason, R. Connor, D. Waters (Stepping down), A. Luedecke (Stepping down)

Candidates at the moment are R. Connor, C. White, L. Rutland, D. Domas and T. Deason

Chief and Secretary also need to be voted on.

Spouse Appreciation – Checking into Hickory Knob for a price comparison.

#### **New Business**

Ron made a Special Thank you to August, John and Dickie for their service on the board.

Savannah River Singers made a \$200 donation to the EMR's from Station 2.

Holiday Parade is Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have 3 trucks and people walking handing out candy.

New roof was installed at Station 2.

#### **Chief Morris**

Fire calls: 15 calls, 81 responded, average of 5.5 responders per call, 3 training sessions, 48 attended, average of 16 per training.

Medical: 43 calls, 118 responded, average of 2.75 responders per call, 1 training session, 11 attended training.

Public Comments –

Ron is on the Disaster Planning Committee for SLV- They have secured the Lutheran Church by the Lake as a shelter and are looking at a grant for generators, more information to come.

Motion to adjourn – 6:15 p.m. by G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Layton; Passed unanimously.



## Sandy Branch Fire Board Meeting

### MINUTES

November 11, 2025

Meeting called to order – 6:01 p.m. by R. Connor

Attendance – G. Heffner, R. Connor, A. Luedecke, J. Deason, R. Layton, M. Welch, V. Narveson and R. Morris

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: M. Welch, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Heffner; Passed unanimously.

Financial reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Layton; Passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

New Ladder Truck- No new update

SCBA Flow Test – December 1 at 2:30pm

4 Board members are up for election this year.

J. Deason, R. Connor, D. Waters (Stepping down), A. Luedecke (Stepping down)

Candidates at the moment are R. Connor, C. White, L. Rutland, D. Domas

Chief and Secretary also need to be voted on.

### **New Business**

Elect a Vice Chair for the Board –Motion made -If R. Connor is unable to attend M. Welch will take over, by R. Layton, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Deason; passed unanimous vote.

Pancake Breakfast November 29, 2025 8:00-10:00am

Spouse Appreciation – February 25, 2026 at the River Grille, Pork and Salmon will be the entrees to choose from. Pricing to be around \$27.00 + 8% tax + 18% gratuity.

Hose & Ladder Testing - Chief has contracted a new company which is cheaper than previous company used, will be completed 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2026.

E81 Replacement – Chief is looking at a 2025 Deep South manufactured fire engine from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus with 5 man cab, top mount pump, front bumper line, F-500 encapsulator agent, but no booster line and is finalizing the price around \$430,000, he has presented this to the SLV Tax Commission.

### **Chief Morris**

Fire calls: 6 calls, 31 responded, average of 5 responders per call, 3 training sessions, 53 attended, average of 18 per training.

Medical: 36 calls, 103 responded, average of 3 responders per call, 1 training session, 18 attended training.

Public Comments –

Motion to adjourn – 6:31 p.m. by G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup> A. Luedecke; Passed unanimously.

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October 14, 2025

Meeting called to order – 6:00 p.m. by D. Waters

Attendance – D. Waters, G. Heffner, R. Connor, A. Luedecke, J. Deason, M. Welch, V. Narveson and R. Morris

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: A. Luedecke, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Heffner; Passed unanimously.

Financial reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: M. Welch, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Connor; Passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

New Ladder Truck- Found an issue with rear brake and has been fixed

Rec Center Membership – no update, remove from agenda

### **New Business**

Jeff Brown replaced the air dryer on E83

SCBA Flow Test is due and should be scheduled next month

Tax Commission approved purchase hose and nozzles for the new truck.

4 Board members are up for election this year.

J. Deason, R. Connor, D. Waters (Stepping down), A. Luedecke (Stepping down)

Chief and Secretary also need to be voted on.

Need to elect a nominating committee for election, J. Deason will Chair the committee, G. Heffner offered to be on committee, would like one person not on board for other member.

D. Waters is stepping down as Chair of the Board and R. Connor is assuming that position till year end of 2025.

### **Chief Morris**

Fire calls: 12 calls, 61 responded, average of 5 responders per call, 3 training sessions, 47 attended, average of 15 per training.

Medical: 40 calls, 122 responded, average of 3 responders per call, 1 training session, 16 attended training.

Public Comments –

Motion to adjourn – 6:20 p.m. by R. Connor, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Heffner; Passed unanimously.

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September 9, 2025

Meeting called to order – 6:00 p.m. by R. Connor

Attendance – G. Heffner, R. Connor, A. Luedecke, J. Deason, M. Welch, V. Narveson and R. Morris

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: A. Luedecke, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Heffner; Passed unanimously.

Financial reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. J. Deason; Passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

New Ladder Truck- Should be delivered Mid December, all parts ordered and waiting for repairs to be finished.

Rec Center Membership – no new update

**New Business**

E83 Back in service. M & M was going to take 4-6 weeks to repair and Freightliner was able to fix the repair in 2 weeks.

E84 Brakes repaired, Not in Service- Aerial Master Stream only if requested

Hose testing coming up later in 2025. Chief is looking at another company to do the testing which would save over \$600.

Motion made to accept new member Sheila Allan as a Fire Fighter and 1<sup>st</sup> Responder by Chief Morris and 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Welch; passed unanimous vote.

Special Thank you to Tom and Steve for all the extra help around station 1.

**Chief Morris**

Fire calls: 12 calls, 61 responded, average of 5 responders per call, 3 training sessions, 51 attended, average of 17 per training.

Medical: 24 calls, 73 responded, average of 3 responders per call, 1 training session, 14 attended training.

Public Comments –

Motion to adjourn – 6:17 p.m. by M. Welch, 2<sup>nd</sup> A. Luedecke; Passed unanimously.

Move to Executive Session – 6:18 p.m.



August 12, 2025

Meeting called to order – 6:02 p.m. by D. Waters

Attendance – G. Heffner, R. Layton, A. Luedecke, J. Deason, D. Waters, M. Welch, V. Narveson and R. Morris

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Layton;  
Passed unanimously.

Financial reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: M. Welch, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Heffner;  
Passed unanimously.

New laptop for 1<sup>st</sup> Responders has arrived.

### **Old Business**

New Ladder Truck- Deposit check has been mailed to Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus from the County. Chief has spoken to the person who was in charge of maintenance on the truck and all records are being sent from Sutphen at a cost of \$170 and the truck was previously leased.

Rec Center Membership – Mike has offered to start a petition

### **New Business**

What is the county doing about the radios? The county has signed a contract but they are behind 18-24 months, it will be awhile before we see any changes; 1% money used for upgrading radios; our existing radios are obsolete; new radios are \$1,850/ea.

### **Chief Morris**

5 new air packs are in service.

Brakes are bad on the ladder truck, 2 new air cylinders have been purchased for \$400 and will be installed by SBF fire fighter Jeff brown.

E83 is out of service, M & M is coming out to look at the power steering fluid leak.

When E82 was purchased there was an agreement with the county to pay \$2800 yearly and this has been rescinded.

Fire calls: 8 calls, 41 responded, average of 5 responders per call, 3 training sessions, 47 attended, average of 15 per training.

Medical: 29 calls, 78 responded, average of 2.7 responders per call, 1 training session, 13 attended training.

Public Comments –

Motion to adjourn – 6:33 p.m. by M. Welch, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Heffner; Passed unanimously.

Move to Executive Session – 6:33 p.m.

D. Waters has applied for an Assistant Fire Marshall position in Waynesville NC. He will finish out 2025 on the board, will step down in 2026. He is also stepping down as Captain and EMR coordinator.

Motion to adjourn – 6:41p.m. by M. Welch, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Heffner; Passed unanimously.

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July 8, 2025

Meeting called to order – 6:04 p.m. by D. Waters

Attendance –J. Deason, G. Heffner, R. Layton, A. Luedecke, D. Waters, M. Welch, V. Narveson, R. Connor and R. Morris

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence for victims of floods in Texas.

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: R. Connor, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Welch; Passed unanimously.

Financial reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup> A Luedecke; Passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

SBFD Volunteers & Family Picnic July 12 – 4:40-8:30 pm Chief could use a little help setting up early afternoon.

Rec Center membership – SLV Board of Directors feels this needs to be brought up to the Tax Commission. M. Welch and R. Connor will be at the Tax Commission meeting Monday July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business**

M. Welch brought up that he was approached t help with “Get Connected” The chamber is trying to set up “scenarios that could happen in McCormick”. Looking at maybe bringing in a smokehouse for fire safety. Fire safety may include smokehouse, auto extrication, smoke alarms, fire escape plan, etc. More to follow

Chief says flag pole has been installed at Station 2.

**Chief Morris**

New Truck –2 members are going to NY, July 14-16 to look at a 2019 70ft platform ladder truck with 29,000+ miles. Originally priced at \$850,000, negotiated down to \$750,000. If this all looks good the truck will be brought down to Alabama and we will have it gone over thoroughly by MM Fire Apparatus Repair, Inc. out of Laurens, SC before it would be delivered (free delivery) to McCormick.

Fire calls: 17 calls, 87 responded, average of 5 responders per call, 3 training sessions, 47 attended, average of 15 per training.

Medical: 36 calls, 132 responded, average of 4 responders per call, 1 training session, 15 attended training.

Public Comments –

Motion to adjourn – 6:42 p.m. by A. Luedecke, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Layton, Passed unanimously.

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June 10, 2025

Meeting called to order – 5:58 p.m. by D. Waters

Attendance – G. Heffner, R. Layton, A. Luedecke, D. Waters, M. Welch, V. Narveson, R. Connor and R. Morris

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: R. Connor, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Welch; Passed unanimously.

Financial reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: A. Luedecke, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Connor; Passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

Keith Bohler was present and will try to make sure there is more detail on all expenses shown on financial reports.

Family Picnic July 12 – sign-up sheets on counter

CD Renewal

SBVFD – Motion made to rollover entire CD for 12 Months at 3.50% by A. Luedecke; 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Connor; passed unanimously

Ed Meyer - Motion made to renew \$20,000, for 12 months at 3.50% and deposit the difference of \$7012.05 into the checking account by R. Connor 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Welch; passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

Glenn requested that a thank you letter for the \$1,000 donation from the Lutheran Church By The Lake to the Ed Meyer account states the funds will be used for medical supplies for the EMR's.

M. Welch shared there is discussions with the SLV BOD and Kirk Smith requesting free or reduced rate use of the SLV Rec Center by SBVFD membership.

2 AED's are not working; D. Waters purchased 6 refurbished AED's at a cost of \$700/unit and batteries at a cost of \$72 from the Ed Meyer checking account.

### **Chief Morris**

New Roof at Station 2 will be completed this year

New Truck –Motion made to name line officers of the Fire Department to a truck committee to review and inspect to see what is best for this Dept. Motion to approve: D. Waters, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Connor; passed unanimously.

Pump test was completed on all engines and all passed. E81 has valve issues to be fixed.

Hose testing to be completed in July at Plum Branch station 50.

Fire calls: 12 calls, 81 responded, average of 6.75 responders per call, 3 training sessions, 49 attended, average of 16 per training.

Medical: 40 calls, 166 responded, average of 4+ responders per call, 1 training session, 26 attended training.

Public Comments –

Motion to adjourn –6:39 p.m. by G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Welch Passed unanimously.

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## **MINUTES**

May 13, 2025

Meeting called to order – 6:00 p.m. by D. Waters

Attendance – G. Heffner, R. Layton, A. Luedecke, D. Waters, M. Welch, V. Narveson, J. Deason, R. Connor (Zoom) and R. Morris

## Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: M. Welch, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Heffner;  
Passed unanimously.

Financial reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: M. Welch, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Heffner;  
Passed unanimously.

## Old Business

Bylaws – Approved and submitted to committee and sent to the membership.  
30/37 voted approval, 1 nay. Motion to enact these bylaws based on 81% approval by  
R. Connor, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Welch, passed

## New Business

### Chief Morris

Grant received – to be used for RAM, 2 chain kits and TKO nozzle.

Bob would like to expand our monthly meals and purchase recreational equipment, for around \$800, would like to have SBVFD volunteers & family picnic on July 12. Motion to empower the Chief to purchase recreational equipment for picnic and fire department use by A. Luedecke, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Deason.

Replaced 12V automotive batteries on Brush Truck 85; previous batteries over 3 years old (warranty is 3 years).

Flag pole at station 2 – Should be completed soon

Plaque for auxiliary is being ordered

EMR Equipment – Dickie will be ordering AEDs, Batteries, Pads and various bandages.

Fire calls: 8 calls, 68 responded, average of 8.5 responders per call, 4 training sessions, 63 attended, average of 16 per training.

Medical: 43 calls, 122 responded, average of 3 responders per call, 1 training session, 17 attended training.

Public Comments – K. Binkley – need quote for funds to purchase Zoom and also need an adaptor.

R. Whiteall – do we have window stickers for Vials for Life?

Motion to adjourn –6:34 p.m. by A. Luedecke, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Welch Passed unanimously.

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## MINUTES

April 9, 2024

Meeting called to order – 6:00 p.m. by D. Waters

Attendance: J. Deason, G. Heffner, A. Luedecke, R. Layton, D. Waters, J. Wilkes, C. Granger, R. Morris, and K. Narveson

### Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: R. Layton, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Heffner; passed unanimously.

Financial Reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Layton; passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

Need new openers for Station 1. POA should be picking up the tab. 2<sup>nd</sup> estimate gotten from Aiken Overhead Door Company, and they have gotten the bid.

Should we have Open House in May? Hand out Safety info and smoke alarm info. Get to know your firefighters and first responders. No food served. It was decided to put it out to the general membership.

Roof at Station 2 will not be getting replaced at this time. Tax commission not in favor of spending the money since roof is not leaking.

Wording changes in the contract between tax commission and SBVFD are complete.

Presentation was made to the capital acquisitions committee on 4/8 for \$400K from penny sales tax for used ladder truck.

### **New Business**

Hose testing to be done May 6-9.

Extrication tools need annual testing. Dates TBD.

May do an extrication class later in the year in conjunction with MCES. Dates TBD  
MCES to get vehicles.

Fire calls: 9 calls. 42 Responded. Average of 4.67 responders per call. 4 calls in our  
district. Mutual aid given on 5 calls. 3 training sessions. 40 people total. Average 13.3  
per training.

Medical: 47 calls – 7 outside SLV. 176 responders. Average of 3.75 per call. 1 training  
session, 17 attendees

Motion to adjourn- 6:27 pm by A. Luedecke, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Heffner; Passed unanimously.

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## MINUTES

March 12, 2024

Meeting called to order – 6:00 p.m. by D. Waters

Attendance: J. Deason, G. Heffner, R. Connor, R. Layton, D. Waters, J. Wilkes, C.  
Granger, R. Morris, and V. Narveson

### Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: R. Connor, 2<sup>nd</sup> G.Heffner;  
passed unanimously.

Financial Reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Connor;  
passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

New Back Up Cameras for E's 81 and 83. Should be in place the end of March. This  
task is complete.

Maintenance on garage doors completed. Need new openers for Station 1. POA  
should be picking up the tab. 2<sup>nd</sup> estimate is in the works.

Pancake breakfast is on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Should we have Open House in April or May? May was thought to be better option. Hand out Safety info and smoke alarm info. Get to know your firefighters and first responders. No food served.

### **New Business**

Roof at Station 2 needs replacing. Working with tax commission on this.

Budget for 2024 went to tax commission. Approved.

Wording changes in the contract between tax commission and SBVFD being done.

Maintenance issues all been taken care of except for Station 2 roof.

Seeking \$400,000 from penny sales tax to new or used purchase ladder truck. We will supply truck anywhere in county it is needed.

Extrication class April 12-13 IF we can get cars delivered.

Girl Scout Troop to visit station 1 on 3/25 to work on first aid merit badge.

Fire calls: 6 calls. 26 Responded. Average of 4.33 responders per call. 3 training sessions. Average 16 per training.

Medical: 42 calls – 7 outside SLV, 170 responders. Average of 4.0 per call. 1 training session, 15 attendees

Motion to adjourn- 6:32 pm by G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Connor; Passed unanimously.

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## MINUTES

February 18, 2025

Meeting called to order – 6:05 p.m. by D. Waters

Attendance – G. Heffner, R. Layton, A. Luedecke, D. Waters, M. Welch, and R. Morris

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: A. Luedecke, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Heffner; Passed unanimously.

Financial reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: M. Welch, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Heffner; Passed unanimously.

## **Old Business**

Request for flagpole at Station 2. Special tax commission member to check with SLV POA regarding payment. Mike Welch has a telescoping flagpole he is willing to give us.

Ladder truck- 1% tax proposition approved; however, no money is currently available. Need to know from County Council when funds will be received. The chief and special tax commission are looking into the possibility if money is spent prior to becoming available would it be reimbursed. No update.

G. Heffner stated the annual Ladies Night Out event on February 25<sup>th</sup> will have 50 attendees.

Process for amending Bylaws – Dickie will establish a small membership Bylaw committee with goals, timeframes, and attendees. Ron Connor will be Board liaison. Committee has been created.

Chief Morris is putting together new Bylaws; should be completed next month. After Board review of new Bylaws, submit to membership for 30 day review.

Financial Audit – Audit completed 1/6/25. Vicki is asking Mike Duffy to send over findings from the audit.

Ed Meyer Checking Account Signers – Remove C. Granger and add D. Waters and R. Layton to keep in uniform with the other accounts. Paperwork to be completed at the bank when Vicki returns in February.

## **New Business**

Chief Morris stated that the Hurst combi extrication tool has been serviced and tested by Municipal Emergency Services (MES). Rehab truck 86 needs to go to Pendarvis Chevrolet in Edgefield, SC for recall repair (week of 2/23). Also, 2 new front tires to be put on Rehab truck this week. Preventive maintenance on trucks (not ladder truck) this month by MM Fire Apparatus Repair, Inc.

## **Chief Morris**

Fire calls: 9 calls (6 in SLV, 1 in district, 2 mutual aid), 89 responded, average of 10 responders per call, 2 training sessions, 33 attended, average of 16 per training.

Medical: 44 calls (3 outside SLV), 95 responded, average of 2.2 responders per call, 1 training session, 17 attended. We are short of EMR's; 9 department members are taking EMR class of which 6 are also firefighters.

EMR Application: Stacy Galloway (has experience working with senior citizens); Motion by M. Welch to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Layton; Passed unanimously.

Public Comments – there were no public comments from the membership in attendance.

Motion to adjourn – 6:40 p.m. by M. Welch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Layton, Passed unanimously.

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## MINUTES

January 14, 2025

Meeting called to order – 6:03 p.m. by D. Waters

Attendance – M. Welch, G. Heffner, D. Waters, R. Connor, A. Ludecke, R. Layton, V. Narveson (by phone) and R. Morris

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: M. Welch, 2<sup>nd</sup>: R. Connor. Unanimously approved.

Financial reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: R. Connor 2<sup>nd</sup>: A. Ludecke. Unanimously approved

### **Old Business**

Request for flagpole at Station 2. Action Item - Special tax commission to check with SLV POA on status. No progress.

Ladder truck- shopping for new one based on the probability of 1% tax not passing. 1% tax proposition approved; however, no money is currently available. April-June ETA for money to become available. The chief and special tax commission are looking into the possibility if money is spent prior to becoming available would it be reimbursed. Waiting for new council members to address. No Update

G. Heffner stated the annual Ladies Night Out event will take place on February 25<sup>th</sup> at the River Grill. Menu-Prime Rib, or Pan Seared Salmon, Salad, Potato and Desert

Process for amending by-laws – Open by law changes to the membership. Motion made by R. Connor to create a small group committee to take membership feedback , 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Heffner, unanimously approved.

Dickie will establish a small membership bylaw committee with goals, timeframes, and attendees. Ron will be board liaison.

Chief Morris has put together new bylaws, Motion made by A. Ludecke to receive these bylaws for review, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Connor, unanimously approved.

Financial Audit – Audit completed 1/6/25. Vicki is asking Mike to send over findings from the audit.

Ed Meyer Checking Signers- Recommendation was sent to board members. Remove C. Granger and add D. Waters and also add R. Layton to keep in uniform with the other accounts. Paperwork to be completed at the bank when Vicki returns in February.

### **New Business**

Election of Chair and Co-Chair

A.Ludecke nominated D. Waters for Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> R, Layton, passed unanimously approved.

R. Layton nominated R. Connor for Co-Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> A. Ludecke, passed unanimously approved.

Discussion on moving the board meeting – Due to length of meetings sometimes and not to interfere with the monthly dinner. R. Connor made a motion to move the board meeting to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Welch, passed unanimously approved.

Update on delivering funds to injured Firefighter Ricky Freeman- Chief Morris is waiting for Ricky to get out of the hospital to present the check of \$5000.00

Chief Morris

Fire calls: 8 calls. Responded. Average of responders per call. 4 training sessions. 1 people total.12 Average per training 12.

Medical: calls 25– responders. 72 Average of responders per call. 8 training session, 1 attendees 9

Motion to adjourn – 6:45 PM by A. Ludecke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Connor, Unanimously approved.

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## MINUTES

December 17, 2024

Meeting called to order – 6:00 p.m. by D. Waters

Attendance – M. Welch, G. Heffner, D. Waters, J. Deason, R. Connor, V. Narveson and R. Morris

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: M. Welch, 2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Heffner. Unanimously approved.

Financial reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: R. Connor 2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Heffner. Unanimously approved

### Old Business

Request for flagpole at Station 2. Action Item - Special tax commission to check with SLV POA on status.

Hurst Tool will be tested in October at the EMS building. To date has not occurred, waiting for a new date to be completed.

SCBA mask fit test scheduled for November. Rescheduled for January 14, 2025

Ladder truck- shopping for new one based on the probability of 1% tax not passing. 1% tax proposition approved; however, no money is currently available. April-June ETA for money to become available. The chief and special tax commission are looking into the possibility if money is spent prior to becoming available would it be reimbursed. .

### New Business

G. Heffner stated the annual Ladies Night Out event will take place on February 25<sup>th</sup> at the River Grill. Menu-Prime Rib, or Pan Seared Salmon, Salad, Potato and Desert

Agenda for future board meetings will be changed to include a public comment section where members can address the board with questions and/or concerns.

Firefighter training cancelled December 24, 2024.

Process for amending by-laws – Open by law changes to the membership. Motion made by R. Connor to create a 3 person to take membership feedback , (Chairperson R. Connor, and 1 Firefighter member and 1 First Responder member.) 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Heffner, unanimously approved.

#### Member comments vs addressing the board

Member comments is a member that has a comment in the board meeting

Addressing the board- member wants to make a presentation to the board and must ask to be added to the agenda.

Financial Audit – G. Heffner will contact Michael to schedule.

All monthly reports, prior months minutes and agenda must be emailed no later than 6pm the Monday of the board meeting.

#### **Chief Morris**

EMR class – Scheduled to be conducted January 2025.

Fire calls: 9 calls. 40 Responded. Average of 4.4 responders per call. 3 training sessions. 47 people total. Average 16 per training.

Medical: 27 calls – 7 outside SLV. 91 responders. Average of 3.4 responders per call. 1 training session, 11 attendees

Motion to adjourn – 6:43 PM by G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Deason. Unanimously approved.

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#### MINUTES

November 12, 2024

Meeting called to order – 6:05 p.m. by D. Waters

Attendance – M. Welch, G. Heffner, D. Waters, A. Luedecke, J. Deason, R. Connor, and R. Morris

## Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: R. Connor, 2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Heffner. Unanimously approved.

Financial reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: G. Heffner 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mike Welch. Unanimously approved

## Old Business

Request for flagpole at Station 2. Action Item - Special tax commission to check with SLV POA on status.

Glenn is proposing purchasing glass mugs with SBVFD logo for all members at \$19.95 each. To be paid from 1% funds. Chief suggested a coffee mug from Zazzel w/discount as another. No further action is needed, remove from the agenda.

Suggestion to put out recruitment notice in Neighborlink for FF and 1<sup>st</sup> responders. Bob to take care of. Hoping to have a 1<sup>st</sup> Responder class in January or February 2025. No further action is needed, remove from the agenda.

Hurst Tool will be tested in October at the EMS building. To date has not occurred, waiting for a new date to be completed.

SCBA mask fit test scheduled for November. Tests will occur during the annual meeting in December. No further action is needed, remove from the agenda.

Hurricane – brief discussion on events, current status of the county's response. No further action is needed, remove from the agenda.

Ladder truck- shopping for new one based on the probability of 1% tax not passing. 1% tax proposition approved; however, no money is currently available. April-June ETA for money to become available. The chief and special tax commission are looking into the possibility if money is spent prior to becoming available would it be reimbursed.

Need head count at November meeting for December annual meeting. No further action is needed, remove from the agenda.

## New Business

G. Heffner stated the annual Ladies Night Out event will take place on February 27<sup>th</sup> at the River Grill. He will have a signup sheet at the annual meeting in December.

Accumulation of compensation for checks will be cut off on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Nominating committee – R. Layton, R. Connor, J. Deason elected to the nominating committee. All nominations will be sent to them. Two board members are at the end of

their term (A. Luedecke and D. Waters). Both are running for an additional term. Nominations for Chief, board members, and secretary/treasurer will be solicited from the membership, compiled, and presented at the annual meeting.

Membership compensation – Discussion pertaining to compensation to membership was discussed. The decision was made that home inspections conducted by the membership will not be compensated. Backpay will be reimbursed to board members who attended monthly meetings from 1/1/24 to current.

An amendment to the by-laws pertaining to all compensation will be brought forward to the membership for approval at the annual meeting.

Agenda for future board meetings will be changed to include a public comment section where members can address the board with questions and/or concerns.

Firefighter training cancelled December 24, 2024.

## **Chief Morris**

New applications:

- Ray Whitall – Firefighter – Motion: R. Connor, 2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Heffner, unanimously approved.
- Thomas Turchek – Firefighter and 1<sup>st</sup> Responder - Motion: G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup>: M. Welch, unanimously approved.
- John Avino – Firefighter and 1<sup>st</sup> responder - Motion: R. Connor, 2<sup>nd</sup>: A. Luedecke, unanimously approved.
- Paul Fitzgerald – Firefighter and 1<sup>st</sup> responder - Motion: A. Luedecke, 2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Heffner, unanimously approved.
- Jennifer Ware – 1<sup>st</sup> responder - Motion: G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup>: A. Luedecke, unanimously approved.
- Greg Pertz – 1<sup>st</sup> responder - Motion: A. Luedecke, 2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Heffner, unanimously approved.

Garage doors repaired.

Ladder truck 84 – Runs but hydraulic leak not fixed. Currently out of service.

EMR class – Scheduled to be conducted January 2025.

Ladder testing – completed with exception of ladder truck 84.

Martin Godell resigned – he has moved out of the area.

911 Calls:

- 25 - fire calls
- 38 - 1<sup>st</sup> responder calls

Training:

- 3 – firefighter
- 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> responder

Motion to adjourn – 6:55 PM by G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Deason. Unanimously approved.

An Executive session was conducted afterwards.

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## Minutes

October 15, 2024

Meeting called to order – 6:00 p.m. by D. Waters

Attendance – D. Waters, R. Layton, J. Deason, G. Heffner, A. Luedecke, M. Welch, R. Connor, R. Morris, K. Narveson for V. Narveson

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion: R. Connor 2<sup>nd</sup>: A. Luedecke. Passed unanimously.

Financial reports – Sent out previously. Motion: R. Connor. 2<sup>nd</sup>: A. Luedecke. Passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

Request for flag pole at Station 2. POA has agreed to purchase and install pole. Nothing new to report

Glenn is proposing purchasing glass mugs with SBVFD logo for all members at \$19.95 each. To be paid from 1% funds. Chief suggested a coffee mug from Zazzel w/discount as another option. Order forms on counter at Station 1. People allowed to choose which one they want.

Suggestion to put out recruitment notice in Neighborlink for FF and 1<sup>st</sup> responders. Bob to take care of. Hoping to have a 1<sup>st</sup> Responder class in January or February 2025. Pushed out to November.

SCBA flow test to be completed on 9/24/24. Done. Passed.

Hurst tool will be tested in October at the EMS building. Waiting on an appointment confirmation.

Holmatro tools testing complete.

SCBA mask fit test scheduled for November. Trying to set up through Abbeville.

### **New Business**

Hurricane – brief discussion on events, current status of the county's response  
Ladder truck- shopping for new one based on the probability of 1% tax not passing.

Open House – pushed to April 2025. Pancake breakfast – still Saturday after Thanksgiving. Proceeds to be donated to family of Bethia firefighter injured during hurricane response. Motion: A. Luedecke 2<sup>nd</sup>: M. Welch. Motion to donate additional \$2500. Motion: A. Luedecke, 2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Heffner. Both motions passed unanimously

Need head count at November meeting for December annual meeting

October FF calls – 12 runs (8 in SLV), 2 in district, 59 total responders. 5 avg., Gave auto aid 4 times, received twice. 3 training sessions – 41 total responders

1<sup>st</sup> Responders – 34 calls, (6 outside SLV) 114 total responders. 3.4 avg. 1 training session – 14 attendees

2 new applicants – Carol Tompkins for EMR's. Motion: R. Connor. 2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Heffner Approved unanimously. Bruce Condrey for FF's. Motion: D. Waters 2<sup>nd</sup>: R. Connor Approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn –A. Luedecke. 2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Heffner Approved unanimously at 6:38 p.m.

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September 10, 2024

Meeting called to order – 5:45 p.m. by D. Waters

Attendance – R. Layton, G. Heffner, D. Waters, A. Luedecke, J. Deason, R. Connor, R. Morris, and V. Narveson,

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: R. Connor, 2<sup>nd</sup> : A. Luedecke. Passed unanimously

Financial reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: R. Connor 2 nd : R.Layton.  
Passed unanimously

### Old Business

Request for flag pole at Station 2. POA has agreed to purchase and install pole.

Glenn is proposing purchasing glass mugs with SBVFD logo for all members at \$19.95 each. To be paid from 1% funds.

Chief suggested a coffee mug from Zazzel w/discount as another.

Suggestion to put out recruitment notice in Neighborlink for FF and 1 st responders. Bob to take care of. Hoping to have a

1 st Responder class in January or February 2025.

SCBA flow test to be completed on 9/24/24.

Hurst Tool will be tested in October at the EMS building

SCBA mask fit test scheduled for November.

### New Business

Motion made by A. Luedecke, 2 nd by G. Heffner to move the October Business Meeting to October 15, due to the Open

House on October 8.

Chief Morris

- Fire Calls - 12 Calls, 7 in district, 91 Total Responders. 7.5 per responders per run. 3 Training Sessions, 44 attended.

15 attendees average

- 1 st Responders – 40 Calls 139 Responders, 3.5 responders per run. 1 Training Session – 13 attendees.

Motion to adjourn – 6:05 PM by A. Luedecke; 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Connor. Passed unanimously.

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August 13, 2024

Meeting called to order – 6:00

Attendance – R. Layton, G. Heffner, D. Waters, A. Luedecke, J. Wilkes, J. Deason, R. Connor, R. Morris, K. Narveson,

C. Granger

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: R. Connor, 2<sup>nd</sup>: R. Layton  
Passed unanimously

Financial reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup>: R. Layton.  
Passed unanimously

### Old Business

Need new openers for Station 1. Aiken Overhead Door got the bid. All work has been done.

Glenn wants to remove shrubs in front of Station 1. He has taken it to ACC for approval. Nothing new here.

Request for flag pole at Station 2. POA has agreed to purchase and install pole.

Pump test scheduled for 7/11/24. Test was conducted. Everything passed.

Glenn is proposing purchasing glass mugs with SBVFD logo for all members at \$15 each. To be paid from 1% funds. Nothing new here.

Suggestion to put out recruitment notice in Neighborlink for FF and 1<sup>st</sup> responders. Bob to take care of.

Remove note about retirements

## New Business

Chief Morris

- 12 Calls in July. 5 in SLV. 7 outside. 61 Total Responders. 3 Training Sessions. 11 attendees average
- Next months meeting will contain an executive session from 5:45 to 6:00.
- Flow tests will be done in September
- SCBA mask fit tests scheduled for November
- One applicant for fire. Full time EMT in Abbeville, paramedic in training. Motion made by D. Waters ; 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Connor; Approved pending a background check by R. Morris.
- Hurst Tool will be tested in October at the EMS building.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Responders - 44 Calls in July – 2.6 responders per run. 1 Training Session – 15 attendees.

Motion to adjourn – 6:22 PM by G. Heffner; 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Connor. Passed unanimously.

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July 9, 2024

Meeting called to order: 6:00 p.m. by D. WATERS

Attendance: D. Waters, R. Layton, J. Wilkes, R. Connor, R. Morris and V. Narveson

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: R. Layton, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Connor; passed unanimously.

Financial Reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: R. Layton, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Connor ; passed unanimously.

## **Old Business**

Need new openers for Station 1. Ladder truck front door needs to be opened manually due to opener rails being too short for front door. POA should be picking up the tab. 2<sup>nd</sup> estimate gotten from Aiken Overhead Door Company, and they have gotten the bid. Openers have been ordered and hope for a July installation. One installation is complete on back door behind ladder truck.

Glenn wants to rip out the shrubs in front of Station 1, he is taking this to the ACC for approval

Request for a Flag pole at Station 2. POA might purchase or SBVFD will purchase. Jim Brady is also checking to see if MAVVA can donate.

Pump Test scheduled for July 11, 2024

## **New Business**

Glenn is proposing purchasing glass mugs with the SBVFD logo etched for all 32 members at a cost of \$15.00 each and this can be paid for by the 1% account. Plan is to handout mugs at Spouses Night Out in February 2025.

Retirements- Gary and Colleen Smith, Ruth Obermeyer, Russ Griffith and Hunter Barnes

Suggestion to put a call out on Neighborlink for Firefighters and First Responders

Fire calls: 4 calls. 26 Responded. Average of 6.5 responders per call. 3 training sessions. 40 people total. Average 13.3 per training..

Medical: 33 calls – 7 outside SLV, 103 responders. Average of 3.1 per call. 1 training session, 17 attendee

Motion to adjourn- 6:25 pm by R. Layton, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Connor; Passed unanimously.

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June 11, 2024

Meeting called to order: 6:00pm

Attendance: G. Heffner, A. Luedecke, J. Wilkes, D. Waters, R. Connor, B. Morris and V. Narveson

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: R. Connor, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Heffner; passed unanimously.

Financial Reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: R. Connor, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Heffner; passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

Need new openers for Station 1. POA should be picking up the tab. 2<sup>nd</sup> estimate gotten from Aiken Overhead Door Company, and they have gotten the bid. Openers have been ordered and hope for a July installation.

Presentation was made to the capital acquisitions committee on 4/8 for \$400K from penny sales tax for used ladder truck. We will find out in November if this was approved.

Hose testing done May 6-9 and all hose passed

Extrication tools annual testing will be completed after July 1.

Glenn wants to rip out the shrubs in front of Station 1, he is taking this to the ACC for approval

Driveway at Station 1 needs to be re-sealed as lots of grass is growing through the cracks.

### **New Business**

Request for a Flag pole at Station 2. Bob will get quotes and was suggested to check with Woodman of the World as they are known to donate.

Pump Test scheduled end of June or first of July

With the past storms and trees that the Firefighters helped remove with the chain saws, SBVFD is not covered by Insurance. There are 2 trainers coming from Forestry tonight to train the Firefighters.

Fire calls: 6 calls. 35 Responded. Average of 6 responders per call. 3 training sessions. 37 people total. Average 12 per training.

Medical: 35 calls – 118 responders. Average of 3.4 per call. 1 training session, 18 attendees

Motion to adjourn- 6:18 pm by R. Connor, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Heffner; Passed unanimously.

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May 14, 2024

Attendance: J. Deason, G. Heffner, A. Luedecke, R. Layton, D. Waters, and V. Narveson

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: J. Deason, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Heffner; passed unanimously.

Financial Reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: R. Connor, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Heffner; passed unanimously.

Old Business

Need new openers for Station 1. POA should be picking up the tab. 2<sup>nd</sup> estimate gotten from Aiken Overhead Door

Company, and they have gotten the bid. Openers have been ordered and a 2 week lead time to have them installed.

Should we have Open House in May? Hand out Safety info and smoke alarm info. Get to know your firefighters and first responders. No food served. It was decided to put it out to the general membership. Due to timing this will be in 2025.

Presentation was made to the capital acquisitions committee on 4/8 for \$400K from penny sales tax for used ladder truck. We will find out in November if this was approved.

Hose testing done May 6-9 and all hose passed

Extrication tools annual testing will be completed after July 1.

## New Business

Comp checks end date is 5/15/24, and checks will be issued in June.

Glenn wants to rip out the shrubs in front of Station 1, he is taking this to the ACC for approval

Driveway at Station 1 needs to be re-sealed as lots of grass is growing through the cracks.

Fire calls: 8 calls. 40 Responded. Average of 5 responders per call. 3 training sessions. 43 people total. Average 14 per training.

Medical: 29 calls – 96 responders. Average of 3.3 per call. 1 training session, 16 attendees

Motion to adjourn- 6:12 pm by R. Connor, 2 nd A. Luedeke; Passed unanimously.

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April 9, 2024

Meeting called to order – 6:00 p.m. by D. Waters

Attendance: J. Deason, G. Heffner, A. Luedecke, R. Layton, D. Waters, J. Wilkes, C. Granger, R. Morris, and K. Narveson

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: R. Layton, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Heffner; passed unanimously.

Financial Reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Layton; passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

Need new openers for Station 1. POA should be picking up the tab. 2<sup>nd</sup> estimate gotten from Aiken Overhead Door Company, and they have gotten the bid.

Should we have Open House in May? Hand out Safety info and smoke alarm info. Get to know your firefighters and first responders. No food served. It was decided to put it out to the general membership.

Roof at Station 2 will not be getting replaced at this time. Tax commission not in favor of spending the money since roof is not leaking.

Wording changes in the contract between tax commission and SBVFD are complete.

Presentation was made to the capital acquisitions committee on 4/8 for \$400K from penny sales tax for used ladder truck.

### **New Business**

Hose testing to be done May 6-9.

Extrication tools need annual testing. Dates TBD.

May do an extrication class later in the year in conjunction with MCES. Dates TBD  
MCES to get vehicles.

Fire calls: 9 calls. 42 Responded. Average of 4.67 responders per call. 4 calls in our district. Mutual aid given on 5 calls. 3 training sessions. 40 people total. Average 13.3 per training.

Medical: 47 calls – 7 outside SLV. 176 responders. Average of 3.75 per call. 1 training session, 17 attendees

Motion to adjourn- 6:27 pm by A. Luedecke, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Heffner; Passed unanimously.

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## Sandy Branch Fire Board Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2024

Meeting called to order – 6:00 p.m. by D. Waters

Attendance: J. Deason, G. Heffner, R. Connor, R. Layton, D. Waters, J. Wilkes, C. Granger, R. Morris, and V. Narveson

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: R. Connor, 2<sup>nd</sup> G.Heffner; passed unanimously.

Financial Reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Connor; passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

New Back Up Cameras for E's 81 and 83. Should be in place the end of March. This task is complete.

Maintenance on garage doors completed. Need new openers for Station 1. POA should be picking up the tab. 2<sup>nd</sup> estimate is in the works.

Pancake breakfast is on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Should we have Open House in April or May? May was thought to be better option. Hand out Safety info and smoke alarm info. Get to know your firefighters and first responders. No food served.

### **New Business**

Roof at Station 2 needs replacing. Working with tax commission on this.

Budget for 2024 went to tax commission. Approved.

Wording changes in the contract between tax commission and SBVFD being done.

Maintenance issues all been taken care of except for Station 2 roof.

Seeking \$400,000 from penny sales tax to new or used purchase ladder truck. We will supply truck anywhere in county it is needed.

Extrication class April 12-13 IF we can get cars delivered.

Girl Scout Troop to visit station 1 on 3/25 to work on first aid merit badge.

Fire calls: 6 calls. 26 Responded. Average of 4.33 responders per call. 3 training sessions. Average 16 per training.

Medical: 42 calls – 7 outside SLV, 170 responders. Average of 4.0 per call. 1 training session, 15 attendees

Motion to adjourn- 6:32 pm by G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Connor; Passed unanimously.

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## Sandy Branch Fire Board Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2024

Meeting called to order – 6:00 p.m. by D. Waters

Attendance: J. Deason, G. Heffner, R. Connor, R. Layton, A. Luedecke, D. Waters, J. Wilkes, C. Granger, R. Morris, and V. Narveson

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: J. Deason, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Connor; passed unanimously.

Financial Reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: R. Connor, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Layton; passed unanimously.

Discussion – Make sure Keith Bohler has description on all transactions

### **Old Business**

Ladder testing will be 11/27/23, all ground ladders passed, Aerial did not pass waiting on a wiring harness repair, then will be re-tested. Cannot operate nozzle from pedestal.

Ladies Night out will be February 15<sup>th</sup> at the River Grille. \$38.00/person. Roast Chicken, Top Round Roast, Salad, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes and Cheesecake. Cocktails starting at 5:30pm and Dinner starting at 6:00pm. Let Glenn know your menu choice ASAP.

Chief Morris would like to see Ladies Night out renamed to Spouse Appreciation

Firefighter Physicals (at ES building) – Blood Draw 1/19/24 5:30am-9:00 am (must fast), Physicals 1/24/24 starting at 2pm – All Physicals completed and everyone passed

### **New Business**

New Back up Cameras for E 81 and E 83 have been ordered and should be in place by end of March.

Garage doors have been maintained, POA only approved garage door remotes; Openers won't work with new remotes. Need new garage door openers for Station 1; Waiting for estimate and POA should be paying for these openers.

March 23 Pancake Breakfast

Should we have an open house in April – Get to know your Firefighters and First Responders. No food

Fire calls: 8 calls. 50 Responded. Average of 6.25 responders per call. 3 training sessions. Average 16 per training.

Medical: 42 calls, 164 responders. Average of 4.0 per call. 1 training session, 16 attendees

Motion to adjourn- 6:27 pm by G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Deason; Passed unanimously.

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## Sandy Branch Fire Board Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2024

Meeting called to order – 6:00 p.m. by J. Deason

Attendance: J. Deason, G. Heffner, R. Connor, R. Layton, A. Luedecke, D. Waters, R. Morris, and V. Narveson

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: R. Connor, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Layton; passed unanimously.

Financial Reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: R. Connor, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Layton; passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

Ladder testing will be 11/27/23, all ground ladders passed, Aerial did not pass waiting on a wiring harness repair, then will be re-tested. Cannot operate nozzle from pedestal.

Ladies Night out will be February 15<sup>th</sup> at the River Grille. \$38.00/person. Roast Chicken, Top Round Roast, Salad, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes and Cheesecake. Cocktails starting at 5:30pm and Dinner starting at 6:00pm. Let Glenn know your menu choice ASAP.

Firefighter Physicals (at ES building) – Blood Draw 1/19/24 5:30am-9:00 am (must fast), Physicals 1/24/24 starting at 2pm

### **New Business**

Elect new chairperson and vice chairperson

Motion made to elect Dickie Waters for chairperson by R. Connor, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Deason; Passed unanimously.

Motion made to elect R. Layton for vice chairperson by R. Connor, 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Waters  
Passed unanimously.

The Contract with the Tax Commission and SBVFD comes up in June 2024. There is no need for compensation increase.

New firefighter applicant Vance Jordan. Motion made by A. Luedecke, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Heffner; passed unanimously.

Chief Morris is ordering 2 sets of turnout gear for Dean Domas and Jeff Brown

Chief Morris attended 4 classes for Fire Safe SC 2023.

Fire calls: 12 calls. 86 responded. Average of 7 responders per call. 2 training sessions. Average 16 per training.

Medical: 29 calls, 125 responders. Average of 4.3 per call. 2 training session, 19 attendees

Motion to adjourn- 6:25 pm by D. Waters, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Connor; Passed unanimously.

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## Sandy Branch Fire Board Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2023

Meeting called to order – 6:00 p.m. by J. Deason

Attendance: J. Deason, G. Heffner, R. Connor, R. Layton, A. Luedke, D. Waters, C. Granger, B. Morris, and V. Narveson

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: R. Connor, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Heffner; passed unanimously.

Financial Reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: R. Connor, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Layton; passed unanimously.

Old Business

J. Deason reports there is nothing in the bylaws for what to do about flowers or donations for family member's funeral.

Discussion on formalizing something. Vote at Annual Meeting as this is a 1% Expenditure.

Three board positions up at end of year. (Ralph, Glenn, Nena) Ralph to send out email for notice of interest in serving on the board. G. Heffner, R. Layton, J. Wilkes and K. Narveson are interested in being on the board.

Ladder testing will be 11/27/23, all ground ladders passed, Aerial did not pass waiting on a wiring harness repair, then will be re-tested.

Ladies Night out will be February 15 th at the River Grille. \$38.00/person. Roast Chicken, Top Round Roast, Salad, Green

Beans, Mashed Potatoes and Cheesecake. Cocktails starting at 5:30pm and Dinner starting at 6:00pm

New Website is up and is through Go Daddy- Cancelling Your First Due

#### New Business

New Firefighter Dennis Brown. Motion made by R. Connor, 2 nd G. Heffner; passed unanimously.

New Website is up and running.

Purchased LED lights for E 81 and E 83

D. Domas passed Firefighter 1 certification.

All Firefighters have received new accountability tags

Payrolls will now have ending dates of May 15 and November 15

Fire calls: 9 calls. 56 responded. Average of 6 responders per call. 3 training sessions. Average 13 per training.

Medical: 24 calls, 92 responders. Average of 3.8 per call. 1 training session, 19 attendees

Motion to adjourn- 6:25 by D. Waters, 2 nd R. Connor; Passed unanimously.

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## MINUTES

December 12, 2023

Meeting called to order – 7:10 by Chief Morris

Chief and Secretary positions – R. Morris and V. Narveson interested in retaining positions.

Motion to re-elect R. Morris for Chief was made by F. Seminski, 2 nd R. Connor

Motion made to elect K. Narveson as Chief by K. Binkley, 2 nd M. Boerner

Election held for Chief by written vote – Chief Morris was elected by majority vote.

Motion to re-elect V. Narveson for Secretary/Treasurer made by R. Connor 2 nd K. Binkley;  
passed unanimous

vote.

Three board positions up at end of year. (Ralph, Glenn, Nena) Ralph to send out email for notice of interest in serving on

the board. G. Heffner, R. Layton, J. Wilkes and K. Narveson are interested in being on the board.

Written vote has held for board members, G. Heffner, R. Layton and J. Wilkes received the most votes.

The 1% Funds needs a committee to review all expenses. The following volunteered:

F. Seminski, M. Welch, L. Rutland, G. Heffner and R. Griffith

1% Budget

Retirement for making a percentage of calls and training. \$5000 total yearly

Operating Budget

Retirement Contribution - \$5000

Insurance for Medical Transport - \$4960

Training and Education

Promotional Handouts- \$500

Meals, Lodging and Gas - \$2700

Conferences - \$1650

Drill Diners - \$1800

Ladies Night out - \$3000, \$50 per person

Retirement- Thank you, \$600

Clothing - \$3000

Dues to SCFFA - \$2520

Flower Fund (Illness/bereavement) \$150

Personnel ID Cards - \$350.00

Motion to adjourn: 7:59 p.m; passed unanimously.

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## Sandy Branch Fire Board Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2023

Meeting called to order – 6:00 p.m. by J. Deason

Attendance: J. Deason, G. Heffner, R. Connor, N. DeArment, A. Luedke, B. Morris, and V. Narveson

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: R. Connor, 2 nd G. Heffner; passed unanimously.

Financial Reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: G. Heffner, 2 nd R. Connor; passed unanimously.

Old Business

Upcoming events: Pancake breakfast 11/25

J. Deason reports there is nothing in the bylaws for what to do about flowers or donations for family member's funeral.

Discussion on formalizing something. Vote at Annual Meeting as this is a 1% Expenditure.

Three board positions up at end of year. (Ralph, Glenn, Nena) Ralph to send out email for notice of interest in serving on

the board. G. Heffner, R. Layton, J. Wilkes and K. Narveson are interested in being on the board.

Christmas Parade – December 2 nd . 2 trucks. Lineup @ 3:30. Starts @ 4:30.

E81 is repaired just need mud flaps.

Ladder testing will be 11/27/23 and physicals will be in January of 2024.

#### New Business

Ladies Night out will be February 15 th at the River Grille.

New Website is up and is through Go Daddy- Cancelling Your First Due

New Firefighter Lisa Rutland. Motion made by G. Heffner, 2 nd R. Connor; passed unanimously.

Chief Morris is now an EMR Trainer. Cindi, Jean and Michael are also certified trainers and will be assisting with the

training.

Fire calls: 8 calls. 41 responded. Average of 5 responders per call. 4 calls in SLV. 2 training sessions. Average 8 per

training.

Medical: 25 calls, 75 responders. Average of 3 per call. 1 training session, 17 attendees

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 – N. DeArment, 2 nd G. Heffner Passed unanimously

October 9, 2023

Meeting called to order – 5:55 p.m. by J. Deason

Attendance: J. Deason, G. Heffner, R. Connor (by phone), N. DeArment, R. Layton, D. Waters, R. Morris, C. Granger, and K. Narveson

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: D. Waters, 2<sup>nd</sup> N. DeArment; passed unanimously.

Financial Reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup> N. DeArment; passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

911 Address Markers – Some installations have hit WCTEL cables. Will request homeowner contact WCTEL for cable location prior to installing marker.

Upcoming events: Open House tomorrow from 5 PM to 7 PM – set up help be there between 3 and 3:30. Prescription Drug Take Back Day 10/28 from 10 AM to 2 PM. at 1<sup>st</sup> Citizens Bank parking lot (blood pressure checks at Station 1) Pancake Breakfast 11/25 from 8 AM to 10 AM.

J. Deason reports there is nothing in the bylaws for what to do about flowers or donations for family member's funeral. Discussion on formalizing something. D. Waters to type something up and send to the board.

### **New Business**

Three board positions up at end of year. (Ralph, Glenn, Nena) Ralph to send out email for notice of interest in serving on the board.

Main Street Christmas Parade – December 2<sup>nd</sup>. 2 trucks. Lineup @ 3:30. Starts @ 4:30.

E81 still in the body shop. Hope to have the engine back for open house.

Fire calls: 7 calls. Average of 6 responders per call. 6 calls in SLV. 3 training sessions. Average 11 per training.

Medical: 25 calls, 96 responders. 4 calls outside SLV. Average of just under 4 per call. 1 training session, 15 attendees

Question on when ladder testing and physicals will be. No firm dates yet.

Motion to adjourn – 6:35 p.m. by D. Waters, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Layton, passed unanimously

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Sandy Branch Fire Board Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2023

Meeting called to order – 6:00 p.m. by J. Deason

Attendance: J. Deason, G. Heffner, A. Luedecke, R. Connor, R. Layton, B. Morris, Craig Granger and K. Narveson

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: Connor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Layton; passed unanimously.

Financial Reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: Layton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Connor; passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

Roof at Station 2 installed. New deck gun on E83 installed.

911 Address Markers – 2680+ hits on email blast. 94 markers ordered. 17 installed by volunteers.

Upcoming events: Open House on the 10<sup>th</sup> from 5PM to 7 PM.- Drug Take Back Day 10/28 from 10 AM to 2 PM.-Pancake breakfast 11/25 from 8 AM to 10 AM.

Ladder testing in October?

**New Business**

New recruit – John McGrath. Discussion. Motion to hire: Connor, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Heffner. Approved.

2 bad SCBA's and 1 bad cylinder: Safe Industries to repair this month.

Dean Domas' mom (Mary Domas)– Are we doing anything for the funeral? Do whatever is in the bylaws.

Fire calls: 9 calls. 56 total responders. Average of 6 responders per call. 6 calls in SLV. 3 training sessions.

Medical: 38 calls, 163 responders. Average of 4.3 per call. 1 training session, 15 attendees

Motion to adjourn – by G. Heffner; 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Connor, passed unanimously.

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## Sandy Branch Fire Board Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2023

Meeting called to order – 6:00 p.m. by J. Deason

Attendance: J. Deason, G. Heffner, A. Luedecke, R. Connor, (phone), D. Waters and V. Narveson

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: D. Waters, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Heffner; passed unanimously.

Financial Reports – Sent out previously. Motion to approve: G. Heffner, 2<sup>nd</sup> A. Luedecke; passed unanimously.

(Ask Keith if zero balance can show on BS, why do we show percentages, status on 990)

### **Old Business**

Roof still under investigation at Station 2. The tax commission is working on this, no updates currently.

911 Address Markers – August 1<sup>st</sup> a notice was sent out through the POA.

### **Message to community:**

Unique Opens: 1,816 (73.4%)

Total Opens: 3,408

Total Clicks: 945

Most-Clicked URL: Location requirements (725 total clicks)

**Markers ordered:**

20 to builders and 34 to residents so a total of 54 address posts.

**Markers Installed:**

Received and fulfilled 6 requests for assistance.

City Council- There is an ordinance being written which could directly affect SBFD. This ordinance will go to a hearing, and this will be our opportunity to voice our opinions. No new information. Discussion to remove this item off the agenda as it does not pertain to the board.

**New Business**

E-82 went in for a recall today and is fixed.

New Deck gun is here for E-83

Fire calls: 5 calls. 20 total responders. Average of 4 responders per call. 3 training sessions, 29 total attendees. Average of 10

Medical: 39 calls, 166 responders. Average of 4.3 per call. 1 training session, 17 attendees

Motion to adjourn –6:18 p.m. by D. Waters; 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Luedeke, passed unanimously.

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