



South Carolina Volunteer Strategic Assistance Fire Equipment Program

V-SAFE Panel Meeting Minutes April 21, 2021 at 10 a.m. Virtual Meeting

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the South Carolina State Fire, 141 Monticello Trail, Columbia, SC 29203 and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

In order to provide the opportunity for social distancing, the meeting was held via video and teleconference. Members of the public wanting to attend emailed susan.duncan@llr.sc.gov for login instructions.

NOTE: These minutes are a record of the motions, official actions taken by the Panel, and a brief summary of the meeting.

I. Call to Order and Welcome: Chairman Keith Minick

The meeting was posted and advertised pursuant to all South Carolina laws, rules, and regulations. Chairman Minick called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

II. Roll Call of Members

The following panel members were present (see below) and a quorum was established. Additionally, LLR employee Susan Duncan was present.

V-SAFE Panel Members									
Jonathan Jones	Z	Keith Minick	Z	Barry McRoy	Z	Tony Dicks	Z	Tommy Keaton	A
Bill Dunlap	Z	Steve Arsenault	A	Randy Swinton	Z	Glenn Poole	A	Thomas Rivers	A

P: Via Phone Z: Zoom A: Absent

III. Approval of Agenda

Bill Dunlap made a motion to approve the April 21, 20201 agenda. Randy Swinton seconded. Motion carried unanimously without discussion.

IV. Funding Update and Consideration

Jonathan Jones reminded the Panel Bonneau Rural Fire Department in Berkeley County was awarded grant funding. However, according to news reports, they are expected to merge by July 1 with another department. The department and their assets, along with other departments, are gradually becoming part of a countywide fire service. The Panel asked the Bonneau Rural Fire Department, (or whoever would be responsible for the execution of the grant) to provide in writing, an explanation of what the future disposition of the fire department and its current or future assets would be after the merger and an assurance the grant award would be executed in accordance with the provision of the V-SAFE law and that it would remain the property of the Bonneau Rural Fire Department.

Jonathan Jones asked the Panel to consider an amendment request for the Southside Volunteer Fire Department's (Union County) application. The initial application indicates Chief Mike Lancaster asked for a "fixed air compressor and fill station." However, due to changing circumstances, Chief Lancaster wants to amend the application to ask for a "mobile air compressor."

Chairman Minick states the amended request is within the scope of work, this type of equipment is strategic for the area, and the Mobile unit must be purchased new.

Barry McRoy made a motion to approve the Southside's amendment request. Bill Dunlap seconded. The motion carried unanimously without discussion.

Jonathan Jones shared several departments are benefitting from discount bulk purchasing resulting in numerous amended application requests.

Randy Swinton made a motion to grant Jonathan Jones authority to make decisions about any future "within the scope of work" amendments. Bill Dunlap seconded. The motion carried unanimously without discussion.

V. Old Business

Jonathan Jones stated several key legislators have been called to let them know of award recipients in their districts.

VI. New Business

Jonathan Jones informed the Panel the V-SAFE checks have been deposited directly or mailed. Additionally, he will make a V-SAFE presentation during the upcoming Fire-Rescue Conference in Columbia.

The anticipated schedule for the 2022 grant cycle allows four quarters of funds to be deposited. Application process is to open in January 2022 for 30 days. The review of applications will take place in February 2022 and awarding of funds will be in April 2022. Staff expects nearly \$2 million to be available for funding.

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Barry McRoy to adjourn the meeting. Randy Swinton seconded. The next meeting was not scheduled and is at the call of the chair. The motion carried unanimously without discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.