

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION

June 12, 2025 - Linville Central Rescue

President Mike Richardson called the meeting to order. Matt Millsaps moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Cody Laws seconded the motion and it passed. Seven Devils, Beech Mountain, Linville, Green Valley, Fall Creek, The Ladder Company, Linville Central were represented. Brian Ledford also attended.

Mike reminded members to get with Richard to cover Cal Topo & get signed up to use it.

Bobby Powell was not present but it was noted that there would be a Search & Rescue Drone Class August 2nd.

Mike announced that the Fire Safety trailer discussed at the last meeting checked out OK and it was purchased for \$ 8,000. It was currently parked at Green Valley . He reminded members that it needs a permanent indoor home.

Brian Ledford announced that all paid employees had passed the Haz Mat class and that they had been certified as a team. They will not be active until equipped by grants.

The treasurer's report noted that \$ 8,000 was paid out for the Fire Safety Trailer leaving a balance of \$ 9,606.00.

Cory Hoyes reported that he was trying to link the Association website to Mayland Tech's training page. He also asked each member department to send a brief history, ISO rating, and current officers so he can update the site.

Members discussed the Newland & Frank department's Association membership situation. Mike & Robbie agreed to get with the chiefs and report back at the next meeting.

Mike reported that he had not been able to talk with any of the commissioners about a quarterly meeting.

It was reported that Chris Cooke had retired from the Fire Commission and that a replacement would be selected at their next meeting. The Green Valley land purchase was not complete. It was also noted that the Fire Commission was only able to meet their budget because employee payroll was way down because of unfilled positions.

Members discussed the Drone SOG's. Jim Brooks moved that they be accepted with the change that members of the team be members of the Fire Association instead of members of Avery Fire Departments.

Levin reported that 9900 was still out of service and that he was still trying to fully equip both trucks. He also noted that a full time employee was still needed to increase response times. A permanent home was also needed for 9943 in the south end of the county.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.