

Atlanta Rural Fire District Meeting Minutes 13 July 2026

1. Call to Order at 1:39 pm

2. Roll Call: Jim Frazier, Lead Commissioner, David BeDell, Commissioner, Gene Haught, Fire Chief, Vikki BeDell, secretary, Liz Merrill. Commissioner Kathy Howard excused.

3. Review of May 19 Meeting minutes. One error was noted and will be amended. Motion to approve with amendment by Commissioner Frazier, seconded by Commissioner BeDell. Motion passed.

4. Financial report reviewed. Commissioner Frazier will investigate getting a refund on the Frog Pond gate or to keep it for future work on Montezuma Creek. Motion to approve the financial report by Commissioner BeDell, seconded by Commissioner Frazier. Motion passed.

5. Generator Status: Generator is not usable. Commissioner BeDell is pursuing possibility to fix it and to get a bid on the work. Any costs incurred will be the responsibility of Atlanta Power.

6. New Business

A. Marissa Becker is pursuing getting a grant to purchase a drone. This drone may be capable of FLIR and IR to detect fires or to use to assist in search and rescue. This may require a commercial license to fly, Eric Becker and Commissioner BeDell are looking into this. Will it have a lift capability for a water bottle or a radio? This will also be investigated.

B. Tender 2 is returning from the contract fire. The tender is having some mechanical issues and has been taken to R&R for evaluation. The clutch fan will need to be replaced. Chief Haught has given the go ahead to purchase and install the new clutch fan. Modifications to the tender has made it useable for now. The cost for this repair is \$2000 and it will take 7-10 days for the part to be delivered to R&R. Should we order another new one to have as a spare?

C. Fire Business billing will commence as soon as the tender returns.

7. Chief's Report

A. Tires for the water trailer need to be replaced.

B. Tires for the tender trailer. We will carry one spare without a rim.

C. Fire Shelters for Brush 1 came in and are now on the truck.

D. June training had a good fire turnout, but a poor Bucket Brigade turnout.

E. Bucket Brigade need to know that their ID cards are no longer valid. They also need to realize that training is for them also. IE: Summer Fire Training/Bucket Brigade

F. Engine 2 repairs still under way. New batteries have been installed.

G. Drafting at the Ranch. Brush truck didn't work, but ideas for adaptations are being reviewed.

H. Chief Haugh proposed to purchase a fire hydrant per year. The issue will be discussed in the budget workshop.

8. Public Comment

A. Liz Merrill thanked the Fire District for the job they are doing. She is willing to help with fire hydrants with the Water Association.

9. Adjournment: Commissioner Frazier motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner BeDell

Adjourned at 3:11