Atlanta Rural Fire District

Meeting Minutes 19 May 2026

I. C all to Order at 1:20 pm.

II. Roll Call: Commissioner Jim Frazier, Commissioner David BeDell, Chief Gene Haught, Commissioner Kathy Howard, Secretary Vikki BeDell, Julie Haught, Ron Burk, Brian Perry

III. Review and Approval
   A. March 17, 2026 Budget meeting minutes approved. Motioned by Commissioner BeDell, seconded by Commissioner Frazier, passed
   B. March 17, 2026 Regular meeting minutes approved. Motioned by Commissioner Frazier, seconded by Commissioner Howard, passed.

IV. Financials
   A. Financial report reviewed by Commissioner BeDell, motioned to approve by Commissioner BeDell, seconded by Commissioner Howard, passed.

V. Old Business
   A. Brush 1 outfitting: Mike Towers as Engine Boss will assist us with outfitting and training. We urgently need shelters for this truck. We can use Brush 1 as a rescue truck, most of the equipment is already on the truck but we still need a portable pump. Chief Haught is checking which pumps are required. Some hose and fittings from the grant will be used on this truck. We still need to replace the chainsaw that was put on the Brush truck.
   B. Diesel Generator from IDL: The Equipment Usage Agreement between ARFD and Atlanta Power needs a couple of corrections but was approved with the discussed changes. One constituent had an objection as noted on the district website. Commissioner BeDell will address this concern. Motion to approve this agreement by Commissioner BeDell, seconded by Commissioner Howard, Commissioner Frazier abstained, motion passed.

VI. New Business
   A. Make a monthly newsletter to post from the website and to print and post at the station. Commissioner BeDell and the Secretary will undertake this task.
   B. Website: Chief Haught has been paying for the website himself, the District will take over paying for this expense going forward from today. Motioned by Commissioner BeDell, seconded by Commissioner Frazier, passed.
   C. Commissioner BeDell has requested that future purchases from Amazon be made from the ARFD account instead of personal accounts.

VII. Chief's Report

A. Repairs
    a. Engine 2: fuel pumps *need to be* replaced. The hose has a leak it may need to be cut and rebuilt (feeder hose). It needs a drain placed on the tank.
    b. Tender 2: Back from the shop, baffles are in place, brake issues resolved.

B. Training
    a. Firefighter 1 and Firefighter 2 training was completed.
    b. Tender 2 is going on Thursday May 21 to a controlled burn with the Forest Service. Audrey Gama will have her task book to get signed off.
    c. Summer Training June 27, Firefighters need their full turn out gear.

C. Station projects under way
    a. Landscaping and Grass
    b. Need to review water bill to verify discount
    c. Transfer of supplies to the new shed is underway, the QRU will allow use of their new building when it is completed.

D. IDL grant will be submitted tomorrow May 20, 2026

E. Shelters for Brush 1 will be ordered tomorrow also

F. Chief Haught will purchase needed fluids for the machinery at NAPA

G. The State of Idaho is moving to "Ready, Set, Go" for evacuation preparedness. We need to educate and encourage the residents of Atlanta to follow these guidelines.

H. Elmore County Sheriff's office has brought a 4-wheeler to keep at the Fire District. It will be for Sheriff's office and Fire District use.

I. We were able to procure another trailer to put a water tank or foam unit on.

J. The old trailer needs new tires.