

BLACK HILLS FIRE ADVISORY BOARD BY-LAWS

Article I Purpose

The object and purpose of the Black Hills Fire Advisory Board (BHFAB) shall be to exchange ideas concerning wildland and other fire related activities.

To review the Forest Fire Suppression Agreement and Addendum's between the South Dakota Department of Resource Conservation and Forestry and the cooperative fire departments and make suggested changes and/or improvements to this agreement.

To develop guidelines and procedures for coordination of Agency fire management and fire suppression needs within the state. To develop and establish standardized rates for all contracted fire suppression equipment and personnel within South Dakota and present the BHFAB recommendations to the South Dakota Interagency Fire Council.

Article II Membership

Membership shall consist of two (2) members from each of the following counties: Butte, Lawrence, Meade, Pennington, Custer, and Fall River. In addition, the South Dakota Department of Resource Conservation and Forestry, (SDRCF) the United States Forest Service (USFS) and the National Parks Service (NPS) will have one member each.

Each member shall have a two-year term.

Each county or agency shall determine who shall represent them in their own manner.

Retiring members will notify the secretary of their retirement and the name of their replacement.

Article III Voting

Each county will have one vote per member and under no circumstances will a county have more than two votes.

The representatives from the SDRCF, USFS and NPS will be non-voting members.

Article IV Elections and Terms of Office

The members of the BHFAB shall elect from the membership a chairperson and chairperson-elect.

The secretary will be the Pennington County Fire Administrator who shall be a non-voting member.

The terms of office for the chairperson and a chairperson-elect will each be one year.

Terms of office will be based on a calendar year.

Elections will be held at the first meeting of a new year with new officer assuming office at the end of old business.

Each year thereafter, the BHFAB shall elect a new chairperson-elect who will automatically assume the chair at the expiration of the old chair's term.

The chairperson-elect will assume the duties of the chair in his absence, resignation or death.

In the event that the chairperson-elect cannot fulfill his duties the BHFAB shall elect a new officer to finish the unexpired term.

Article V Meetings

The BHFAB will meet at least twice per year once in the spring and once in the fall.

At these meetings the BHFAB will discuss the upcoming fire season, agreements, contracts or critique the past fire season in an effort to improve the quality of fire suppression.

Additional meetings may be called as needed.

The BHFAB shall conduct their meetings in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order and shall require a quorum (6 voting members) to conduct any business.

Article VI Dues

There shall be no dues in the BHFAB.

Article VII New Memberships

In any county, agency or organization desires membership in the BHFAB; they shall make a written application to the membership at their next regular meeting. The membership shall then vote on acceptance or denial of the application.

Article VIII By-law Changes

These by-laws may be changed by a majority vote at any meeting after all BHFAB members have received 30 days written notice.

Adopted this 29th day of January 1997.

Butte County Rep.

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Lawrence County Rep.

Lawrence County Rep.

Meade County Rep.

Meade County Rep.

Pennington County Rep.

Pennington County Rep.

Custer County Rep.

Custer County Rep.

Fall River County Rep.

Fall River County Rep.

SDDRC

US Forest Service Rep.

National Park Service Rep.