The meeting was called to order at 1900 by Jeremy Walla. Board members in attendance were: Bond, Comer, Cosand, Hadcock, Johnson, Kobes, Maude, McClure, Willett and Harvey.

Guests in attendance were: Jim Burke, SD Wildland Fire; Caleb Dustman, New Underwood VFD; Jack Dustman, New Underwood VFD; Chris Gleason, Box Elder VFD; Dennis Gorton, North Haines VFD; Larry Graese, Johnson Siding VFD; Zack Grenstiner, Wasta VFD; Damon Hartmann, Doty VFD; Duane Hofer, North Haines VFD; Bruce Jensen, Whispering Pines VFD; Adam Kuenkel, Box Elder VFD; Phil Schlief, Silver City VFD; Kyle Schull, Wasta VFD; Richard Small, North Haines VFD; Gary Sortland, Rockerville VFD; Mitch Tipton, Johnson Siding VFD; Todd Tobin, Johnson Siding VFD; Jason White, North Haines VFD.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Walla asked attendees to take a moment to reflect on the life and service of fallen Sturgis Firefighter, David Fischer.

ROLL CALL: (see above)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Nothing brought forth.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion to approve October 10, 2018 agenda by Johnson, second by Kobes. Motion carried.**

MINUTES: **Motion to accept the July 11, 2018 minutes as presented, Johnson, second by Cosand. Motion carried.**

FIRE CHAPLIN PROGRAM: Hartmann reported that 10 people attended a training last weekend. Another class will be offered in June. Will provide updates when date, time and location are known.

BUDGET REPORT: White inquired about payroll shortage. Harvey said it was due to overlap of staff (2) during Carol’s transition out and Pepper’s transition in. Stated it would even out as we move closer to year-end. **Motion by to approve budget reports by Willett, seconded by Cosand. Motion carried.**

A. Hadcock confirmed that the mill levy was increased, and department funding is secured for 2019. Walla noted advocacy for necessary funding needed to continue for 2020 and beyond. Hadcock thanked all VFDs for their hard work and dedication. Walla thanked Hadcock for all of her efforts to sustain funds through the County. Harvey thanked Walla, Tobin and White for attending the budget hearing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. FSB Training – Walla stated Firefighter 1 and 2 would be offered this fall and again later in the year. Johnson reported the land transfer was completed, however, moving and installing the tower was still being negotiated. Walla mentioned more information would follow on the Muster and SD Fire Chiefs Conference.


C. Black Hills Fire Advisory Board – Tobin is finalizing draft and will send to State for review. On schedule to submit by year-end deadline.

D. Pennington County Fire Chiefs Association – White encouraged everyone to attend the Banquet, Saturday 27 October (RSVP deadline 20 October) at the Elks Lodge in Rapid City. The Wildland Structure EMS class location has changed and will be held at the University Center. Chiefs voted to include the Pennington County Fire Administrator in meetings going forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. AFG Grant Request – Kobes announced the grant had been submitted on deadline. $5400 remains and will be addressed during the audit. Walla thanked those involved for doing the work and pushing through the audit.
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October 10, 2018, Johnson Siding VFD

B. Pump, Ladder & Hose Annual Testing – Testing is completed for 2018, minus hose testing. Several people commented that they were unhappy with the late cancellation for hose testing from Fire Cat, particularly due to the fact that many VFDs had existing contracts. White will write a letter expressing VFD’s concerns. North Haines has a hose tester to loan out. Johnson suggested partnering with County to have prisoners help with testing.

C. FSB Bylaws – Second reading. Motion to approve bylaws as presented, to include amendment to Section 13.C. by McClure, second by Hadcock. Discussion: Johnson asked if Pennington County Fire could charge when Fire Administrator was called out of the county. Willett explained an eight (8) county mutual aid agreement already exists. The current policy is to bill when applicable. Walla called the motion. Motion carried.

D. City – County Meetings:
   i. Meade County Fire Association –
   ii. Custer County Fire Advisory Board – Meeting postponed until the end of October
   iii. Lawrence County Fire Chiefs Association – Sturgis will offer online EMT classes in mid-January. Lawrence County is updating their mitigation plan.

NEW BUSINESS:
A. Commissioner’s Report – Hadcock reported Board of Commissioners passed the budget by supporting an allowable increase to the FSB and reversing the reduction trend established by a previous Board of Commissioners 2014 decision.
   Attend the Air Force and National Guard Symposium, they will begin working on a master plan for bases.
   Encouraged visiting the Monument to the Fallen at Camp Rapid.
   Harvey reminded VFDs of County’s raffle policy.

B. Emergency Management Report – Willett reported that first CMS (Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services) training for healthcare professionals went well.
   Continuing to build relationships with non-profits, and mental health and faith-based organizations to develop and implement a community-wide response if needed.
   Osprey deterrents will be installed in the near future.

C. Tahoe Hail Damage – Harvey submitted an insurance claim for hail damage sustained by the Tahoe in July.

REQUESTS TO BE ACTED ON:
A. AFG Grant, Rapid Valley - First reading. Walla asked the Board to review. Those in attendance signed the MOU.

REQUESTS TO BE ACTED ON:

NEXT MEETING: FSB meeting, November 14, 2018, 1900 @ Pennington County EOC.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Willett, second by Comer. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 2002.