The meeting was called to order at 1900 by Chair Walla. Board members in attendance were: Bond, Bubb, Carlson, Comer, Cosand, Dalman, Hadcock, Kobes, Maude, Willett and Harvey.

Guests in attendance were: Jason White, North Haines VFD; Chris Gleason, Box Elder VFD; Phil Schlief, Silver City VFD; Damon Hartmann, Doty VFD; Gary Sortland, Rockerville VFD; Gail Schmidt, Rockerville VFD; Bruce Jensen, Whispering Pines VFD; Jim Kitterman, Wall VFD; Todd Tobin, Johnson Siding VFD; Duane Hofer, North Haines VFD; Dan Harn, Rochford VFD; Dennis Gorton, North Haines VFD; Matt Thompson, North Haines VFD; Adam Kuenkel, Box Elder VFD; Chris Blair, SD Wildland Fire; and Jon Morrill, Pennington County Human Resources.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITALL

ROLL CALL – see above list of Board attendees.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Nothing brought forth

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
A. One addition requested: 1) County All Call (Thompson).
   Motion by Bond to add items to agenda, seconded by Willett. Motion carried.
B. Motion by Bond to approve June 13, 2018 agenda with the afore-mentioned item, seconded by Willett. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Kobes to accept the May 9, 2018 minutes as presented, seconded by Maude. Motion carried.

BUDGET REPORT: Walla referred members to information included in meeting packet. Noted, request to format Year-To-Date to reflect actual versus actual plus projected, completed. Discussion on workers’ compensation: Harvey reported, 2017 audit warranted additional premium of $13,754. Significant portion was due to out-of-state wildland coverage (affected 3 departments Battle Creek, Rapid Valley and Silver City). Other audit results: Hill City Ambulance gross payroll lower than initially stated (refund due), and Keystone paid firefighters gross payroll higher than initially stated (additional due). Harvey stated, billing has been completed (sent) to respective departments. Discussion held on the out-of-state wildland rate and how it was calculated. Harvey to provide detail. Harvey continued with report on 2018 revised billing, additional premium of $5,045 (previously paid $27,608). Additional premium is due to additional paid firefighters at Battle Creek, additional overall volunteer firefighters (450 versus 415 initially reported), and Battle Creek clerical position. Harvey stated billing has been completed (sent) to applicable departments (volunteer firefighters are not billed back to departments; only ambulance, paid firefighters, clerical, and out-of-state wildland are billed back to respective departments). Harvey conveyed, Fire Administration budget hearing with the Commissioners is set for June 21, 1330, welcome to attend. Harvey added, Auditors have expressed, by their calculations, funds will be scarce by 2020. Suggesting substantial budget reductions of over $50,000 to sustain. Discussion concluded with members agreeing, Walla and Tobin to initiate a budget committee to include meeting with Auditors’ / Commissioners, purpose to gain a better perspective on funding. Motion by Bubb to approve budget reports as presented, seconded by Bond. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
A. FSB Training – Walla referred members to listing on page two of agenda. Kuenkel stated Firefighter 1 & 2 certification complete.
C. Black Hills Fire Advisory Board – Tobin updated, finalizing draft. Will ensure to have submission to State prior to years end. He added, structure section warranted more details.
D. County Chiefs Association Meeting – White shared, meeting held prior to FSB meeting.
   • Banquet coordination, Prentice will forward prior year banquet materials to Schmidt.
   • Schmidt will be working on “radio” grant.

ADAM SCOTT, County Radio Technician, shared Statewide changeover remains scheduled for July 2023. He stated, those who purchased radios under the 2011 grant, those are P25 compliant. He added, for those looking to replace radios, Rushmore Communications has Kenwood models and Western Communications has Motorola models the radio shop will support both. Harvey mentioned, all departments were sent information on their radios; inquired if anyone was missed or if anyone had questions.

OLD BUSINESS:
A. AFG Grant Request – Kobes stated, audit still pending. No other updates.
B. Pump, ladder & hose annual testing – Harvey will coordinate and communications with departments.
C. Emergency Reporting Software (FDIC report) – Walla shared, he and Kobes both spoke with vendor. There are options available, potential price break for quantity. Currently, Box Elder, Rapid Valley, and soon, Hill City have purchased the software. Other departments shared their interest. Noted, Rapid City FD, Keystone, and Meade County Ambulance have Image Trend for EMS; just had to add fire module. Hartmann stated, the State will not be able to provide any funding (budget constraints). Conclusion, due to expressed interest, Walla will obtain more details and share back.

D. City – County Meetings:
   i. Meade County Fire Association – Hofer reported, radios are main topic. Working on dispatch issues. He added, new Meade County EM, Doug Huntrods, seems to be proactive in searching for various grants to assist with projects.
   ii. Custer County Fire Advisory Board – Harvey, no minutes available.
   iii. Lawrence County Fire Chiefs Association – Bond, no meetings held.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Commissioner’s Report – Hadcock shared update on recent election results. She reported Rochford Road project was approved; budget hearings commencing June 21-22; taking part in District 32 legislative committee, includes the Attorney General. Hadcock introduced Jon Morrill, new county Human Resource Director. Mr. Morrill, shared a brief self-background and offered gratitude to all the volunteers and their service to the community.

B. Emergency Management Report – Willett communicated, interviews underway for Staff Assistant position; EM budget hearing scheduled next week. He added, State funding for Emergency Management will be reduced by approximately 40% in coming year.

C. Fireworks – Harvey reiterated legal discharge dates, as set by State, is June 27th – July 8th. He requested to visit with North Haines Rapid Valley and Box Elder on the auto aide. White inquired on the potential of IMAT available for support on July 4th. Willett stated, worth discussion, need details on requirements. Harvey will initiate a meeting with the three departments and Willett.

D. County All Call – Thompson inquired on reasoning for CAP code change; previously all VFD’s under one code; some where it has changed and now several pages are received. Walla and Harvey unsure of any request to change. Walla and Harvey will follow-up with dispatch

Other:
   Comer asked about Zone West squelching issue. Scott stated, they are working on matter, squelch testing and new antenna. He added, key-up will override the noise, so communication can still be conducted. Scott mentioned, review of booster option resulted in unfeasible action now. He added, possibility P25 transition may provide more updated service and help in some areas.

Gorton shared, Kevin Quinn, President, National Volunteer Fire Council, was in Rapid City. Gail Schmidt, Rockerville Chief along with other Rockerville members hosted Mr. Quinn. He had high praise for all those folks and the all departments, the cooperation amongst the departments very impressive.

Tobin mentioned, Hofer and Gorton, received Lifetime Achievement membership awards from South Dakota Firefighters Association. Members provided accolades to both gentlemen.

REQUESTS: None

REQUESTS TO BE ACTED ON: None

NEXT MEETING: FSB meeting, July 11, 2018, 1900 @ Rapid Valley VFD.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Willett to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bubb. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2010.