

PENNINGTON COUNTY FIRE SERVICE BOARD

Wednesday, March 13, 2024
North Haines VFD – 1290 Country Rd., Rapid City, SD 57702

The Pennington County Fire Service Board met at 7:00pm on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at the North Haines VFD, Rapid City, South Dakota. Chair D. Lindblom called the meeting to order with the following voting board members present: E. Chase, T. Kobes, D. Harn, C. Maude, T. Deml, T. Lasseter, A. White

Others in Attendance: J. Harvey, V. Newman, T. Daly, T. Roerick, G. Sortland, P. Dockter, C. Dustman, D. Gorton, D. Hartmann, P. Schlieff, H. Schrier, M. Thompson, C. Gleason, R. Small, M. Reed, J. Culberson, M. Bowron

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- a) None

REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

MOVED by T. Kobes and seconded by C. Maude to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: Unanimous.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES

MOVED by T. Deml and seconded by E. Chase to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: Unanimous.

REVIEW AND APPROVE FINANCIALS

MOVED by T. Kobes and seconded by E. Chase to approve the financials as presented. Vote: Unanimous.

- a) T. Kobes requested clarification about the Tri-Tech Software Systems, 2024 Annual Central Square Fee for \$8,844.64.
- b) D. Hartmann shared information regarding the replacement vehicle being purchased this year for Fire Administrator Harvey.
- c) 2024 – 2030 Budget – FSB Budget Committee
 - i) 2024 Budget Committee met in February. D. Lindblom explained the overall increase this year overall. C. Maude verified the majority of increases being due to wages and workers compensation. CPR Mannikins will be replaced with the 2025 budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) FSB Training – T. Daly stated trainings are listed on the Fire Events & Training Calendar. The Academy in Ft. Pierre is starting tomorrow.
- b) Emergency Management Report – A. White stated the new EM Specialist is Adam Davis. Contact the EM Office if your department needs Fire Extinguisher training or Stop the Bleed trainings. A. Davis can teach these courses. The Pennington County Alert and Warning test next is week. CRMCS updates were requested at the last meeting. Contact the EM Office for personnel and/or equipment card updates.
 - i) Emergency Management Users Board - G. Sortland shared the next meeting was held Jan. 12th. There will be a meeting Monday regarding Homeland Security Grant ranking.



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- ii) Pennington County Fire Chiefs Association – The Chief's Association met just prior to the FSB Meeting. M. Thompson outline the items discussed were as follows:
 - (1) Discussed the FF1 courses going on right now. Currently one in Hill City and another at Box Elder/Rapid Valley that will both be testing in the next couple of weeks.
 - (2) Black Hawk VFD is going to host a S-130/S-190 course a weekend in April (to be announced) where there will be class Friday Evening, and all-day Saturday and Sunday.
 - (3) RT130 season is upon us. North Haines VFD is hosting an RT130 class on Saturday April 13th starting promptly at 8am. Black Hawk is also doing one April 16th. More will be announced and sent to County Fire for addition to the website/calendar.
 - (4) Discussed the Rushmore Fire Conference overall was a great conference and the classes have been getting rave reviews. There was discussion on the fact that the vendors were not impressed with the overall lack of foot traffic since there were very few classes at the school, so it is not too likely to have many vendors next year. The expenses did exceed the income by \$5500 so there was some discussion about number of instructors being paid etc.
 - (5) Discussed SB114 and thanked everyone that made the trip out for the committee hearing. Also discussed the need to educate our legislative representatives over the next year for the next year's session.
 - (6) Lastly the question was asked about whether or not the PCFCA would be eligible to apply for the Department of Health EMS Regional Service Designation grant. Specifically trying to put in for equipment such as LUCAS devices. I offered up to contact the DOH Director in charge of the grant to see if we would be eligible to apply and confirmed that we are able to apply so we are currently collecting information to get a grant application together for the second round of the grants. Along with this, we do need letters of support from Monument Health (already working on that), at least one community organization, and an EMS agency.
- iii) Black Hills Fire Advisory Board – B. Povandra: Not present
- c) SD Fire Chiefs Association – B. Povandra: Not present
- d) Communications – P. Dockter shared an update regarding SmartZone and P25 Radio Zones for those who need and want them for the new Creighton Tower. The climbing tower has been ordered for the Sage Creek Tower and the bid came in \$2,100 less than expected with a better product from Vikor. The first week in April the backup dispatch is planned to be completed with 13 positions/consols.
 - i) T. Daly added testing was conducted on repeaters with participation from Great Plains, the Forest Service, and the State. They were able to identify positives and issues to be addressed. They were limited by computer abilities.
- e) County Commission Report – T. Lasseter discussed the upcoming Commission budget processes that will be coming out April/May. The Wage Study committee meetings are occurring with Commissioners so updates will not be coming out until after April.



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OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

- a) None

REQUESTS TO BE ACTED ON:

- a) Scenic VFD Insurance Reimbursement FSB104 – C. Maude
 - a. MOVED by D. Harn and seconded by E. Chase to approve the request by Scenic VFD for their Insurance Reimbursement in the amount of \$2,100 per FSB104 as presented. Vote: Unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS

- a) J. Harvey shared an update for Wasta and Quinn’s new fire stations. P. Schlieff gave update for Silver City. C. Maude gave an update for Scenic.
- b) J. Harvey offered a detailed update and overview of his office since the last FSB meeting.
- c) V. Newman shared thanks on J. Harvey’s behalf for the passing of his father and announced his out of office memo for Friday, March 15th for his father’s Celebration of Life services.
- d) D. Lindblom thanked North Haines for a wonderful dinner.
- e) T. Kobes requested clarification regarding being told the Cascade trailer being out of service due to compressor issues and asked that should this happen in the future it be shared. E. Chase clarified that it was not out of service.

NEXT MEETING: May 8th, 2024 @ 7:00pm | Rochford VFD: 11696 Rochford Rd., Hill City, SD – Meal Served @ 6:30pm

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Kobes and seconded by Harn to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. Vote: Unanimous.

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