Meeting called to order at 1900 by Chair Jeremy Walla.

Board members in attendance: Bond, Bubb, Carlson, Comer, Hadcock, Kobes, Maude, Willett, and Harvey. Appointees in attendance: Hofer, Sortland, and Tobin.

Guests in attendance: Marsha Amo, Box Elder VFD; Chris Blair, SD Wildland Fire; Fred Chambers, WDT; Caleb Dustman, New Underwood VFD; Jack Dustman, New Underwood VFD; Michael P. Elston, WDT; Denny Gorton, North Haines VFD; Dan Ham, Rochford VFD; Damon Hartmann, Doty VFD; Bruce Jensen, Whispering Pines VFD; Brent Kolstad, North Haines VFD; Adam Kuenkel, Box Elder VFD; Lloyd LaCroix, PennCo Commissioner; Ernie Nelson, Box Elder VFD; Phil Schlief, Silver City VFD; Gail Schmidt, Rockerville VFD; Matt Thompson, North Haines VFD; Jason White, North Haines VFD.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: (see above)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Guests from Western Dakota Tech, Fred Chambers and Michael Elston provided brief overview of WDT Fire and Paramedic Programs and invited attendees to contact them with questions or for further information.

AGENDA: Walla noted BOP items should have been included in the agenda for second readings and will be added to December agenda. Motion to approve November 14, 2018 agenda by Hadcock, Maude second. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Bond requested correction under Old Business/City-County Meetings, iii. Lawrence County Fired Chiefs Association – online classes offered in mid-January are EMT not FF 1 & 2. Motion to approve October 10, 2018 minutes with noted correction by Willett, Bubb second. Motion carried.

BUDGET REPORT: Motion by to approve budget reports by Comer, Willett second. Motion carried.

A. Budget Hearing Recap – Harvey stated he will meet with the Commission and Budget Committee prior to 2019 to strategize and plan for 2019 and beyond.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FSB Training – Walla noted the Firefighter 1 and 2 Schedule is included in meeting packet. Kuenkel asked for assistance finding instructors. Tobin said Johnson Siding will offer Blended Classes. Wall (Eastern PennCo) will offer Blended. Schmidt said they will offering Wildland Fire Exercise May 2019. More information re this training to include date and location will be available in December/January. Carlson stated grants are in for the new training center and they are currently working on the engineering specs.


C. Black Hills Fire Advisory Board – Tobin reported the contract is in the hands of the State and was confident it would be finalized on deadline, by the end of 2018.

D. Pennington County Fire Chiefs Association – White thanked everyone for attending the Banquet. Muster planning is progressing. The week-long event will be held at the University Center, March 4-10, 2019. More information will be made available as details are confirmed.
OLD BUSINESS
A. Pump, Ladder & Hose Annual Testing – White reminded attendees that hose testers are available through North Haines, Box Elder and Rapid Valley departments. Also, VFDs with cause and interest can pursue legal recourse against FireCATT.

B. City – County Meetings:
   i. Meade County Fire Association – Did not have a meeting.
   ii. Custer County Fire Advisory Board – Harvey said Custer Board of Commissioners has approve $500K for Custer County Fire.
   iii. Lawrence County Fire Chiefs Association – Lawrence County is updating their mitigation plan. Spearfish will offer Firefighter 1 & 2 training in mid-January. Deadwood and Spearfish Canyon VFDs will be hosting EVOC in Spring/Summer, date TBD.

NEW BUSINESS
A. Commissioner’s Report – Walla thanked Hadcock for her support, commitment to the FSB, PennCo Fire Administration and firefighters in the county, and the chili supper. LaCroix commended the FSB on the banquet and thanked the hardworking and dedicated VFDs. Walla thanked LaCroix for his support. Hadcock said the chili supper was to thank the FSB and VFDs for all they do for the County and City. Incoming Commissioners are Ron Rossknecht and Gary Drewes. LaCroix said a letter of appreciation from the FSB to Commissioner Ron Buskerud before his term ends on 31 December would be incredibly meaningful to him.

B. Emergency Management Report – Willett reported that the osprey nesting deterrent devices have been installed in Hill City. There will be an Open House at the Back-up Emergency Operations Center at Camp Rapid. Space is shared with Dispatch.

C. Out-of-State Workers Compensation – It is recommended that Fire Departments, who participate in the out-of-state contract, budget $16.46 per $100 of wages. It is currently projected they will be billed $11.43 in 2018 and $11.73 in 2019. Invoices should be sent in 1st quarter 2019 - this is dependent on the SD Municipal League Workers Compensation and SD Wildland Fire.

NEW REQUESTS
A. Whispering Pines Five-Year Plan – Request from WPVFD was for $5K, should be $4K. Motion to approve Whispering Pines VFD’s funding request with correction by Willett, Kobes second. Motion approved.

B. Rapid Valley Five-Year Plan – Motion to approve Rapid Valley VFD’s funding request by Bubb, Bond second. Motion approved.

REQUESTS TO BE ACTED ON
A. AFG Grant, Rapid Valley (second reading). Kobes reported that after upgrades, audit and equipment purchases there was a $5,100 surplus. Pennington County’s match is $1676. Motion to approve $1676 match for AFG audit by Willett, Bubb second. Motion approved.

NEXT FSB MEETING: Wednesday 12 December 2018, 1900 @ Pennington County EOC.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Bubb, Willett second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1948.