FIRE SERVICE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday 12 June 2019 – Rapid Valley VFD

1) Meeting called to order at 1900 by Vice-Chair Gary Sortland.

Board members in attendance: Ray Bubb, Nick Carlson, Craig Comer, Jeremy Dalman, Mark DiSanto, Caleb Dustman, Jerome Harvey, Duane Hofer, Tim Kobes, Charles Maude, Gary Sortland, Todd Tobin, Dustin Willett

Guests in attendance: Eric Allen, Nat’l Park Service, Mt. Rushmore; Dan Harn, Rochford VFD; Damon Hartmann; Bruce Jensen, Whispering Pines VFD; Adam Kuenkel, Box Elder VFD; Pepper Massey, Pennington County Fire Administration; Phil Schlie, Silver City VFD; Gail Schmidt; Richard Small, North Haines VFD; Matt Thompson, North Haines VFD

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3) ROLL CALL: (see above)

4) PUBLIC COMMENTS: Nothing brought forth.

5) APPROVE AGENDA: Motion to approve 12 June 2019 agenda by Dalman, Bubb second. Motion carried.

6) APPROVE MINUTES: Motion to approve 8 May 2019 minutes by Willett, Kobes second. Motion carried.

7) APPROVE FINANCIALS: Motion to approve May financials by Kobes, Dalman second. Motion carried. Harvey encouraged VFDs to attend the Pennington County/FSB budget hearing, scheduled 1:00pm on Thursday 20 June in the Commission Chambers. Fire Admin has requested an additional $50K for several large projects and needs support.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) FSB Training – Kuenkel reported 25-27 Volunteer Firefighters successfully completed the Certified Fire Fighter Course offered during the fall/winter/spring session, and that trainings have been completed for the summer. Bubb said Wildland offered 8-9 classes. Schmidt stated she received positive feedback on the one (1) day BH Interagency Training and will consider offering it again in 2020. Harvey encouraged people to attend New Underwood’s Grain Bin Rescue and Awareness Training on 19 June.

B) EM USERS BOARD – Sortland said the next meeting is scheduled 12 July.

C) BH FIRE ADVISORY BOARD – Hofer reported the state reviewed changes that had been submitted and were supposed to report back. The Mob Guide is posted to the South Dakota Wildland Fire web site.

D) Pennington County Fire Chiefs Association – Schmidt spoke with the Elks Club and will be booking the 2019 Firefighter Banquet at the same venue, tentatively for the third week in October. Black Hills Fire Chaplains continues to meet and move forward. Rapid Valley is purchasing hose and VFDs who need hose are invited to contact RV VFD and add their order on for possible purchase or shipping discounts.
Water Shuttle Training will be scheduled in the next month. Anyone interested in stepping up to oversee the 2019 Muster should contact Schmidt.

E) State Radio – Carlson said the Governor has removed State Radio board members who had met or exceeded their term. Kuenkel has been approached to serve on the board as the representative from the South Dakota Fire Fighters Association.

9) OLD BUSINESS

A) City | County Meetings:
   i) Meade County Fire Association - Hofer attended meeting two (2) weeks ago. They are working on radio channel programming before Fire Department and Ambulance order new radios. Box Elder requested and received $1,200 to assist with purchasing spray bars for grass fires.
   ii) Custer County Fire Advisory Board – No meeting, no report.
   iii) Lawrence County Fire Chiefs Association – No meeting. Harn said Deadwood has Evac Training scheduled on 28-29 June.

10) NEW BUSINESS

A) Commissioners Report – DiSanto thanked VFDs for their assistance during recent flooding. The Wilsey Road washout is being fixed while they are still researching a permanent solution to the problem, which might result in a two (2) mile road extension. The company and agencies are working together to address pipeline issues. County has begun spraying for weeds. The City is spraying for mosquitoes already and is considering doing the same.

B) Emergency Management Report – Willett reported it is a busy time and he is working on the 2020 budget, grants and support to other departments/agencies on recent flooding and Dennard search. If you are an eligible entity in the county and you have spent more money than usual due to flooding/disaster, then you may be eligible for funding assistance. He is continuing to field telephone calls and visit roads/bridges to do assessments. Reminded interested attendees that the Understanding Weather Radar is a free class offered in the EOC on 18 June. The entire basic ICS curriculum is now aligned with 2017 NIMS. Comer thanked Willett and EM for understanding the urgency and quickly notifying people who lived in areas affected by flooding.

11) NEW REQUESTS

A) Silver City VFD 5-Yar Plan (First Reading) – move to REQUESTS TO BE ACTED ON. Does not require a first and second reading as directed funds are approved in annual budget process. Harvey confirmed funding is available for the 2019 cycle.

12) REQUESTS TO BE ACTED ON

A) Silver City VFD 5-Year Plan – Harvey noted that the wildland jackets on the first page of the request will be changed to meet national standards. Motion to approve $3946.76 funding request from Silver City Volunteer Fire Department for PPE, with possible increase up to maximum of $4000.00 to cover standardized jackets, Maude second. Motion carried.
B) Scenic VFD Reimbursement Request – Sortland stated this was the second reading and Scenic VFD is requesting $2018.00 to offset vehicle insurance coverage. Motion to approve $2018.00 funding request from Scenic Volunteer Fire Department for annual vehicle insurance by Comer, Bubb second. Motion carried.

C) Repeater & Paging Repairs Request – Sortland stated this was the second reading. Harvey explained the requested $4000.00 was made by Pennington County Radio Shop to repair/replace failing equipment at the Sage Creek Tower and Seth Bullock fire lookout towers. Motion to approve $4000.00 funding request from Pennington County Fire Administration to replace duplexers in Sage Creek and Seth Bullock towers by Bubb, Dalman second. Motion carried. Harvey reported AT&T/FirstNet have submitted a request to install a tower west of Deerfield. The tower would be used by public safety agencies and potential be used extend our paging coverage. Public comments close on 14 June 2019, then the request moves to Planning and Zoning for consideration. If approved the request would move to the County Commission for a vote.

13) NEXT MEETING: 10 July 2019, 1900 | Scenic VFD, 151st Avenue, Scenic

14) ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 19:41 by Willett, Comer second. Motion carried.