1) **Meeting called to order at 1909 by Vice-Chair Gary Sortland**, who began by thanking the Scenic VFD for their hospitality, providing a meal and hosting the meeting.

**Board Members and Representatives in attendance:** Ray Bubb, Nick Carlson, Craig Comer, Jerome Harvey*, Tim Kobes, Charles Maude, Cliff McClure, Gary Sortland, Dustin Willett - (*nonvoting)

**Guests in attendance:** Chris Gleason, Box Elder VFD; Dennis Gorton, North Haines, VFD; Damon Hartmann; Duane Hofer, North Haines VFD**; Jim Kitterman, Wall VFD; Adam Kuenkel, Box Elder VFD; Pepper Massey, Pennington County Fire Administration; Howard Schrier, Hill City VFD; Richard Small, North Haines VFD; Todd Tobin, Johnson Siding VFD**; Jason White, North Haines VFD - (**non-voting appointee)

2) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3) **ROLL CALL:** (see above)

4) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None brought forth.

5) **APPROVE AGENDA:** *Motion to approve 10 July 2019 agenda by Willett, Bubb second. Motion carried.*

6) **APPROVE MINUTES:** *Motion to approve 12 June 2019 minutes by Maude, Kobes second. Motion carried.*

7) **APPROVE FINANCIALS:** *Motion to approve June financials by Willett, Bubb second. Motion carried.*

8) **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

   A) **FSB Training** – Sortland announced Rockerville is offering Water Shuttle Training on 27 July. Harvey reminded attendees of First Responders Appreciation Event scheduled 7 September, they are looking for volunteers and need help with vehicles. Kuenkel appreciated the help of Administrator Harvey and the efforts of New Underwood VFD on a successful and informative Grain Bin Rescue and Awareness Training held on 19 June. Box Elder is considering scheduling an online blended class this fall. Anyone interested should contact Kuenkel.

   B) **EM USERS BOARD** – Per Sortland, the next meeting is scheduled 12 July.

   C) **BH FIRE ADVISORY BOARD** – Hofer had nothing to report. The next meeting is scheduled for fall 2019. Bubb reported the Mob Guide is posted to the South Dakota Wildland Fire web site and had been emailed. Sortland reminded attendees that the Mob Guide is a living document and can be amended through appropriate channels.

   D) **Pennington County Fire Chiefs Association** – Per White, the meeting is postponed until August.
E) State Radio – Carlson stated the next meeting is scheduled for October. They are working on appointing new board members.

9) OLD BUSINESS

A) City | County Meetings:
   i) Meade County Fire Association – Per Hofer, nothing to report.
   ii) Custer County Fire Advisory Board – Per Harvey, meeting focused on supplemental funding. Custer Fire Department will host an Essentials class. Any department with members needing this class should contact Custer Fire.
   iii) Lawrence County Fire Chiefs Association – Nothing to report.

10) NEW BUSINESS

A) Commissioners Report – Neither commissioner present.

B) Emergency Management Report – Willett reported FEMA has assessed the damage and there is currently an active Presidential Disaster Declaration in process as a result of March storms/flooding. It is possible there may be a second issued due to May storms/flooding, or the May event could be added on to the initial declaration. The Rapid Valley warning siren has been malfunctioning. PennCo Radio Shop staff believe they have sorted out the issues.

C) Budget Hearing Review – Sortland said that he and 4-5 other firefighters in uniform attended the budget hearing to advocate for additional funding. Four of the five Commissioners were in attendance and seemed to agree that more funding was needed but wondered where it would come from. Harvey stated he attended a department head meeting on the 5th where DiSanto and LaCroix questioned the rational for funding request. They see the Reserve Fund and tax dollars as the same thing. After discussion Commissioners voted 3-2 to approve $32K, moving it out of General Fund and into Reserve Fund. Harvey urged VFDs to continue to advocate with Commissioners for funding increase.

D) Trailer Transfers – Harvey reminded attendees that the FSB owns two (2) trailers – a 1999 white (in colour) Diac 8 single axle Utility trailer (VIN 46UFU0810X1065261), currently located at Battle Creek and a 2003 red (in colour) Jami 8x26 5th Wheel trailer (VIN 5C3HH262231004904), currently located at RCFD Station 1. Harvey recommends we transfer ownership to RCFD and Battle Creek. Motion to transfer ownership of Sprinkler Trailer and all related equipment to Rapid City Fire Department, and Cascade Trailer and all related equipment to Battle Creek Fire District by Kobes, McClure second. Motion carried.

11) NEW REQUESTS

12) REQUESTS TO BE ACTED ON

A) Ellsworth AFB Mutual Aid Agreement – Harvey stated that it is time to renew the Mutual Aid Agreement (MAA) between Ellsworth AFB and Pennington County/Pennington County Fire Service Board. County attorneys are reviewing legal responsibilities that could arise if Class B foam is used during a civilian
incident. Board agreed with Willett’s recommendation to wait for legal review prior to renewing agreement.

13) **NEXT MEETING:** 14 August 2019, 1900 | North Haines VFD, 1290 Country Road, Rapid City

14) **ADJOURNMENT:** *Motion to adjourn at 19:46 by McClure, Bubb second. Motion carried.*