FIRE SERVICE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 13 May 2020 ~ Pennington County Commission Chambers/Video Conference

1) Meeting called to order at 1900 by Vice-Chair Caleb Dustman.

Board Members and Representatives in attendance (Roll Call to verify quorum): Ray Bubb, Nick Carlson, Craig Comer, Jeremy Dalman, Gabe Doney, Caleb Dustman, Deb Hadcock, *Jerome Harvey, Tim Kobes, Dave Lindblom, Charles Maude, Gary Sortland, Dustin Willett

Guests in attendance: Eric Allen, National Forest Service; Mike Cosand, BH Fire Chaplains; Paul Docket, PennCo Radio Shop; Denny Gorton, North Haines VFD; Damon Hartmann, Doty VFD; Bruce Jensen, Whispering Pines VFD; Gail Schmidt, Rockerville VFD; Richard Small, North Haines VFD; **Todd Tobin, Johnson Siding VFD; Jason White, North Haines VFD (**non-voting appointee/coordinator)

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3) ROLL CALL: (See above)

4) PUBLIC COMMENTS: Nothing brought forth.

5) APPROVE PROPOSED AGENDA: Motion to add Paul Docket, Pennington County Radio Shop, to 13 May agenda, and approve as amended by Lindblom, Willett second. Roll Call vote passed, (Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1.2, all votes taken by roll call).

A) Pennington County Radio – Paul stated that Rapid Paging and Zone Rapid (backup 3) were moved from the Kick Country Tower to the Water Tower and it appears the coverage should be better, but looking for feedback on how well it is working and covering the area.

6) APPROVE DRAFT MINUTES: Motion to approve 15 April 2020 minutes by Hadcock, Lindblom second. Roll Call vote passed, (Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1.2, all votes taken by roll call.)

7) APROVE FINANCIALS: Motion to approve April financials by Kobes, Bubb second. Roll Call vote passed, (Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1.2, all votes taken by roll call).

A) 2020-2026 FSB Budget report by Todd Tobin who was asking the FSB to approve the 2021 Budget Proposal. Committee has till May 15th for possible refinements and May 22nd for the Final Draft then onto the County Commissioners for their approval June 17-19, 2020. Deb Hadcock asked about the Workman Comp being in the Budget Report, Jerome Harvey was told to show it but Deb Hadcock feels to remove the line item 0414 because it comes out of General Funds. Deb Hadcock also asked about STIF Funds & the Reserves. Also show on the report the 7 Districts that are not funded through a Tax District on the number of personnel and how they are assisted in funds from FSB. Deb Hadcock referred to the Paging System that will need an upgrade around 2026 to be listed to support the requested Reserve level of $300,000 for this item alone. Deb Hadcock is going to work with the Committee to make sure the line items are added before the Budget due date. Craig Comer asked about the Out of State Work Comp which went from $43 up to $47 per person and the increase was based on the modifier. The agent the County works with is Brad Wilson. Deb Hadcock asked Jerome Harvey about his and Pepper’s salary and both are going up a few cents per hour.
Todd Tobin did state that the current Bylaws the FSB operate under helps keep the FSB Budget in line with State and Federal laws.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) FSB Training – Bubb stated all training is still on hold due to COVID. Kuenkel stated that the County is looking at hosting a Driver Operator course. Doney added that he is also working with Kuenkel and Mark Enright for this class and looking at June through July so anyone interested need to get your names into one of these three ASAP, class will be limited in size. Doney added that they are looking for the departments to cover the cost of the books for their members which is $50 and $71 if the Aerial portion is included. With COVID they are looking at utilizing Zoom for the classroom portion unless they can accommodate the social distancing in a classroom setting. Kobes asked Bubb if individuals can do the online for S130 and S190 and then join in on the practical exercise in June, Bubb is willing to except that.

B) EM User Board – Willett reported that Pennington County has three declarations in the works as of now (Bridge replacement, Flooding, COVID).

C) BH Fire Advisory Board – No report.

D) Pennington County Fire Chiefs Association – Schmidt reported that group is looking for assistance to put the Pennington County Banquet together. Pennington County Muster bills were all paid and looking forward to next year classes. Hadcock stated that Pennington County Sheriff is willing to help finance the Banquet, just need to request assistance from him.

E) SD Public Safety Communications Council – Carlson reported nothing new, still looking at Rapid City Towers, will be done in June 2022, so have radios ready by then. Unsure the funds set aside by the Governor for radio system will remain in place due to the COVID issue.

F) SD Fire Chiefs Association – Carlson reported they are still doing a weekly Zoom meeting. SD Fire Chief Conference still on in December 2020.

9) OLD BUSINESS

A) City | County Meetings:
   i) Meade County Fire Association – No report.
   ii) Custer County Fire Advisory Board – Lindblom said next meeting in July.
   iii) Lawrence County Fire Chiefs Association – No report.

B) Budget Update – Report provided earlier.

10) NEW BUSINESS

A) Commissioners Report – Hadcock reported the County projected opening date will be July 1st. She mentioned the Homeless Shelter is up and running and seems to be helping the Community. Starting the budget process next week. She stated there are going to be elections coming up for County Commissioners positions so urges individuals to get to know the candidates.

B) Emergency Management Report – Willett reported the EOC is up and running at a Level 2. Stated that there has been meeting referencing the fireworks at Mt Rushmore, also starting to look at the Sturgis Rally event. Willett stated that every
department should be documenting manpower, supplies and any other expenses dealing with COVID because when it comes down to it there is going to be funds available but if no documentation you will not be eligible. Hadcock thanked Willett for all his work and attending all of these meeting for the County. Willett also commented on the 1000 gallons of hand sanitizer that ExxonMobil donated to the County and if departments have not collected their five (5) gallons, contact him or Mark Enright. Eric Allen with Forestry provided info on the upcoming fireworks at Mt. Rushmore - a vendor has been chosen with more details and info to come. He also stated that the control burn they did at the Monument was a success and cleaned up a lot of litter.

C) Tactical Worksheet – Harvey stated there are two (2) files available to be used but is looking for input on any changes it needs. Map books are available at Copy County or you can bring a thumb drive in and he will upload the digital version to it. Also, he is working with Bubb to get a Venza version of the hospital.

11) NEW REQUESTS

12) REQUESTS TO BE ACTED ON: Nothing changed from last meeting. FSB is going to wait until later in the year to see how taxes come into the County before the requests are processed.

13) OTHER BUSINESS: Matt Thompson reported that the Central States Fair will be happening this year and are discussing how to follow the CDC’s COVID guidelines.

14) NEXT MEETING: 10 June 2020, 1900 | Zoom video conference

15) ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Sortland, Kobes second. Roll Call vote passed, (Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1.2, all votes taken by roll call).