FIRE SERVICE BOARD MEETING
January 9, 2019 ~ Pennington County EOC

Meeting called to order at 1903 by Chair Jeremy Walla.

Guests in attendance: Caleb Dustman, New Underwood VFD; Jack Dustman, New Underwood VFD; Chris Gleason, Box Elder VFD; Denny Gorton, North Haines VFD; Dan Harn, Rochford VFD; Damon Hartmann, Doty VFD; Jim Kitterman, Wall VFD; Kurt Klunder, Black Hawk VFD; Brent Kolstad, North Haines VFD; Adam Kuenkel, Box Elder VFD; Kyle Schell, Wasta VFD; Phil Schlief, Silver City VFD; Howard Schrier, Hill City VFD; Richard Small, North Haines VFD; Chase Strand, Interior VFD; Jason White, North Haines VFD. Staff in attendance: Pepper Massey.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL: (see above)
PUBLIC COMMENT: Nothing brought forth.

AGENDA: Motion to approve 12 December 2018 agenda by Willett, Maude second. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion to approve 9 January 2019 minutes by Willett, Kobes second. Motion carried.

BUDGET REPORT: Motion to approve by Kobes, Stetson second. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
A. FSB Training – Walla said a Fire Marshall Strategy & Tactics course will be offered soon that closely aligns with the Fire Officers course. Students must have completed FF 1 & 2 to enroll in the course. Kitterman noted Wall is offering blended classes. Kuenkel requested support for Practical’s at Rapid Valley on 2 February. White reported that there is something for everyone during the 2019 Mid-Winter Muster (www.midwintermuster.com), March 4-10, 2019, at Black Hills State University Center. 30 people have already registered and he encouraged people to register early to guarantee a spot. Each evening at 6pm there will be a Keynote. White also offered his Cancer in the Fire Service presentation to interested departments. Bubb offered to facilitate an RT130 class for interested departments. Both classes are at no cost and can be customized to fit schedules and timeframe. Klunder stated BH Wildland Interagency Training will be held May 16-18 (registration will be open to everyone on 17-18/some registration restrictions apply on the 16th). To participate in the Live Burn you must be red carded. Registration is affordable, $10-$15 per person, registration deadline will be early May. More info to follow as details become available.


C. Black Hills Fire Advisory Board – Hofer reported the State Cooperative Agreement final draft came back from State Wildland Fire with limited input from BHFAB, specifically regarding the structural portion. Tobin noted that during the 7-hour meeting in June they went through the agreement as a final feedback session from the VFD’s. The exception for the Structural section was agreed to have subcommittee to make some refinements, which they did. However, he also noted the agreement is between State Wildland Fire and the VFD’s and they have a right to make changes based on their legal review process. A follow up meeting will be scheduled
within the next two weeks. Walla requested notification of the date and that it be shared with the FSB, and reiterated the importance of attending.

D. Pennington County Fire Chiefs Association – White reported Schmidt will serve another term as Vice-Chair, Klunder will become Treasurer. PCFCA is interested in hosting a graduation ceremony for FF certification classes and is challenging the FSB to help Adam make it happen.

a. State Radio – Walla disclosed the state radio system is facing challenges. The SD Fire Chiefs Association has requested a position on the board and may need to make the request through the governor’s office. Currently, several non-fire folks sit on the board and adding someone from the SDFCA will provide perspective and balance to discussions. Gorton advised the Public Safety Communications Council was set up to oversee state radio and the issue is funding. Currently the system is paid out of the General Fund, however, they are reviewing a “continuing” funding source – adding a .42 cent fee on each monthly mobile/landline bill – to generate 3 million annually. Towers would be included. Carlson said FirstNet has identified 12 new tower sites. Stetson said the DOD has an enterprise system and asked if it can be used if the state system goes down. Willett said each individual site would still function.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Mutual Aid Agreement Committee Report – Walla- FSB members provided minor changes. A revised draft should be available at the February 13th meeting. (draft MAA attached)

B. City | County Meeting’s:

a. Meade County Fire Association – Hofer and Klunder attended the last meeting. Sturgis will begin charging for assistance out of town.

b. Custer County Fire Advisory Board – Next meeting on 10 January.

c. Lawrence County Fire Chiefs Association – Report attached.

C. Requests for Fire Service Board Representatives Nominations – District representatives submitted the following slate of nominees:

East – Cliff McClure (Term Expires 12/31/20)
East Central – Caleb Dustman (Term Expires 12/31/19); Tim Kobes (Term Expires 12/31/20)
West – Paul Johnson (Term Expires 12/31/19)
West Central – Gary Sortland (Term Expires 12/31/20)

NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Fire Service Board Representatives – McClure made a motion to accept the slate of Representatives as presented, Kobes second. Motion carried.

B. Welcome and Seat Incoming Fire Service Board Representatives – Walla welcomed and seated newly elected Representatives – Cliff McClure, Caleb Dustman, Tim Kobes, Paul Johnson and Gary Sortland.

C. Request for Fire Service Board Chair Nominations –

a. Walla stated he would be willing to serve another term as FSB Chair. Comer made a motion to nominate Jeremy Walla as FSB Chair, Maude second. Sortland nominated himself as FSB Chair. Walla made the request for additional nominations three (3) times. Nominations closed and moved to ballot.

b. Walla nominated McClure. Kobes nominated Sortland. Walla made the request for additional nominations three (3) times. Nominations closed and moved to ballot.
D. Election of Fire Service Board Chair & Vice-Chair -
   a. Tallied Chair ballots: Majority of votes went to Walla. **Bubb made a motion to destroy the Chair election ballots, Maude second. Motion carried.**
   b. Tallied Vice-Chair ballots: Majority of votes went to Sortland. **Willett made a motion to destroy the Vice-Chair election ballots, Carlson second. Motion carried.**
E. Welcome and Seat Incoming Fire Service Board Chair & Vice-Chair - Walla welcomed and seated newly elected Officers – Chair, Jeremy Walla and Vice-Chair, Gary Sortland.
F. Commissioners Report – Commissioner(s) not in attendance.
G. Emergency Management Report – Willet reported a new round of Homeland Security grants opened 1 January and closes 15 February. The online EDGAR system can be challenging and he is happy to assist if support is needed.

**NEW REQUESTS**

**REQUESTS TO BE ACTED ON**

A. Fire Training Funding Request – **Motion to approve $1000.00 funding request from Adam Kuenkel for the purchase of 10 Certified Fire Fighter Essentials Course Student Manuals by Sortland, McClure second.** Discussion to increase the amount to 15 books. **Sortland amended his motion to approve $1387.50 for the purchase of 15 Certified Fire Fighter Essentials Course Student Manuals, Carlson second. Motion carried.**

**NEXT MEETING: February 13, 2019, 1900 – Doty VFD, 8623 N. Emerald Ridge Road, Rapid City**

ADJOURNMENT