

# Pennington County Fire Service Board Meeting

## June 17, 2009

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Chair person Gail Schmidt called the Pennington County Fire Service Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the EOC Room in the basement of the County Courthouse. Members present were: Leah Thibeau, Denny Gorton, Ray Bubb, Alexa White, Dennis Mallow, Lee Scott, Joe Tjaden and Nancy Trautman. Guests Mark Enright, Western Dakota Tech; Paul Smith, Rockerville VFD; Duane Hofer, North Haines VFD and Tim Kobes, Rapid Valley VFD.

**PAST MEETINGS MINUTES:** Motion Schmidt, and second Mallow to approve the May 13, 2009 minutes. Motion Carried.

**BUDGET REPORTS:** Motion Scott, and second Mallow to approve the budget. Motion carried.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Pro-Active: (Tjaden, Chair; Stephens, Carbajal)

- a. Recruitment and Retention- Smith is still looking for volunteers to join the recruitment and retention committees. Schmidt said she will create and send out an email to get the word out and try to get those positions filled.
- b. Regional Fire Training Site Long Term Plans- Enright reported that Kel Gunderson with the Rapid City Fire Department is proactively working on this project.

Accident Review: (Schmidt- Chair, Light, Johnson)

- a. Committee Report – The board is waiting on the accident review letter from Carbajal.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Regional AFG Communications: Rick Lehmann and Tammy Stadel have submitted the Regional AFG grant application as of last week.

Vehicle Maintenance Person & Budget Opportunities: Nothing at this time.

Cell Phone Texting: Gorton said that Ted in dispatch has signed a contract with New World to make the upgrades to the CAD system/console. After the upgrade is complete we will have the Pennington County IT department set up the emails. We will then pick a department or two to start and do test run to make sure everything is in working order.

Fire Adm at AFG peer review: July 5-10 in Baltimore

Other: Nothing at this time.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioners Report: Trautman was wondering if the departments have anything in place for fire prevention around the county. There was open discussion about what some of the different departments are doing to get the word out.

Emergency Management Report: White reported that the Emergency Management office is requesting each fire chief to send to them a list of portable/mobile radios. The list required would be for the needs of the department only not the wants. There is a possibility of a match grant that will be available to help fund the purchase of new radios.

CWPP Grant: Gorton reported that the balance of the agreement between County Fire and the Bureau of Land Management has closed out.

Other: The Rapid City Fire Department is requesting authorization to use the Pennington County Fire Service's alpha-numeric paging system for all of their emergency paging. In addition a request to use Zone Rapid as a backup channel should the State Digital system fail. Motion Scott to allow Rapid City Fire to utilize the County paging system and Zone Rapid as a back up, Second Mallow. Carried.

**NEW REQUESTS:** Gorton had brought to the board's attention the need to utilize the cash dollars to put towards projects before the end of this year. Gorton mentioned that he spoke with Tim Billings about putting together a sprinkler presentation like the one demoed at State Fire School but on a larger scale. It was estimated that the cost to produce that would be any where between five and ten thousand dollars. Schmidt mentioned the idea of having a computer driven fire simulator that would be available and used for training. Other ideas that were mentioned were: pump testing of trucks, driving simulator and/or adding modules to an existing driving simulator, Mid-winter muster classes, matching radio grants as needed, Gorton asked that the board make a list of ideas for discussion for the July meeting.

**REQUESTS TO BE ACTED ON:** Nothing at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, motion Scott, second Schmidt to adjourn. Carried.