

Pennington County Fire Service Board Meeting

July 8, 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, Nancy Trautman, Gail Schmidt, Anthony Carbajal and Paul Johnson. Guests, Paul Smith, Rockerville VFD; Duane Hofer, North Haines VFD; Tammy Stadel, Search and Rescue and Rob Lehmann, North Haines VFD.

PAST MEETINGS MINUTES: June minutes to be approved at the August 12th meeting. Due to the lack of a quorum no official business was transacted.

BUDGET REPORTS: June budget reports to be approved at the August 12th meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- a. Recruitment and Retention- Schmidt will email the new committees to Smith and he will add them to the spreadsheet. Schmidt will get in touch with each new committee member and send them their assignments.
 - (i) Training Committee – Johnson, Chair; Bubba, Stadel, Barrows
 - (ii) Marketing/Recruitment Committee – Gorton, Chair; Smith, Sortland, Venable
 - (iii) Retention Committee- Hofer, Chair; Schmidt, Hodge, Mantei
- b. Digital Radio Conversion-
- c. 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 – Open discussion about the incident that took place at the Rockerville VFD. And the possibilities of a faulty switch on the tender truck. It was said that each department should have a look at the tender trucks and observe the switches for any issues that need to be addressed.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Cell Phone Texting: Nothing at this time.

Capital Improvement Projects: Schmidt asked that the members present think of ideas that we could spend this money on so we could discuss them at next month's meeting. So far one idea is to have Tim Billings create a traveling sprinkler system demo.

Other: Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioners Report: Trautman said that the final budgets need to be approved by September.

Emergency Management Report: Carbajal reported that the siren retro fit is complete and the sirens are fully operational with the exception of Wall.

Other: Stadel wanted to ask the board to help fund an event for Fire Prevention Week. The date Stadel is looking at is October 3rd to be held at the Fairgrounds. She is looking for volunteers and anyone who would be interested in helping work booths, set up and take down etc for the event. Tammy is open to suggestions so if you have any please call her or send your suggestions to her

email. Schmidt will be sending out an email to have the board make a vote on whether or not they would like to help fund this event. Tammy estimates she will need around \$2000-\$2200 to purchase food, gimmicks and hand-outs etc. It was also said that she would like to purchase a Sparky the Fire Dog costume to use at the event and various others within the county, including school trips, fire department open houses, etc. The cost of Sparky is \$3394.95 plus shipping.

NEW REQUESTS:

REQUESTS TO BE ACTED ON: Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business discussion meeting ended.