

Pennington County Fire Service Board Meeting September 09, 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, Joe Tjaden, Jim Light, Nancy Trautman and Dennis Mallow. Guests, Paul Smith, Rockerville VFD; Duane Hofer, North Haines VFD; Rob Lehmann, North Haines VFD; Mark Enright and Tom Jaros, Western Dakota Tech; Craig Comer, Hill City VFD; Tim Kobes, Rapid Valley VFD and Gary Sortland, Rockerville VFD.

PAST MEETINGS MINUTES: Motion Mallow, and second Tjaden to approve the August 12, 2009 minutes. Motion Carried.

BUDGET REPORTS: Motion Mallow, and second Tjaden to approve the budget Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

a. Recruitment and Retention-

- (i) Training Committee – Johnson, Chair; Bubb, Stadel, Barrows- Bubb is still trying to get his group together for a meeting.
- (ii) Marketing/Recruitment Committee – Gorton, Chair; Smith, Sortland, Venable- Gorton reported that the committee held a meeting on 8/27/09 and Smith had typed up minutes for your review and a copy was included in this months packets. Smith went on to say that he created a few samples of ads that will possibly run on the electronic bill boards. Smith said there are eight to nine billboards around town and the ads run in eight second snap shots. Gorton and Smith said that they are looking for a late November, early December timeframe to start the recruiting.
- (iii) Retention Committee- Hofer, Chair; Schmidt, Hodge, Mantei – Hofer reported that he has been attending a few department meetings and is collecting some good feedback from his question and answer form. Fifteen out of twenty firefighters say the do not feel like they are part of the departments. Hofer is looking for ideas to help keep the firefighters for longer periods of time.

b. Digital Radio Conversion- Gorton created an Analog/Digital conversation estimated timetable DRAFT for your review. By January 2013 all radios will need to be narrow banded; that includes all zones, fire grounds, paging systems etc. will need to be converted. Gorton asked that please review the timeline and provide some input to change or updates that should be included.

c. Regional Fire Training Site Long Term Plans- Tjaden said that Kel Gunderson has completed the confined space training area and has moved onto other projects. Jaros reported that they are waiting on a few quotes to come back to have some fencing moved. Also some roof trusses were donated and they are waiting on a place to use those. Jaros is also looking for an old small bus of some kind if anyone knows where to get one.

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

- a. Committee Report – Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Regional AFG Communications: Nothing at this time.

Vehicle Maintenance Contracting: Mallow said that they are in the process of combining four to five different job descriptions to create one.

Cell Phone Texting: Gorton said that Curt from our IT department is working on how to input cell phone numbers into the system.

Capital Improvement Projects:

- a. Sparky Fire Dog- Discussion about getting kids more involved and using Sparky the Fire Dog as an education tool. Motion Mallow to purchase Sparky the Fire Dog costume for \$3,500.00. Second Tjaden. Motion carried with one opposed.
- b. Gorton went to look at trailers for the Sprinkler Demo with Tim Billings and they purchase a used gooseneck trailer for \$ 3,250.00.

Other: Silver City, Scenic, Wasta and Box Elder VFD's are the next departments that will be able to take advantage of the five year plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioners Report: Trautman wanted to thank all the departments that were in the parade. Trautman was very pleased at the amount of departments that were present.

Emergency Management Report: Carbajal said that the state did not receive enough support for the state radio project and that all grant funds will be coming back to the county level. September 26th will be the first National Preparedness day at the Rushmore Mall from 10-2. Carbajal is also looking for a location to store an 8x40 steel box that will hold cots, blankets, insta kits to be used for pandemic sheltering. Please contact Carbajal at his office if you may be able to help.

Paging upgrades- info from Adam Scott, radio tech: Gorton attached a proposal from Sonik for a simulcast paging system to replace Pennington County's current three repeater system. Gorton wanted everyone to review the proposal from Sonik and the correspondence between Gorton and Adam Scott so that it can be discussed at next month's meeting.

Other:

NEW REQUESTS: Nothing at this time

REQUESTS TO BE ACTED ON:

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion Carbajal, Second Mallow to adjourn. Carried