

Pennington County Fire Service Board Meeting

February 10, 2010

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Chair person Kendall Kjerstad 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. Board members present: Kendall Kjerstad, Dennis Mallow, Lee Scott, Paul Johnson, Ray Bubb, Alexa White, Leah Thibeau, and Dennis Gorton. Guests Duane Hofer, North Haines VFD; Craig Comer, Hill City VFD; Randy Wagner, Doty VFD; Bart Banks, Doty VFD; Brent Kolstad, North Haines VFD; Mark Enright, Rapid City FD; Tim Kobes, Rapid Valley VFD.

PAST MEETINGS MINUTES: Motion by Johnson, seconded by Mallow to approve the Jan 13 meeting minutes. Carried. Correction to the minutes; Kolstad said that North Haines was suppose to receive one portable radio making the numbers Wasta 5 North Haines 1.

BUDGET REPORTS: Budget reports were presented for Title III and Fire. Motion by Johnson to accept, second Scott. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

a. Recruitment and Retention-

- (i) Training Committee – (Johnson, Chair; Bubb, Stadel, Barrows): Bubb said that the document for training is in progress and should be available for review soon.
- (ii) Marketing/Recruitment Committee – (Gorton, Chair; Smith, Sortland, Venable): Gorton said the electric billboards started running four different slides that will be rotating through.
- (iii) Retention Committee- (Hofer, Chair; Schmidt, Hodge, Mantei): Hofer asked if the retention info had been mailed to the fire departments. Gorton said that we will post the information on the Pennington County webpage to make it easier to access with links to the County Fire Fighters site.

b. Regional Fire Training Site Long Term Plans- (Bubb, Tjaden, Scott, Jaros, Enright): Nothing at this time.

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 asked the board to review the description for the Pennington County maintenance job that is in your packet. Please review for any changes or comments. Mallow asked that after the board reads over the description it might be possible to adopt at next months meeting and proceed forward. Gorton will run it by the Pennington County Human Resources department for proofing and making sure the wording is correct.

Cell Phone Texting: Gorton reported that he keeps adding departs as he receives names and numbers from the Chiefs. After the information is put in Ted in dispatch makes his updates. It was also noted that this is only a secondary means of notification and paging still remains the primary method. Johnson asked that he be removed from Rapid Valley as he keeps receiving those departments' pages.

Residential Sprinkler Demo Progress Report: Gorton reported that the doors to the trailer are complete and it's out at Hofer's shop ready to be picked up and taken to main station.

County Mutual Aid Requirements: There is a copy of the draft in the packets for open discussion about which changes to make. The proposed changes are underlined and changes reflect a strike through. Page one section A. number 2 needs to have the wording updated as fallows. Anything that

states Resource Conservation Forestry needs to read South Dakota Division of Wildland Suppression. Denny will make the changes for next months meeting. It was also said that Page two number 9. needs to have the wording revised as per Melanie with Rockford.

Title III Funding & Expenditures: Gorton handed out the Wildland Fire Training Facilitator and Instructor Responsibilities or Job Descriptions for the board to review. Gorton went on to explain that current 2008 funds are very restrictive on what you are allowed to spend the dollars on. It was also said that any past funding falls under the old guidelines. For a detailed description please contact Denny and he will get a copy to you.

2010 Projects: Kjerstad wanted to make sure the board proceeded forward with any projects or ideas and bring those forth for the board to consider. Doty, Hill City, Rochford and Keystone are all up this year for the 5 year plan. Gorton mentioned that those departments who are up for the 5 year plan do not need to wait until the end of the year to spend their money. Each department listed can spend four thousand dollars. The board will need to determine which projects it wants to provide assistance to in 2010, a few projects mentioned are Regional Fire Training Facility at Vo-Tech, residential fire sprinkler trailer, recruitment and retention costs and others.

Other:

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioners Report: Nothing at this time.

Emergency Management Report: White mentioned that there are some left over grant funds available that can be used to purchase radios. White would like to know if the board wants to participate and put forth some funds to help get some radios. Motion Mallow to put twenty five thousand towards the purchase of portable radios only. Second Johnson

Hill City VFD: Comer concerned about the lack of communications digitally through his district. It was said that there are locations that receive zero coverage. Gorton said that he will be contacting Jeff Perce in Pierre to try to find out what state radio has planned for future conversions as well as meet with Adam, Ted and the Sheriffs Office about how to proactively fix this problem. For the time being it was mentioned that Hill City could possibly use a fire ground as a potential fix and to keep working with the sheriffs department.

Other: Kjerstad asked if Johnson would chair in his place at the March 10th meeting while Kjerstad is out of town.

NEW REQUESTS: Nothing at this time.

REQUESTS TO BE ACTED ON: Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion by Mallow, seconded by Scott to adjourn.