

Pennington County Fire Service Board Meeting July 9, 2008

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Chairperson 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: Denny Gorton, Anthony Carbajal, Steve Keegan, Gail Schmidt, Kendall Kjerstad, Leah Thibeau, Nancy Trautman and Joel Stephens. Guests Mark Enright, Rapid Valley VFD and Duane Hofer, North Haines VFD.

PAST MEETINGS MINUTES: Motion Keegan, and second Kjerstad to approve the June 23, 2008 minutes. Motion Carried.

BUDGET REPORTS: Motion Carbajal, and second Keegan to approve the budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- a. Gel Upgrade for engines- Gorton reported that the supplement hearing will take place on the 15th. We will have to move cash reserves to our budget to cover the cost for the engine upgrades. As of now there is not target date for completion.

Vehicle Replacement: (Chair, Keegan)

- a. Wildland Fire Trucks – Nothing at this time

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

- a. Accident Reports – Schmidt reported to a call of a horse that had fallen into a hole. Schmidt said it was a great learning experience for all the agencies involved. As always it was impressive to see the knowledge and team work that everyone gives in the time of need.

OLD BUSINESS:

Communications Update: Gorton reported that Doug Pavel will be taking a leave of absence and will return to work around the 25th of July. Doug will still be available to answer questions and help out if the need arises. Ted will be filling in for Doug and will also be available to help in Doug's absence.

County Shared fire vehicle maintenance personnel: Gorton mentioned that he and Kobes will be getting together in the next couple of months to gather all the details for hiring some one. Gorton is predicting around the first of the year will be a good time to get some one on board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioners Report: Trautman informed the board that she has been meeting with the county planning and zoning regarding addressing county ordinance policies. Trautman was looking for any input that the board had on the policy being uniform with the fire codes.

Emergency Management Report: Carbajal reported that the Red Cross has 3 pallets of water to distribute if anyone is interested. Please send Anthony an email with your department name and how much water you think you may want. Also the 2009 Emergency Response guides are out and will be available after the meeting. Make sure you take one for each emergency response vehicle you have.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan: Gorton said that the CWPP deadline for the second phase is fast approaching. It was said there is 10 thousand left out of the total of 50 thousand that the grant was worth. Motion Keegan to move forward with second phase of the grant for the CWPP, Second Kjerstad. Motion carried

NEW REQUESTS: Keegan brought up the issue of new home developments being built and not requiring homes of large size to have sprinkler systems. There was open discussion on maximum square feet and ordinances already in place. Motion Keegan to put together a sprinkler ordinance for structures over 3500 square feet in the county, second Kjerstad. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion Carbajal, second Keegan to adjourn. Carried.