

Pennington County Fire Service Board Meeting

November 12, 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, Gail Schmidt, Lee Scott, Jim Light, Nancy Trautman, Joe Tjaden, Leah Thibeau, Ray Bubb, Steve Keegan and Joel Stephens. Guests Tim Kobes, Rapid Valley VFD; Brent Kolstad, SDOEM; Rob Lehmann, North Haines VFD; Mark Enright, Western Dakota Tech and Don Springhetti, Whispering Pines VFD.

PAST MEETINGS MINUTES: Motion Keegan, and second Bubb to approve the October 8, 2008 minutes. Motion Carried.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- a. Recruitment and Retention: Nothing at this time.

Vehicle Replacement: (Chair, Keegan)

- a. Wildland Fire Trucks – Nothing at this time

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

- a. Committee Report – Gorton said there was one new WC claim for a firefighter. He is waiting to hear back from the SDML on their request for additional health and medical information.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subdivision Regulations for water supply: Trautman wanted to let everyone know that the subdivision regulations went into effect as of today November 12th 2008. Trautman said that she is really pleased with the regulations and believes it is a step in the right direction.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan: Gorton reported that the 10 thousand dollars for the CWPP are still available. It was said that those funds could be used for a signage and mitigation area.

Other: Enright reported on the training tower at Western Dakota VoTech and the upcoming projects to be completed. Enright mentioned that the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) will be providing the funds to pay for the Hazmat training pad. The training area is available to all Pennington County Fire departments at no charge. Enright asked that when you have time to come by and see all the work that has been done to better help train our firefighters and local emergency responders. For more information on what projects we are working towards please contact Mark Enright.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioners Report: Nancy wanted to thank everyone for inviting her to the Fire Fighters Banquet and also a thank you for all who helped with the snow storm.

Emergency Management Report: Gorton said that Anthony was still attending the Point of Dispensing (POD) Exercise at the Civic Center. Gorton went on to say that it was a good turn out and things seemed to be running very well. We are not sure of the dispensing count as of now but Anthony will fill us in at the next meeting. There was open discussion about the POD.

Narrow Banding Radio Report: Adam from the Pennington County Radio Shop has provided the Fire Service Board with an overview, directive and plan in regards to being FCC compliant. There was also some discussion about a possible communications committee. For more information on this topic please contact Adam by calling the Pennington County Radio shop at 394-6954.

Repeater and Control Station Replacement Program: Gorton handed out a Radio Infrastructure Replacement Program. It details how by replacing radio equipment over three years the County Fire radio system should be fully compliant with the narrow banding requirements. In 2008 the FSB would replace the Zone Rapid repeater. In 2009 the FSB would replace the Zone West & East repeaters. Zone East, West, Rapid, System Rapid and Lawrence County control stations, and a mobile for the County Tahoe. In 2010 the FSB would replace System West, Rapid and East repeaters. This would fit with the projected budgets for the next years.

Digital Radio Conversion: There was some discussion about getting the volunteer fire departments to begin switching over to the digital system. It was suggested that this would be a good project for the Pro-active Committee.

Other: nothing at this time.

NEW REQUESTS: Nothing at this time

REQUESTS TO BE ACTED ON:

County Fire Repeater: Motion Keegan to approve the purchase of the County Fire Repeater in the amount of \$16,000 and to use the funds set aside for that, second Scott. Motion carried.

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