

Pennington County Fire Service Board Meeting

December 14, 2011

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Chair person Dennis Mallow 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: Gary Sortland, Dennis Gorton, Nancy Trautman, Dennis Mallow, Ray Bubb, Dustin Willett, Mike Lehrkamp, Casey Warren, and Paul Johnson. Guests; Duane Hofer, Jason White, Samantha Wansgard, and Dan Hodge, North Haines VFD; Mark Enright and Tim Kobes, Rapid Valley VFD; Randy Wagner, Doty VFD; Paul Smith, Rockerville VFD; Chris Gleason and Ty Wilson; Box Elder VFD; Bruce Jensen, Whispering Pines VFD.

PAST MEETINGS MINUTES: Motion by Sortland, seconded by Johnson to approve the November 9, 2011 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

BUDGET REPORTS: Budget reports were presented for County Fire. Motion by Bubb to accept, second by Johnson. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Pro-Active: (Warren, Chair) nothing at this time.

Training Committee – (Johnson, Chair; Bubb, Stadel, Barrows): Nothing at this time.

Regional Fire Training Long Term Plans- (Bubb, Tjaden, Scott, Jaros, Enright): Enright said WDT is still working with the City on getting a fire hydrant installed near the burn building. Gorton informed the Board that there was still \$6,000 earmarked for WDT. Gorton told Enright to purchase the fire hydrant and bring him the invoice for it before Dec 31.

Firefighters Appreciation Banquet – (Hofer & Scott): Hofer asked if anyone had any ideas for something different to let him know. This could be some other type of meal or recognition.

Mid-Winter Muster – (Enright & Scott):

- a. Dates - February 18-19, 2012
- b. Classes – Enright had a flyer ready with dates, class descriptions, registration form, etc.
- c. Instructors – nothing to report, other than Enright said the cost of instructors would exceed the \$15 registration.
- d. Vendors - Scott apparently has mailed the info to vendors as one attendee said they got the vendor registration
- e. Classroom – will be held at WDT on Sedivy Ln. current location of the Fire Science program.
- f. Information flyer – will be mailed/emailed/distributed as soon as available.
- g. Registration cost – discussion on the \$15 registration. It was noted it has been this amount for many years. Motion by Warren to raise the registration to \$20 per student, seconded by Sortland. Motion carried.

Accident Review Committee: (Bubb- Chair; Sortland) – nothing to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Regional Communications Grant: Gorton reported that apparently the grant was sent to peer review but he has heard nothing more to date.

Cold Storage Building: Gorton said that apparently Rapid City is considering purchasing a building on Cente Street and there is a cold storage building on the property with several overhead doors and several open bays at this time. Chief Maltaverne will keep county fire

informed of any changes, but it is pretty well agreed that county fire and city fire certainly could have access to the cold storage building.

Wildland Classes for late 2011 & spring 2012: The requested list was reviewed and basically considered still the list to base the classes for the spring from.

Wildland Fire Class Facilitator: Mallow announced that Tammy Stadel has been selected to facilitate the Wildland classes for the next year. A committee of Johnson, Warren, Bubb, Sortland, and Mallow had interviewed the four applicants before tonight's meeting. The committee recommended Stadel and thanked the applicants for their interest and desire to improve the county fire service. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Bubb to confirm Stadel as the facilitator. Motion carried.

Life Flight radio communications channel: Gorton reported that he had not had an opportunity to talk with Larry Bagley with Life Flight. Gorton said he will get that done before the next meeting.

Profile update in radios: There was general discussion regarding the radio profile and the replacing of Zone East, Zone West, and Zone Rapid display names with EKUP 1, or 6 or 3. Several fire chiefs noted that when they sent in their radio profile forms they requested no changes. Their old profile had the Zones named, and when the reprogramming was done, the Zones were deleted and replaced with various BKUP. There were several emails between Chair Mallow and Ted in dispatch. Ted asked that the FSB take their request to have the name of the zones reinstated to the ESCC User's Board. Gorton said he sent an email to Chief Maltaverne, Chief Alexander and Sheriff Thom to place this on next User's Board meeting. The next ESCC User Board meeting is scheduled for Jan. 9, at 1:00 PM 2nd floor of the PSB.

Emergency Management Board: There was some discussion about the FSB letters to the Commissioners, Mayor, and City Council regarding their proposal to change the EM Board. Dustin presented a letter to Chair Mallow inviting the FSB to the next EM Board meeting on January 9 to discuss their proposal.

FSB Representatives – district/terms up January 2012: The following positions are open or have representatives selected. It should be noted that any unfilled position remain as such until the district selects their representative.

East District – Chuck Schultz – can serve another term

East Central – Dave Lindbloom – elected to serve starting Jan 2012

West Central – Gary Sortland – elected to another term starting Jan 2012

West – Rita Chapman – elected to another term starting Jan 2012

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Report: Trautman reported that there was MPB meeting at the Mystic Ranger office and it seemed that some progress is being made in the cooperative efforts of the various entities. They have set goals and set a meeting in a couple of months. Gorton said he attended a meeting of several citizens who are proposing to get volunteers to cut trees and start removing bug trees. Gorton said the proposal was to use vfd's for some of the cutting. More info on both programs as they develop.

Emergency Management Report: Dustin had little to report at this time.

Narrow banding for State and Federal agencies: Gorton said he participated in a conference call on Wednesday with the discussion around when do the state/federal agencies switch to narrowband? Gorton said the general agreement was that by May 1, 2012 the state/federal agencies will be switched and therefore fire departments and other cooperators should plan on being changed by then too. Pennington County is already narrow banded. The only question to decide is do the agencies want to display, SD Mutual 1 & 2 and National Fire as those or as VFire 21, 22 & 23? There will be more discussion later.

Other: nothing at this time.

NEW REQUESTS: None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion by Johnson to adjourn, second by Sortland. Carried. Meeting adjourned.