

**Custer County Fire Advisory Board Minutes**  
**Thursday, March 12, 2020**

**1) Roll Call**

Administrative Assistant	Terri C.
Argyle	Mike S., David M.
Buffalo Gap	
Commissioner	Jim L.
Custer	Matt S.
Custer State Park	
Dewey	
Emergency Management	Mike C.
Fairburn	Klinton R., Jim S.
Folsom	Scott E., David U., Clay S., Casey S., Wyatt M., Tate H.
Battle Creek	David L. & Dale G.
Highlands	Luke C., & Chris M.
Pringle	Bob M. Sr.
State Wild Land Fire	
SD State Fire	
Pennington County Fire Dept	
US Forest Service	

**2) Call to Order**

Chairman Matt Spring called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**3) Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Luke C. and seconded by Scott E. to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**4) Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Mike S. and seconded by Luke C. to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

**5) Old Business**

A) County Fire Coordinator Position – Matt S. stated the County Fire Coordinator position is on hold until the Fire Study is completed.

B) “2020 Custer County Fire Delivery Study” – Discussion was held on the one bid received by the Custer County Commission at their regular meeting on February 26, 2020. The bid was submitted by Citygate Associates, LLC at a price of \$91,772. Jim S. reported that the bid had been sent out nation wide and only one bid was received. The consensus was that the bid was more money than the Fire Advisory Board was willing to spend. Discussion was held on what is the most important item to study first. It was agreed that the Highway 385 corridor would be the best item to start with. Motion was made by Kinton R. and seconded by Bob M. Sr. to start a study on the 385 corridor and to follow with a county wide study. Motion carried. Jim S., Mike C., Mike S. and Bob M. Sr. agreed to be on the committee that will start the study.

C) Matt S. reminded all that the Auto Aid had been sent out to all departments. Each department needs to update their part of the auto aid and return to Terri C. no later than June 1, 2020.

#### **6) New Business**

A) Hot Springs Fire Department – Matt S. stated he had received questions as to why none of the Custer Volunteer Fire Departments were called to assist with the February 17, 2020 fire in Hot Springs. Matt S. confirmed with Dar Coy from Hot Springs that none of the fire departments from Custer County were ordered except for Battle Creek due to number of personnel that was needed for the fire.

**Public Comment** – There were no comments from the public.

#### **9) Announcements**

- Argyle/Pringle Fire Departments are preparing to order bunker gear. If any other departments want to order along with them, please let Mike S. know.
- Jim S. reported that Fairburn had received 6 bio hazard kits and need to order more. Please send Terri C. an email if you would like to order the kits as well.
- Mike C. is working with Monument Health to organize a community meeting next week in lieu of the coronavirus disease. The county is being proactive with this with hand sanitizers and recording flu like symptoms of any employee as well as suspending the 24/7 program for now.
- David U. reported that Folsom Fire Department had received a grant from Farm Credit Services to purchase a grain rescue kit.
- Argyle Fire Department has two burn exercises coming up. Mike S. will let the other departments know the dates when they are scheduled.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion was made by Scott E. and seconded by Klinton R.. to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. – Location: Custer State Park Wildland Office with Argyle Fire Department hosting.**

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**Luke Caster, Vice-Chairman**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Terri Cornelison, Administrative Assistant**