

**Custer County Fire Advisory Board Minutes**  
**Thursday, November 14, 2019**

**1) Roll Call**

Administrative Assistant	Terri C.
Argyle	Mike S., Bob F. , David M., & Casey B.
Buffalo Gap	
Commissioner	Jim L.
Custer	Matt S., Joel B.
Custer State Park	
Dewey	
Emergency Management	Mike C.
Fairburn	Klinton R., Jim S.
Folsom	Scott E. & David U.
Battle Creek	Paul J.
Highlands	Luke C., Chris M. & Susan A.
Pringle	Bob M. Sr.; Roger J.
State Wild Land Fire	John H.
SD State Fire	
Pennington County Fire Dept	
US Forest Service	

**2) Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Paul J. and seconded by Joel B. to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**3) Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Scott E. and seconded by Paul J. to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2019 meeting and October 3, 2019 Surplus Funds Committee meeting. Motion carried.

**5) Old Business**

A) Update on proposed study and distribution of surplus funds – Copies of the draft of the proposed study were handed out. Matt S. reported that the study would begin the first of the year. The current draft does not include Argyle and Buffalo Gap Fire Departments and they will need to be added. At the October 23, 2019 Custer County Commission meeting a motion was made to allocate \$100,000 from the \$500,000 that was assigned to the Fire Advisory Board to be used to pay for the proposed study. Matt S. asked each department to submit comments on the scope of the study to him by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Paul J. made a motion to allocate the \$200,000 from the \$500,000 surplus funds to be used for current needs for each fire department and to follow the recommendation of the surplus funds committee.

The funds to be distributed as follows:

Fire Area	Total Value	%	Base Amount
Argyle	76,770,436	6.8%	\$24,000
Battle Creek	220,686,704	19.60%	\$24,000
Buffalo Gap	29,251,684	2.60%	\$24,000

Custer	611,974,119	54.50%	\$24,000
Dewey/Edgemont	7,234,120		\$ 1,200
Fairburn	81,562,132	7.20%	\$24,000
Folsom	24,907,513	2.20%	\$24,000
Highlands	34,936,510	3.10%	\$24,000
Hot Springs	16,344,529		\$ 6,800
Pringle	43,386,772	3.90%	\$24,000
Total	1,147,054,519	99.90%	\$200,000

Motion carried.

**6) New Business**

A) List of each Department's equipment to Sheriff's Office – the Sheriff's Office is in the process of installing the new Zeurcher software and is asking each department to submit a list of all their equipment. Matt S. will send out the mutual aid document that was developed a couple of years ago and each department can update that.

B) Proposed Fire Coordinator position – discussion was held on creating and funding a Fire Coordinator position. Paul J. recommended for this to be a part of the proposed study. Matt S. will continue to pursue the position as he feels it a more immediate need as volunteers and the board chairman have limited time to get anything done.

**7) Public Comment** – there were no comments from the public.

**9) Announcements**

- Black Hills Area Chaplain Association will hold a meeting on Monday, December 2, 2019 in Rapid City and invites a representative from each department to attend.
- Fire Chiefs Conference to be held in Deadwood, SD, on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- Mid-Winter Muster to be held March 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.
- National Weather Service has revised the fire zones
- Training provided by SD Wild Land Fire Office will be posted on IQS

**Adjournment**

Motion was made by Joel B. and seconded by Scott E. to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. – Location: Custer State Park Wildland Office with Fairburn Fire Department hosting.**

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**Matt Spring, President**

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