

**Custer County Fire Advisory Board Minutes
Tuesday, July 9, 2019**

1) Roll Call

Administrative Assistant	Terri C.
Argyle	Mike S. & David M.
Buffalo Gap	
Commissioner	Jim L.
Custer	Matt S., Joel B.
Custer State Park	
Dewey	
Emergency Management	Mike C.
Fairburn	
Folsom	Scott E. & David U.
Battle Creek	Dave L.
Highlands	Luke C.
Pringle	Bob M. Sr.
State Wild Land Fire	John H.
SD State Fire	
Pennington County Fire Dept	
US Forest Service	Brian D.

2) Approval of Agenda

Motion by Joel B. and seconded by Scott E. to approve the agenda with the addition of 5 year plans.
Motion carried.

3) Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Dave L. and seconded by Scott E. to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2019 meeting.
Motion carried. Motion by Joel B. and seconded by Mike S. to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2019 surplus funds committee meeting with the addition of Folsom also wanting a Type 6 truck replacement on their 5 year plan. Motion carried.

5) Old Business

A) 2020 Budgets – consensus was to keep the budgets the same as the past year. Discussion was held on two fire departments (Buffalo Gap & Dewey) that do not currently have enough volunteers on their rosters to qualify for a certified volunteer fire department. Motion by Joel B. and seconded by David M. to have Matt S. and a county commissioner meet with each of these departments to discuss this issue. Motion carried with Scott E. opposing.

B) Argyle Fire Department Request tabled from last meeting. Consensus was that the request should be put into the 5 year plan for the Argyle Fire Department.

6) New Business

A) Surplus Funds Committee Update – Joel B. gave an update from the surplus funds committee meeting that was held June 9, 2019. The meeting consisted of a round table discussion for all departments in attendance. There was a question on communications and the radios that are needed for all departments. Jim L. affirmed that the Custer County Commission had decided the county would fund the cost of the radios and that it would be in addition to the \$500,000 that was given to the Fire Advisory Board. Discussion was held on the purpose of hiring a consultant to decide how to spend the surplus funds. Matt S. stated he should have information from the consultant next week. Jim S. had requested that another meeting be set up for the surplus committee to meet, but consensus was to wait until information was received from the consultant before setting up the next meeting. Discussion was held on the \$40,000 that was approved to hire a consultant and if it was necessary. Matt S. stated the consultant would help the Fire Advisory Board spend the \$500,000 efficiently and assure the commission that the funds are distributed wisely. Question was asked why the commission wouldn't distribute the funds between all fire departments. Jim L. stated the commission felt it should be determined by the Fire Advisory Board. Luke C. suggested that a percentage from each fire department also be contributed when distributing the funds.

7) Public Comment - none

9) Announcements

- Joel B. announced that the Custer Fire Department will host an Essentials class. Any department having members needing this class should contact Custer Fire Department.
- Mike S. stated Argyle had gained 1 new member but also lost 2 members.
- Argyle had 7 members show up for their pack test.
- Thank you to Custer Fire Department for hosting this meeting.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mike S. and seconded by Scott E. to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. – Location: Custer State Park Wildland Office with Folsom Fire Department hosting.

Matt Spring, President

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