

**Custer County Fire Advisory Board Surplus Funds Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, June 19, 2019**

**1) Roll Call**

Administrative Assistant	Terri C.
Argyle	
Buffalo Gap	
Commissioner	
Custer	Joel B.
Custer State Park	
Dewey	
Emergency Management	
Fairburn	Klinton R., Jim S.
Folsom	Scott E.
Battle Creek	Paul J.
Highlands	Chris M.
Pringle	Bob M. Sr.
State Wild Land Fire	
SD State Fire	
Pennington County Fire Dept	
US Forest Service	

The surplus funds committee met at the Custer Fire Hall to discuss the process for distributing the surplus funds of \$500,000 that were given to the Fire Advisory Board from Custer County. Jim S. called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The meeting consisted of a round table discussion with each department present reviewing their 5 year plan and identifying the priority needs of their department.

1. Fairburn
  - \$25,000 mortgage on fire department building
  - \$10,000 structure truck
  - Purchase 3 full sets bunker gear \$10,000
  - Replace type 6 chassis on a rotation schedule
2. Custer
  - Funding stability
  - Facility staffing
  - Remodeling of fire department building
  - Purchase medium rescue truck
  - Second water tender to address current needs
  - New structure for fire department 2029
3. Pringle
  - New 4,000 gallon tender \$60,000
  - Structure gear (to be handled through budget)
4. Folsom
  - Structure training and bunker gear

- Repair of road to fire department is a priority (Lower Spring Creek Rd)
- 5. Battle Creek
  - Decrease ISO rating
  - Roster is large (48 – 56 members) PPE is an issue
  - Loose equipment such as hoses
  - Communications
  - Public education & training
  - Type 6 ladder truck
- 6. Highlands
  - Analog repeater (digital does not work on west side of county)
  - Communications
  - In house structure certified training
  - SCB A and bunker gear
  - New well for water supply
  - Crash and extraction equipment
  - Structure/rescue truck
  - New type 6 truck
  - New building

Paul J. estimated all the fire departments located in Custer County handle approximately 600 calls per year. The estimated cost for the consultant to do a study and prioritize needs of all departments is going to be approximately \$50,000. It is possible to negotiate that to a lesser amount.

Jim S. identified the following as objectives for the consultant:

1. Feasibility of the formation of new districts, expansion of existing districts and merging of districts
2. Reduce ISO rating where feasible
3. Increase staffing and provide quality training
4. Create emergency services district for North Eastern part of Custer County

Another meeting for the surplus funds committee will be set at the next Fire Advisory Board meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Jim S. adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. – Location: Custer State Park with Custer hosting.**

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**Jim Strain**

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