

**Custer County Fire Advisory Board Minutes  
Thursday, September 10, 2020**

**1) Roll Call**

Administrative Assistant	Terri C.
Argyle	David M., Casey B.
Buffalo Gap	
Commissioner	Jim L.
Custer	
Custer State Park	
Dewey	
Emergency Management	Mike C.
Fairburn	Jim S.
Folsom	Scott E., Jacob R. & Melanie R.
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	
Custer County	Susan A.

**2) Call to Order**

Vice Chairman Scott Edoff called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

**3) Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Dave L. and seconded by Luke C. to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**4) Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Luke C. and seconded by Dale G. to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

**5) Old Business**

A) Final 2021 Budgets – Terri C. reminded all Fire Departments that the County Commissioners would be approving the final 2021 County Budgets at their next meeting September 23, 2020.

B) Update on P25 Radio Funding – Departments were reminded to turn in the number of PT25 compliant radios they will need to Terri C. Mike C. reminded Departments to use analog when you can and not all radios need to be digital.

C) Update on Highlands Communications Issue – Chris M. stated the tower on Bear Mountain was inspected and seems to be in working order. There was some hail damage to the tower. There is a possibility of using a different channel for communications. This topic will be kept as an open item on the agenda until resolved.

D) Remaining Department reports on supplemental funding expenditures to be shared with the County Commission – Departments were reminded to turn in their reports on how they spent the supplemental funding received from the county.

E) Review of Work Plan for Proposed Part-time Fire Coordinator Position – Discussion was held on what Fire Chiefs and Departments need help with and what duties they would like to see the Fire Coordinator do. Jim S. drafted a job description for the Part-Time Custer County Fire Coordinator that was shared with all Departments. Jim S. will start working on the 385 Corridor Study first and then look at options for the Eastern side of the County. The Part-Time Fire Coordinator Position item will kept on the Old Business Agenda.

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

A) Pump and Ladder Testing – A schedule for Pump and Ladder Testing was handed out. Custer, Battle Creek, Argyle and Fairburn Departments are on the schedule.

**Public Comment** – Jim S. mentioned there is talk of Southern Hills Water expanding on Highway 79.

#### **9) Announcements**

- Highlands asked about possibility of creating a new numbering system for equipment for all Departments. This could possibly be address with the Auto Aid.
- Pringle is working on their new tender truck.
- Fairburn will host their Annual Buffalo Burger & Brat Community Feed next Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Argyle had to replace an old military truck and they were able to find a 2014 Freightliner.
- Battle Creek announced that Craig Comer is stepping down as Fire Chief in Hill City.
- Folsom stated the fire truck they received from Battle Creek is almost ready to go.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion was made by Dale G. and seconded by Luke C. to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, November 12th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. – Location: Custer State Park Wildland Office with Battle Creek Fire Department hosting.**

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**Scott Edoff, Vice- Chairman**

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