

**Custer County Fire Advisory Board Minutes
Wednesday, February 27, 2019**

1) Roll Call

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

The surplus funds committee met at Lintz Brothers Pizza to discuss the process for distributing the surplus funds of \$500,000 that were given to the Fire Advisory Board from Custer County. Mike C. expressed a need to prioritize how the money should be spent and to take a look at how active the fire departments are. The committee discussed the need to replace radios to be PT25 compliant by June 1, 2023. Governor Kristi Noem has committed monies to overhaul the system and counties will be responsible for the purchase of new radios. Jim L. stated the Custer County Commission is looking at funding the cost of the new radios for each department. A rough estimate of the cost for all departments to acquire the sufficient amount of new radios they would need is approximately \$189,000. Matt S. shared a list of needs: Radios, PPE, Training, Study, Districts and Grants. Discussion was held on the possibility of hiring an outside company to do a study for the needs of all the fire departments (like Custer Fire Department did). Motion was made by Paul J. and seconded by Scott E. to contact the company that completed the Custer Fire Department Assessment Needs study and have them give a quote on a price to complete an Assessment Needs Study for all Fire Departments in Custer County and if the cost would be \$40,000 or less, authorize the study to be completed. If they cost should happen to be above \$40,000, there would be a need for a vote to be taken and could possibly be done through an email with a proxy vote. Motion carried. Each Fire Department is asked to identify one priority for their department and bring that to the next Fire Advisory Board Meeting.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Paul J. and seconded by Scott E. to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. – Location: Elk Mtn. School with Custer Highlands hosting.

Matt Spring, President

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