

Custer County Fire Advisory Board Minutes
Thursday, July 9, 2020

1) Roll Call

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

2) Call to Order

Chairman Matt Spring called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

3) Approval of Agenda

Motion by Klinton R.. and seconded by Scott E. to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

4) Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Klinton R. and seconded by Chris M. to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

5) Old Business

A) County Fire Coordinator Position – Susan A. handed out a map showing the proposed Fire District along the Highway 385 corridor along with estimates on potential property taxes for that district. Matt S. volunteered to serve on the committee to study this proposal along with present members of Jim S., Mike C., Mike S. and Bob Morgan Sr. Motion by Scott E. and seconded by Dave L. to set aside \$5,000 from the \$100,000 that was designated to fund the “2020 Custer County Fire Delivery Study” to be used to pay Jim S. for hours and mileage to pursue the proposed Fire Coordinator position. Motion carried. Jim S. noted the committee for the Highway 385 corridor proposed fire district will need feedback from all departments to be successful.

6) New Business

- A) Distribution of remaining supplemental funding –
- B) Status of P25 Radio Funding – Discussion was held on both these topics together. We will need to get a number of radios that will be needed for all fire departments to be compliant with the new system. There was discussion on the accident that occurred with a Custer Highlands Fire Truck on July 7th. Folsom has a spare truck to loan Custer Highlands until they get a replacement. Jim L. said Custer County would be willing to cover the cost of the replacement truck until the insurance money was received and could be paid back to the county.
- C) Updates from Departments on what they spent the money on from supplemental funding thus far – departments need to give these to Terri C. to share with the county commission.
- D) Funding from the Fire Advisory Board to address radio communications in the Highlands Fire jurisdiction – Discussion held on issues with the radio communications in the Custer Highlands area. Motion by Scott E. and seconded by Klinton R. to authorize the expenditure to have the repeater looked at to make sure it is functioning correctly and receive an estimate for any repairs required, with the bill being split between the different taxing entities that utilize the tower. Motion carried. Motion by Klinton R. and seconded by Casey B. to authorize Matt S. and Scott E. to move forward with contacting the necessary personnel to get this done. Motion carried.
- E) Special critical needs that we need to address the commission with to request for 21 budget – from your 5-year plans – Custer Highlands will need to replace the truck that damaged and address the communication needs in that area.
- F) 2021 Budgets due – The Custer County Commission will start the discussion on 2021 budgets starting July 22, 2020. Please get any changes for a Department’s budget to Terri C. by the end of the month.

Public Comment – There were no comments from the public.

9) Announcements

- Dave L. reported that the Pennington County commission had unanimously supported allocating \$100,000 from PILT money received by the county to be used for Fire Department expenses.
- Klinton R. had sent a letter regarding mutual aid for Fairburn Fire Department from Battle Creek Fire Department and that has been approved.
- Jim S. reported on the EOC committee that was organized due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Mike S. has resigned as the Fire Chief for the Argyle Fire Department and Casey B. has been appointed to fill that position for the remainder of the term this year.
- Brian D. reported that any Department that currently has an Agreement with the Grasslands, those agreements are being re-done. The rate structure is changing to separate out the equipment rates from the personnel rates.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Scott E. and seconded by B. Morgan Sr. to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. – Location: Custer State Park Wildland Office with Custer Fire Department hosting.

Matt Spring, Chairman

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