

**Custer County Fire Advisory Board (“FAB”) Minutes
Thursday, March 11, 2021**

1) Roll Call

Administrative Assistant	Terri C.
Argyle	Casey B and Dave M.
Buffalo Gap	Ron S.
Commissioner	Jim L.
Custer	Matt S.
Custer State Park	
Dewey	
Emergency Management	Steve E.
Fairburn	Klinton R. and James E.
Folsom	Scot E. and David U.
Battle Creek	Dave G., Dave L.
Highlands	Luke C. and Jon M.
Pringle	Bob M, Sr.
State Wildland Fire	John H. and James B.
Hot Springs	
Pennington County Fire Dept	Jerome H.
US Forest Service	Brian D.
Custer County	Susan A. and Derrick R.

2) Call to Order

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

3) Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was amended to add a presentation by Derrick Reifenrath from the Custer County Sheriff’s office.

Motion: Jim L. Seconded: Scott E. Motion carried.

4) Presentation by Derrick Reifenrath on Dispatch and Active 911 App.

Text paging by Custer County Dispatch will end on September 31, 2021.

Derrick provided information on the Active 911 and IM Responding apps.

Additionally, Derrick provided an update on the Auto Aid implementation in the new Zuecher dispatch system being implemented in Custer County

A discussion followed.

5) Old Business

a. Work Plan for Highway 385 Corridor Study

Jim Strain presented on various district models and best practices from around the US.

Also, questions have been posed to Battle Creek (Dave L.) to answer. Dave L. and Jim Strain will meet with chiefs from Custer, Argyle, Pringle and Highlands to discuss the district Q & A at a separate meeting.

b. Update on Auto Aid

Jerome H. offered to provide the latest version of a mutual aid contract template to be used for all VFDs to sign.

c. Update on Grant Application for Radios

Steve E. and Jim S. provided an update on grants that have been filed.

6) New Business

a. Repeater Update

Susan A. provided an update on the FS application for a repeater to be placed on the Elk Mtn Lookout and the execution of an agreement with South Black Hills Water System to place a repeater on the water tower. A discussion followed regarding costs of repeater systems.

Also, a discussion ensued regarding the communication issues for eastern Custer County. Steve E. is looking into options for portable repeater, signal booster placement, and working with Pennington County.

b. Five Year Needs

Three departments have provided their five-year needs plans. A discussion followed. There may be a "chiefs only" meeting to discuss strategic needs county-wide.

7) Public Comment

8) Announcements

The Departments provided dates for their respective 130 refreshers and that members from other departments are welcome to attend.

9) Adjournment

Motion was made by Jim L. and seconded by Scott E. to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM (Mtn). Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 13, 2021 – Location: TBD

Matt Spring, Chairman

**Respectfully submitted,
Susan Anderson (took minutes for Terri C.)**