

Custer County Fire Advisory Board Minutes
Thursday, May 13, 2021

1) Roll Call

Administrative Assistant	Terri C.
Argyle	Casey B.
Buffalo Gap	Frank S.
Commissioner	Jim L.
Custer	Matt S.
Custer State Park	
Dewey	
Emergency Management	Steve E.
Fairburn	Jim S., Klinton R.
Folsom	Dave U.
Battle Creek	Dave L.
Highlands	Chris M.
Pringle	
State Wild Land Fire	
Hot Springs	
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 6:35 p.m.

3) Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of discussion on the American Recovery Fund Act under New Business. Motion by Jim S. and seconded by Casey B. Motion carried.

4) Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Casey B. and seconded by Randy S. to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

5) Old Business

A) Update on Work Plan for Highway 385 Corridor Study – Jim S. will gather call numbers and new subdivisions and plat information for Argyle, Pringle, Custer Highlands and Custer fire response areas. Once this information is gathered and analyzed, a plan will be develop on how to proceed.

B) Update on Five Year Needs – Matt S. was unable to put a meeting together for all the fire chiefs to discuss their needs. It was decided the fire chiefs will meet on May 25th at 7 p.m. at the Wildland Office in Custer State Park. Each Fire Chief attending is asked to bring their 5 year plan.

C) Update on Highlands Communications Issue/Argyle Repeater – Steve E. reported that all paperwork has been completed to install a repeater on a Sothern Black Hills Water System Water Tower. The placement of this repeater may help with communication issues in the Highlands District. Steve E. is working on getting a cost for the repeater.

6) New Business

A) Mutual Aid Updates - Discussion was held on getting the new Auto Aid implemented on the new Zuercher system for Custer County Dispatch. Motion by Kinton R. and seconded by Casey B. to allow Matt S. to contact Custer County Dispatch and have that implementation start tomorrow if possible. Motion carried.

B) Custer County Ordinance No. 20 – Custer County Commissioners passed Ordinance No. 20 Regulating Open Burning in Custer County. Copies of the Ordinance were distributed. The Towns of Buffalo Gap and Fairburn have already adopted similar ordinances.

C) American Rescue Plan Act of 2021– Discussion was held on the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 that was signed by President Biden. There is a potential for funds to be available to Custer County. The final bill outlines that funds may be used by counties to:

- Respond to public health emergency with respect to the COVID-19 or its negative economic impacts
- Respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the county
- For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue
- Make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure

D) Text Paging – Discussion was held on text paging and what the departments were going to do when the text paging will end in September. Some departments have gone with the Active 911 app and some are using the I Am Responding app. Matt S. requested that each department report at the next FAB meeting which app they plan to use along with an estimated cost.

Public Comment – There were no comments from the public.

9) Announcements

- There were no announcements

Adjournment

Motion was made by Klinton R. and seconded by Casey B. to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 8th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. – Location: Argyle Fire Department with Argyle hosting.

Future meetings:

- **Thursday, September 9th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. – Location: Wildland Office in Custer State Park with Custer Fire Department hosting**
- **Tuesday, November 9th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. – Location: Fairburn Fire Department with Fairburn hosting**

Matt Spring, Chairman

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