

Spearfish Rural Fire Protection District  
Meeting  
December 3rd 2019

Meeting called to order at 7.00pm by Vice President Dennis Forgey, Trustees present: Ethan Burk, Dennis Forgey, Darrell Grandbois, Patt Kellogg, Lee Schmunk. Absent: Eric Jennings, Charles Nicholas. Vice President Dennis Forgey asked for additions to agenda, none discussed.

September 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes read by Ethan Burk. Lee Schmunk made a motion to approve minutes as read, second by Patt Kellogg. Discussion. Motion carries.

Treasurer's report, Ethan Burk stated that since the September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting the SRFPD paid the second installment of the Fire Protection Agreement to the City of Spearfish for \$104,669.00 with a remaining checking account balance of \$33,778.63. The capital outlay account balance sits at a \$17,698.27. Motion made by Darrell Grandbois to accept the treasurer's report as read, second by Lee Schmunk. Discussion. Motion carries.

Ethan Burk discussed the previously plan to move remaining funds at year end from the checking account into the capital outlay account. Discussion followed. Patt Kellogg made a motion to move up to \$40,000 into the capital outlay account prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019, second by Lee Schmunk. Discussion. Motioned carried.

Old business, Dennis Forgey filled the SRFPD board in on the discussions had by SRFPD board members, Paul Thompson and the Lawrence county Commission on two occasions discussing 911 Signage. It has been verified that a State Building Code and State Fire Code are in place requiring a 911 number to be assigned to all new construction. The County Commission currently has not given comment as to why we are not following the State Codes at the County level. At this time the SRFPD plans to speak with all emergency services and fire districts within Lawrence County regarding the codes and learning their thoughts on the requirement of signage on at least new construction. Rob Mathis, City of Spearfish Fire Department Assistant Chief described the adopted international fire code and explained how the code related to current implementation of signage being discussed. Ethan Burk stated he will get contact information of the fire district presidents in Lawrence County so that the SRFPD may touch base with them regarding their thoughts of 911 signage and set a date to meet together to discuss concerns and requests. Gathered information from other districts will then be shared at a future meeting.

New business, Annual meeting planning. Discuss was held regarding the location, election, terms expiring for current members, and the evenings program. The meeting will be held March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020. The board will ask Gerald Draine and Mike McGuigan if they would like to again be involved in the election voter identification process. The board will also check with the VFW, reaching out to Joe Miller, to secure the hall for the meeting. The program for the evening will consist of a request to Glen Lewis, the Spearfish Volunteer Fire Association President, for an update on the Association and current happenings from the volunteer's perspective. Refreshments will again be a light snack of cookies with an option of coffee, lemonade, or water to drink.

Public comment, Robert Mathis, City of Spearfish Fire Department Assistant Chief, discussed crews being sent to California utilizing the newly purchased and outfitted brush truck. All crews and trucks are currently in district at home. The lawsuit between the City of Spearfish and the Spearfish Volunteer Fire Association has been settled. It is suggested to refer to the Black Hills Pioneer article covering the settlement for details. Robert Mathis stated the City of Spearfish and Spearfish Volunteer Fire Association can now move forward with department changes which include several command staffing changes. Moral within the department as a whole has increased.

Next meeting will be held March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020.

Motion to adjourn at 7:54pm made by Patt Kellogg, second by Darrell Grandbois. Discussion. Motion Carried.

Prepared by:

Ethan Burk -SRFPD Secretary/Treasurer