



SOUTHERN PARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Board of Directors' Special Meeting
2014.12.22 @ 7:00 p.m.

1) Introduction of Visitors

None

2) Attendees:

Board members present:

Ken Thomas - Chair
Flip Boettcher
Mike Parrish
Sandy Rucker – Treasurer
Steve Wilson

Department members present
Acting Chief Aaron Mandel

3) Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 07:07 p.m. by Board Chair Ken Thomas.

4) Approval of Agenda:

Items to add: BLM letter – note: no motion to amend the agenda was stated nor was the agenda approved. Discussion moved immediately to the BLM letter and items 6-9 following.

5) BLM Letter -

Letter, was corrected for typos and Mr. Mandel is to send it to BLM and a copy to Guffey Shares for publication (see [Attachment 1](#)).

6) Report items by Mr. Mandel:

Equipment repairs:

Med 9-2

No copy of tow bill or repair bill for Med 92 yet received. Tow charge should be around \$525.00, repair should be around \$380.00.

Tender 9-3

Repair bill for \$1,001.02 was received by Mr. Mandel and is due on receipt and was not paid by the credit card. The insurance should cover the towing bill which has not yet been received. The Board should pay the repair bill and request reimbursement from the insurance company. Towing should be charged to the Visa rather than paid by check. Once the towing bill is received, Mr. Mandel should send a copy to Ms. Boettcher to work with the insurance company.

The bill for \$1,001.02 could be claimed against the insurance but is subject to the \$500 deductible. If this will affect our future insurance rate, submitting a claim shall be reconsidered by the Board.

11:30

HumVee tank

Mr. Mandel requested approval to pay Custom Composites with the credit card for the replacement tank for \$2,352.75 which will be reimbursed by Park County once we supply a receipt. Motion to approve the payment by Mr. Thomas, second by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Payouts

Pep Points Payout to Mr. Ivey for \$267 does not require approval.

Ms. Rucker moved to approve the payment of \$5,907.25 to Scott Zorno coming from the wildfire work money received. Second by Mr. Thomas, motion carried. 15:25

Invoice for Eugene Farmer's EMT class that must be paid immediately (due by 25 Dec.). This will not be reimbursed by a grant as he has not been part of the department long enough to gain reimbursement. He'll also sign an agreement to work for the department for 2 years to get the class paid by the department and also requires reimbursement to the department if he does not complete the course. Ms. Rucker directed it be paid by credit card – the invoice will come in 2015 and will be covered by the funds established for EMT training in 2015. He has been on 23 runs and attended 30 hours of training since August. Ms. Rucker moves to pay the invoice, second by Mr. Wilson, motion carries. Mr. Mandel will review the agreement with Mr. Thomas tomorrow.

Roster changes –

Jan Breslin, Flip Boettcher, Maria Mandel, Kevin, Matt, Tim Rucker and Will Burkhart are moved to reserves. Jan will be on reserves until she heals up, and will likely wish to move back to active status after recovery.

Training is needed for Donna and Randy West in coming quarter. They haven't been on call for the last 3 months and will require some time in training (1/quarter) after Donna's ankle recovers.

Brian Breitenfelt also wishes to stay on the roster, but has had conflicts with his work schedule to accomplish the required runs.

To maintain active status requires 10 hours of training and 2 runs in a quarter. Personnel policy manual requires 16 hours/quarter to stay active and the 10/2 requirements were felt to meet the policy. Mr. Wilson will review the steps to modify the policy manual to change the 16 hours service requirements to read 2 responses & 10 hours training as a minimum. 29:10

Mr. Mandel recommended the board establish a team to sequentially review the policies and make recommendations at forthcoming meetings. This had proven an effective practice for the previous 2 boards.

Renewal paperwork for Colorado Peace Assn. has been received and will be submitted to the board for payment in January as it is budgeted for 2015.

Donation of \$3,000 will be given to the auxiliary and returned to the Department for the capital fund.

Fuel keys are all back now and a log for fuel usage is in place. They are in the possession of the acting chief, chief engineer and one spare locked up by Mr. Mandel. There was no accountability for the keys and key codes but Mr. Mandel has 7 keys and will discuss with the County if they would like them returned. The 3rd key will be for the use of ambulance operators at the end of the run if below $\frac{3}{4}$ full. 36:00

7) Payments requested

New fuel bill does not cover October, only seems to cover November. Ms. Rucker discussed this with the County and will await their determination.

Ms. Rucker moves to pay the November bill of \$39.92, second by Mr. Parrish; motion carries.

No bill has been received for the new decals for the ambulance. Mr. Wilson recommended a shop in BV that has been less expensive than PrintMaster. 15:25

8) Ambulance

The 4 wheel drive ambulance had a diesel leak just before the last storm and the new 2 wheel ambulance worked perfectly. The cable chains for the ambulance went missing and were replaced by chains.

New candidates: 2 units with 4-wheel drive seem close but one comes with a warranty. The one Mr. Mandel recommends is priced at \$29,900 and will require transport by flat bed to Guffey.

9) Engine

A desirable new structure engine has been located, priced at \$87,000 but there is not enough money available. Mr. Mandel would like to have approval to start the process of selling the UniMog. Liquidating equipment ahead of time would allow flexibility and the ability to react if this remains available or a good 4-wheel drive structure truck shows up later. The UniMog rolled only once last year in response to a call to a reserve site and was not used. It is a great wildland asset. The UniMog could be priced at \$79,900 and we would have room to move to gain a sale. The site used to sell such items charges, a 10% fee. 48:50

If the UniMog is sold, the department would redistribute equipment to add capability at Station 3. Station 1 is the most logical staging point for the District and is most often used. If other trucks are to be sold, obtaining a new structures engine first will free up other equipment for sale.

Ultimate plan for station 3 is to have a tender, ambulance and structure/light rescue truck. 52:10

Motion to allow Mr. Mandel to begin process of selling the UniMog through Fenton by Mr. Thomas, second by Mr. Wilson; motion carried. 1:01:00

Mr. Wilson asked if the truck might be sold on eBay rather than a commission based sales service if there is no restriction in the contract with Fenton. Mr. Mandel will check the contract – it may be allowable to advertise through Fenton and on our own website. Mr. Wilson re-evaluated the request and directed that the sale proceed through Fenton as balloted. 1:12:02

10) Adjourn to Executive Session

Discussed whether to have Mr. Mandel present during contract discussion – consensus was to have a Board-only session and discuss results with Mr. Mandel the next day.

Mr. Thomas moved to adjourn and move into executive session for the discussion of personnel matters pursuant to CRS Section 24-6-402-4(f), motion carried.

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:38 p.m.

11) Reconvened meeting at 11:02 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Rucker, seconded by Ms. Boettcher. Meeting adjourned at 11:02 p.m. by Chairman Thomas.

DRAFT for Review

Attachment 1: Letter to BLM re: HAMET program



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Ms. Keohane,

This letter is in regards to the conversation we had on December 8th of this year about the proposed HAMET project operating on BLM lands. Per your request this letter is to state the concerns of the Southern Park County Fire Protection District formally to you and the military. Our goal is to make sure plans are in place and responsibilities assigned so that in the event of an accident we all have clear direction on who is in charge and what responsibilities our district would have.

One of our concerns is will the HAMET program affect our use of air ambulances? Our district is only able to provide basic life support so when we need a higher level of medical response we rely heavily on Flight for Life. If these training flights, conducted by the military, restrict air access to our community it will endanger our patients' lives. Paramedics would have to come from Fairplay, Cripple Creek, or Divide. The time it takes to get to our district from these locations and to a hospital could cost lives and affect patient outcomes.

Another concern is in the event of a crash on private lands in our district who is responsible? Our district is understaffed and we have limited resources to respond to a helicopter incident. In addition, if a crash were to turn into a wildfire, who is

responsible for covering the cost of fighting that wildfire? As we are all aware wildfires can be very costly to fight and our agency cannot bear those costs. If the wildfire were on BLM land would the district be working under current CRRF agreements where we provide mutual aid at no cost for the first 24 hours and bill after that? If so, who do we bill? Our district can not afford to have the HAMET program become a financial burden on our department.

These are the main concerns of our district. I'm sure all of our concerns can and may already be addressed through memorandums of understanding and mutual aid agreements, but we need to clarify these concerns. I look forward to meeting with you again as this process moves forward and appreciate all the hard work you are putting in to get feedback from affected Emergency Services.

Respectfully,

Aaron Mandel
Acting Chief
Southern Park County Fire Protection District (S.P.C.F.P.D.)

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