



**SOUTHERN PARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting**  
2015 May 07 @ 7:00 p.m.

**1) Introduction of Visitors**

Bill Betz

Grant Waldref -CMHA

**2) Attendees:**

**Board members present:**

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

(Mike Brandt - Secretary to the Board)

**Excused Board Member:**

**Department members present**

[Chief Aaron Mandel and Chief Engineer  
Tilton are out on a call]

**3) Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order at 07:00 PM by Board Chair Ken Thomas.

**4) Approval of Agenda:**

Add to old business: update on Turkey Shoot insurance. Mr. Thomas moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Ms. Rucker; motion carried.

**5) Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes from the 2015.04.02 with corrections by Mr. Thomas, second by Mr. Wilson; motion carried.

**6) Director’s Chief’s and Committee Reports**

a. Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer’s report is available at [www.guffeyfire.net](http://www.guffeyfire.net). With latest income, the Department is now in the black for 2015.

No extraordinary items to report this month.

Vehicle fuel cost average has dropped in 2015 by 50% compared with 2014. First half of 2014 the average monthly charge was \$1,199.79, second half was \$526.83 and this year is \$509.68.

Ms. Rucker moved to pay the \$1,241.58 invoice to Dierks Truck Repair for repair of the Chief’s truck, second by Mr. Thomas, motion carried.

Ms. Rucker moved to pay the \$1,025.00 invoice to Fast Initial Response systems for the new CO detector, second by Mr. Thomas, motion carried.

b. Regulatory Matters

Audit was completed and submitted.

Deadline to file court order of inclusions for assuring tax in next fiscal year was April 30th.

Inclusions are complete and recorded by the County Clerk, and a courtesy copy was supplied to the Assessor’s office.

At August Board Meeting appoint person to prepare budget and appoint budget committee. A Proposed Budget is to be presented at October Board Meeting.

c. Chief’s Report

**Incident responses**

	Month	Year to Date
Traffic Accidents	1	11
Medical	3	11
Wild Fires	0	0
Smoke Reports	0	2
Structure Fire	0	0
Other	1	5
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>29</b>

Summary

1. Attended Fire Instructor 1 in Salida. Just need to sit for State Written Test.
2. Medical radios - reprogramming and possible need for cell phones.

3. Grant for wildland gear awarded. Not going through GSA due to cost.
  4. Did not receive bunker gear grant.
  5. Nature Conservancy exchange program for wildland prescribed burns: I was accepted then cancelled and now they cancelled whole training due to drought.
  6. Purchased the new gas meter and everyone is trained on it.
  7. Nighthawk Ranch was loaned one old Kenwood radio. Need to reprogram with only our frequency. Also we found them a Satellite phone to use.
  8. Hartsel RT-130 and S-133.
  9. North West S-130/190 field day.
  10. Up and Coming training: S-130/190 in June, VFIS in May, and Pumper Operator for State Certification in July.
  11. Jay Willis and Dale Cox back. New Member Guy Geerdts and John Stride came back.
  12. Eugene Farmer promoted to Lieutenant.
  13. Starting slash pile burns again as long as weather permits.
- d. Auxiliary Report

The auxiliary contributed \$2,000.00 to the department to help equip the new ambulance.

Donations for the upcoming Fourth of July garage sale can be dropped off at Station 1 the day before the sale.

#### **7) Old Business**

Ms. Boettcher reported that fundraising events like Turkey, Skeet or Target Shoots are covered by our current insurance as long as we comply with the requirements of the insurance company. There is no exclusion for such events in our existing policy. We still need to determine if there are limitations with the Sheriff's office.

Cover Mountain water sources – our counsel indicated there is no issue if the Board establishes an agreement to obtain water via leasing the ponds and felt that his costs to review an agreement should not exceed \$500.00. There is access to within 40 yards to one pond via an abandoned gravel improved road. The other pond could be accessed from the road with minor improvements. CMHA liability insurance would cost approximately \$325.00/year.

CMHA Board will follow up regarding the legal review cost, and determine with counsel whether there is liability regarding the ponds as an attractive nuisance.

#### **8) New Business**

AirMedCare mailings have gone out to some residents offering an insurance policy for helicopter service. The mailing reviewed offered residents membership starting at \$65.00/yr., and with reduced rates for multi-year rates. It appears that for multiple groups there may be opportunities for further savings. Mr. Betz will determine whether the flight services used in our area are covered by the agreements being offered.

Ambulance update – the ambulance was delivered but after inspection it was red-flagged due to front end and steering problems. Mr. Mandel contacted the supplier and the ambulance is being reviewed for the DOT inspection to highlight issues and determine costs of repair. Once the inspection is accomplished there will be further review and negotiations with the supplier.

## 9) Public Input

- a There have been reports that local wells have been drying up and it was questioned about how much water is being drawn from the well at the station by people coming to get water for their homes. The well today has no tracking nor flow meter system. The cistern at the station could be monitored to determine its recovery rate. The cistern was serviced last summer and the well pump was replaced a few years ago. The well also supplies the county building and the community center.

A recommendation was made to add a lock to the well and require records to be made at each draw and will be considered by the Board.

Another policy is to add a sensor in the cistern to shut the supply off once the cistern reaches a 4,000 gallon capacity. There is one pump that supplies a one-inch line to the building and there is a separate booster pump for filling tenders via a 2 inch line.

Proposed action: ask Ric Turley to post a request for information on Guffey Shares regarding well performance in the Guffey City area. (Mr. Thomas)

- e. For the Fourth of July – it would be good to have warning signs for people coming down the hill on CR102 to warn of the event in progress.

## 10) Adjourn meeting:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Thomas. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman Thomas.

## **Reminder: Next Board of Director's Meeting is Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 7:00 pm**

### S.P.C.F.P.D. Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Southern Park County Fire Protection District is to provide fire protection and emergency rescue operations within its 240 square mile district boundaries; encourage fire and human caused disaster prevention through community education; ensure the existence of a properly trained team of primarily volunteer firefighters who are able to, and motivated to, respond professionally and work safely; acquire and maintain the necessary equipment; and provide mutual aid to neighboring fire and emergency services departments, as requested.