



SOUTHERN PARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors' Meeting

2016.05.12 @ 7:00 pm

1) Introduction of Visitors

Bonnie
Steve Klingler
Mary Ann Melvin

Ron Melvin
Donna Rodriguez
Cindy Stride

Steve Taylor

2) Attendees:

Board members present:

Ken Thomas - Chair
Flip Boettcher (final meeting as Director)
Denny Gibeson (1st meeting as Director)
Mike Parrish
Sandy Rucker – Treasurer
Steve Wilson

(Mike Brandt - Secretary to the Board)

Excused Board Member:

Department members present

Chief Aaron Mandel
Eugene Farmer
W. E. Scheffel

3) Call to Order:

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

4) Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Thomas moved to approve the agenda second by Ms. Rucker; motion carried.

5) Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the 2016.04.07 Board Meeting, and the 2016.04.04 and 2016.05.02 special Board Meetings by Ms. Rucker, 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

No extraordinary items to report this month and there are no requests for payment to review and approve. Money has been received from Fire Billing. Spending breakdowns and balances are in the Treasurer's report.

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.

b. Regulatory Matters

Budget committee to meet in August.

Oath of office and performance bonds must be filed with the clerk and a copy with DOLA within 30 days of taking oath.

Community Paramedicine Bill has passed out of State Senate committee and is in progress.

c. Chief’s Report

Incident responses

| | Month | Year to Date |
|--------------------|----------|--------------|
| Traffic Accidents | 2 | 13 |
| Medical | 3 | 10 |
| Wild Fires | 0 | 2 |
| Smoke Reports | 1 | 1 |
| Structure Fire | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 1 | 5 |
| Total Calls | 7 | 31 |

Summary

1. Equipment still for sale. Dropped prices of Brush to \$15,000 and Service to \$10,000. There is an offer for the service truck at \$7,000. Unimog has an interested party now looking for financing. Tender 9-2 still needs repairs.
2. Engine 9-1 – Still down. Motor being rebuilt – est. cost \$7,000. It should be available by the end of the month.
3. A new structure engine is still needed – Chief Mandel would like the Board to establish a plan to move forward. Chief Mandel will contact the potential UniMog purchaser and determine if it is likely to happen quickly. If that doesn’t come through quickly he recommends planning for a lease or borrowing an additional engine for the interim. As an alternative the department could make a down payment to hold the engine being considered for purchase. Chief Mandel is to make contact and gather further information on the engine’s status. Board Chair Thomas recommends getting an inspection on the prospective purchase. If the purchase is moving forward, then a rental or borrowed engine would be useful.
4. Policy Sub Committee – Personnel policy for reserves and juniors. Lost 3 members & Dale Cox is back. Added Philip Axworthy. See updated roster. Chief Mandel will get policy from another department that has an active Junior program. Equipment is available for Reserves at Station 1 but there aren’t enough radios.
5. Grants – Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention received for \$63,607.00. Purchased \$15,630 of Bunker gear & submitted bill to Grant agency for reimbursement. No news on VFA grant for wildland equipment – it has not yet been awarded.
6. News Letter – no update. A flyer from Crested Butte’s department was shown and might be an effective use of funds and could be printed in house. It also could serve as a recruitment tool.
7. ALS Intercept / Mutual Aid Agreement signed with AMR, and it now awaits their signature. Met with Chief Grosslight and handed off some of the old plane antennas. He recommends that we install an exhaust system in our Station 1. There is some equipment available that might be purchased and installed.

8. CMD – 9 in service but tank has been dry until the temperatures get warmer at night to prevent freezing and damage to the equipment, however the truck is now in service. The entire bed/equipment pack can be swapped to a new chassis in the future when the truck is replaced.
9. Radio – batteries and chargers are here. Need to repair Brush 9-1 radio. Would like to review replacement plan for some of the older radios. 0:29
10. Fire Bills – 1 not included for \$2,250 and 2 billed for \$2,250 – one insurance company paid \$750.00. Worked out the responsibility for the Wildfire – County deemed they had command of the fire, however they choose not to pursue billing the home owner. Chief Mandel sent the home owner a Wildfire Bill.
11. Crested Butte class. S-130/190, and FF1. Good teaching experience and built good contacts.
12. Burn permit – an e-mail was received recommending changes to the permit. The commenter hadn't received a pre-burn checklist, so some of the questions would be answered by the checklist. This is the first time anyone has commented.

The language on the choice of a burn barrel or a (max 7' diameter) burn pit could be clarified to better describe the burn pit as a slash pile not to exceed 7' in diameter. Responsibility for the fire would still be on the homeowner.

It was further questioned on why is a permit necessary if the homeowner is not shielded by the permit. The permit gives requirements. If there is no permit and there is a department response for a reported fire it would be a billable response. Also there is the fuels program through the permit process which gives the homeowner aid in performing the burn.

Need to add "adequate" before fire extinguisher.

Let community know that changes to the permit will require issuing new permits rather than being able to renew current ones by phone. Post on Guffey shares and at the posting sites.

d. Auxiliary Report – Steve Taylor

Start working on the trailer at Eugene Farmer's. The Auxiliary will begin to store food for the coming fire season at Station 1 and will make a run to Costco. Ms. Stride will apply for a Raffle/Bingo license to run a raffle in lieu of the proposed Turkey Shoot.

7) Old Business

Discussion on SPCFPD Newsletter Semi-Annual June and November – will try to have a Draft for the next meeting.

Discussion on process for ballot initiative. Mary Ann will try to determine the best contact at DOLA for advice on the process. She will also make contact with Sheila Cross on the planning commission.

Board reported they are moving forward on a new employment agreement with Chief Mandel.

8) New Business

Board Chair Thomas presented a plaque of appreciation to Ms. Boettcher for her 2+ terms of service as a Board member.

New Board Member – Board Chair Thomas administered the Oath of Office renewal for a 4-year term for Mike Parrish and the Oath of Office for new Director Denny Gibeson for a 4-year term.

9) Public Input

Rick Scheffel thanked the Board for the new equipment and gear and for making safety a priority for the department.

10) Adjourn meeting:

Motion to adjourn was made by Board Chair Thomas. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m. by Board Chair Thomas.