



**SOUTHERN PARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Board of Directors' Meeting**

2016 September 08 @ 7:00 p.m.

1) Introduction of Visitors

Bill Betz
Norma Farmer
Bonnie Gibeson
Barb Light

Donna Rodriguez
Joe Rodriguez
Robert Slagle

Josh Tatum
Rachel Wickersham

2) Attendees:

Board members present:

Ken Thomas - Chair
Denny Gibeson
Mike Parrish
Steve Wilson
(Mike Brandt - Secretary to the Board)

Excused Board Member:

Sandy Rucker – Treasurer

Department members present

Acting Chief Eugene Farmer
Maria Mandel
Rick 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 as published, second by Mr. Gibeson; motion carried.

5) Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the 2016.08.04 meeting by Mr. Thomas, second by Mr. Gibeson; 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.

Reminder: Next Board of Director's Meeting is Thursday October 6th, 2016 @ 7 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.

The following requests for payment have been received. Mr. Thomas moved to approve, second by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Payment to:	Amount:	For:
Communication Solutions	\$839.40	3 new radios
Toussaint & Coaty	\$853.61	Legal advice regarding inclusions
Scott Zorn	\$3,298.73	Service income - \$42.06 toward invoicing, no department portion
ROI Fire & Ballistics	\$47,454.00	SCBA Fire Service Airpacks – will be reimbursed by grant.
Dirks Truck and Equipment	\$6,981.34	Repair of Engine 9-1

b. Regulatory Matters

Proposed Budget to be submitted at October Board Meeting. Post at Station No. 1, Community Center, Post Office and website by October 15th.

Publish Notice of Budget in the flume and on website no later than October 15th.

Hearing on Proposed Budget to be held at November Board Meeting.

c. Chief’s Report

Incident responses

	Month	Year to Date
Traffic Accidents	2	21
Medical	5	27
Wild Fires	1	5
Smoke Reports	2	8
Structure Fire	0	0
Mutual Aid	1	1
Other	2	13
Total Calls	13	75

Summary

1. Equipment still for sale. Recommend removing Brush 9-3 from the sale list. Still have the Unimog. It might be useful for the county. It’s a useful wildland truck but not a good structure truck.
2. Engine 9-1: Truck is back together, Dirk’s test driving it and Board approved payment.
3. Grants – Need check to purchase SCBA’s. Purchase approved.
4. HOA meetings all went well, especially Bear Trap.
5. Received 3 radios. 1 of 2 cost more to repair, waiting on one. Payment approved.
6. New engine E-92 needs safety inspection, ax and attic ladder. Hoses have been hydro-tested (2 bad hoses).
7. Mutual aid agreement in process with Four Mile Fire, Auto aid for Bear Trap Ranch.
8. Rescue 9-1: needs new tires, drag link was fixed. Two tires are \$610.25 from Jim’s Tires. Mr. Gibeson moved to purchase tires, second by Mr. Parrish, motion carried.

9. Working on an equipment and station status report. Should be ready for next meeting.
10. Medical billing received: \$1,386.35.
11. Continuing cleaning /rearranging upstairs, board office done, work out area complete. Up next is Chief's office and day room.
12. Pulling some of the Federal wildland equipment off Rescue 9-1 and planning to replace it with rescue equipment. (pond/ water rescue equipment). Federal equipment removed will be stored.
13. I am removing the yellow LDH off engines (need trade for 2 ½ inch).
14. Continuing new volunteer recruitment. New volunteer with minimal experience. May have 2 returning reserve members.
15. Went by Brian Breitenfeld's house to see if anyone was there, left note. The note was removed. He has full set of turnout gear, radio and spare battery.
16. Successful dinner for the volunteers.
17. Training last night. One volunteer lost a hearing aid at a cost of \$2,800. May be covered by the insurance carrier. Mr. Thomas will contact the insurance company.
18. Stations need repair – roofing at Station 2 and grading around Station.
19. Out of Service: Tender 9-2 is out of service and needs wheel bearings.
20. Have alternate helicopter service that will be here for training next week.
21. Pay per call is working well right now with return of Scott Elmore.

d. Auxiliary Report

Preparing for Black Mountain Family Reunion this weekend. Received \$600.00 in donations to date as well as a \$1,000 unsolicited check.

7) Old Business

Water well – report by Bob Slagle – well is situated on Park County property, and certified for household use only. Dating back to 1982, it has been used by residents for both household and animal use. The well is nominally limited to one acre-foot of water per year. Colorado has control of all water within the state. The original permit was denied in August 1977, and was appealed for reconsideration. The appeal only covered the road and bridge operation to meet sanitary needs for that operation.

The fire house allowed people to use water when their supplies were limited.

Permit allows no *injury* to water rights. It is allowed for drinking and sanitary facilities only. Any enlargement in use requires prior approval by state water authority. All waters should be returned to the aquifer via non-evaporative system.

While no impact has been demonstrated in the community water supply, the well license is quite restrictive. Filling a tanker and maintaining it filled is not considered an emergency use by the water authority. A remedy should be in place as soon as possible to avoid a visit from the water authority.

The proposal being sent to the County is that the station, the community center and the library are all considered on the original permit for the existing vault for sanitation use only. The proposal will no longer allow free use of the well for non-sanitary use. There will be no more free water as it is out of compliance and illegal. If no agreement is reached, the state will likely

cap the well fairly promptly. The use of the cistern in house now is not in compliance with state requirements for public water and health standards will apply.

While the goal is to keep the process working as it has since 1982, there will be stoppage of the free public water. Testing of the water and subsequent treatment may be required.

The SPCFPD Board will have to determine how they will proceed. If they take over the well from the County, there has to be a plan, approved by the state board. The cistern was drained and the water output was curtailed to refill the cistern to regain water pressure in the station during the episode that began this discussion.

Any output for drinking will have to meet the health department standards.

Return flow for the permit today requires the well output return to the current source. Today the well can't be used to fill the cistern. Augmented water will be needed to supply return flow.

County can keep the well and restrict use or the SPCFPD Board could start augmentation for this well or a new well for the sanitary facility. Colorado Division 2 (which covers this area) requires that every well that is new or reworked must have a meter on it. This is an outgrowth of suits from downstream users of the Arkansas.

Water use is a controlled and limited resource. The Board must discuss and determine if they will join with HASP or others to determine if there is a need to drill a well or provide for augmentation. Washing trucks is out of compliance.

A proposal was discussed by Mr. Slagle to augment by transporting water to Guffey when it is available from the South Platte. If augmentation is allowed there may be a need for a new water tank of 15-20,000 gallons by the county facility that could allow treatment by chlorine. Public Health department does not want a situation where people can't flush a commode and have potable water.

Domestic wells on 35+ acres can have a moderate amount of livestock fed from their own well but other properties are limited to domestic use only.

Water supplied from the well will have to be metered at a cost per gallon. If people are pulling 3 trips per day at 350 gallons there will be a substantial charge. Outlets will have to be metered via a card system and there will be a charge for all water extracted. If people need water they should consider purchasing augmented water. Water can be delivered to the area for a fee – an example is on the order of \$0.10 per gallon for a substantial load.

The County is concerned that it must be responsible for public water distribution standards being accomplished and maintained. Mr. Slagle proposed that HASP could help with card reader expenses. The cistern will have to be metered. Augmentation will be cheaper than drilling a new well.

The Board committed to working with Bob Slagle and the HASP group to get a system established to supply water to the department at the best cost. There will have to be an IGA established between the agencies. If possible the county legal group may be able to establish the agreement. The BOD and HASP will need to work together to move the process forward. Need to establish a work session with the County. It would be useful if the well ownership could be transferred without the need for a new permit.

8) New Business

Mr. Thomas announced Eugene Farmer is the new Fire Chief. Chief Farmer was sworn in by Board Chairman Thomas. Norma Farmer pinned the new badge on Chief Farmer.

9) Public Input

Question regarding fee for propane storage at a distribution facility. *No process has been established yet by the Board.*

10) Adjourn meeting: Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. by Chairman Thomas.