



SOUTHERN PARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT Board of Directors' Meeting

2019.10.02 @ 6:00 P.M.

1) Introduction of Visitors

Ray Douglas
Pamela English

Jerry French

Bonnie Gibeson

2) Attendees:

Board members present:

Denny Gibeson- Chair
Sean English – Treasurer
Gary Kaszynski
Mike Parrish
Gene Wagner
(Mike Brandt - Secretary to the Board)

Excused Board Member:

Department members present

Chief Eugene Farmer
Barry Picker
John Frakes
Jerry French
W. E. Ric Scheffel

3) Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 06:05 PM by Board Chair Denny Gibeson.

4) Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Wagner moved to approve the agenda as published, second by Mr. English; motion carried.

5) Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the 2019.09.05 and 2019.09.12 meetings by Mr. Parrish, second by Mr. Wagner; 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. The following requests for payment have been received and require Board approval. Mr. English moved to approve these items, second by Mr. Gibeson; motion carried.

Payment to:	Amount:	For:
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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.

Payment to:	Amount:	For:
VISA	\$2,773.33	Chief's card
WinSupply	\$610.35	Water project
Boundtree Medical	\$970.84	Medical supplies
Halo Branded Solutions	\$571.12	Uniforms

Mr. English moved to contact Toussaint & Coaty to determine how to proceed with a complaint. Second by Mr. Gibeson, motion carried.

b. Regulatory Matters

Posting of budget by Oct 15th will be met.

Noted that the BOCC has changed its posting of documents in accord with HB1087 which allows that meeting notices can be posted on the website and 1 physical location as a minimum. Legal postings have a larger requirement – this only applies to meeting notices.

The budget hearing will be held at the November meeting.

c. Chief's Report

Incident responses

	Month	Year to Date
Traffic Accidents	2	19
Medical	17	118
Wildfires	0	3
Smoke Reports	6	10
Structure Fire	0	1
Mutual Aid	2	8
Other	3	20
Total Calls	30	179

Water usage: kitchen: 4,328 gal.; Fire Dept other: 23,045 gal.; fire suppression 4000 gal.

Summary

1. Equipment:

- a. RTV in process, lights are done
- b. Bumper Med 9-3
- c. Tires for Squad 9-3 completed
- d. Damaged SCBA bottle - Flow testing on SCBA bottles completed. One bottle is decommissioned, and replacement quote is \$1,040.

2. Personnel status: 20 on roster, 17 active

3. Training

- a. 2 in EMT school
- b. CPR classes
- c. AEMT class start in November
- d. 1 went to the FFL conference.
- e. Successful test of water hydrant

4. Grants update, ordering AEDs, cot, I pads: State grant for AED's, cots: purchase underway. iPads searching for best price. Can use the iPad to do reports offline, get report number and file directly
5. Water storage update: Water system is operational – next step is to determine with the county where road easement exists to allow easier refill. Target is to complete by the end of the year.
6. Hydrant training was accomplished on 2019.09.29 and found the hydrant will supply one line by gravity, used in conjunction with pumper at the hydrant allows full use of 2 hoses.
7. Diesel tank and containment (all donated) are in place; a separate gasoline tank has been donated and needs a containment. School tank can also be installed but will also need a containment. Liability hasn't been determined if school uses Department property

d. Auxiliary Report

Meeting planned for Thursday, 2019.10.03. Discuss purchase of trailer.

7) **Old Business**

Budget review for 2019 to 2020: determination of income is based on property taxes, income from ambulance billing is only an estimate. 2019 budget used a 3% increase for fuel and was appropriate. Vehicle maintenance and repair was high this year and with aging equipment is forecast to rise in 2020.

Total: \$256k leaving \$24,152 for capital improvement fund. TABOR restricted money is held as required.

Budget will be posted on the website and at posting sites.

Ballot item 6A presentation: (see presentation on www.guffeyfire.net). Proposed mil levy increase from 7.846 to 12.270.

Call level increased 210% in the last 10 years compared to a 44% increase in Revenue. Last change was in 2002 dropping from 8.412 to 7.846. While revenue has increased it has not kept pace with the growth in calls and expenses driven in medical levels and new requirements for equipment.

Medical call level has increased 135% in the last 5 years. 80820 residents' median age is 62.5 years (vs Colorado median of 36 years).

Review of capital assets drove new 5-year plan for capital improvements. The presentation (see www.guffeyfire.net) gives results for several areas.

Apparatus age average is 23.5 years. Need to purchase a replacement tender to deliver water to fire sites.

Projects were prioritized based on district mission statement criteria and costs were obtained from quotes, internet searches. Executing all 34 projects requires an investment of \$888k over 5 years. Replace one ambulance, tow tenders and Engine 9-2; replace cardiac monitors, repair stations.

Cost to taxpayer is \$40.32 a year for the median total property value of \$127,460 - \$3.36/month increase.

Compared to other districts our area is far lower than the surrounding districts. Proposed raise would bring us almost to the level of the lowest surrounding district.

If the ballot fails there may be a shortage in equipment and medical supplies. Critical medical equipment (such as the ECG machine on each ambulance) are reaching the end of their effective life and replacement is *expensive*.

Whether the ballot passes or not, the district will continue to reassess project priorities and determine where shortfalls and problems exist and use the available budget to address these needs as possible.

8) Executive Session for Personnel Matters

Mr. Gibeson moved to adjourn and move into executive session for the discussion of personnel matters involving the chief pursuant to CRS Section 24-6-402-4(f), second by Mr. Kaszynski, motion carried. Meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:00 PM.

9) Reconvened meeting at 8:38 p.m.

10) Adjourn meeting: Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m. by Chairman Gibeson.