



**SOUTHERN PARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting**  
2015 Oct. 01 @ 7:00 pm

**1) Introduction of Visitors**

Marilyn Barker  
MaryAnn Melvin  
Ron Melvin

Jim Moehle  
Linda Parrish  
Donna Rodriguez

Joe Rodriguez  
Steve Taylor  
Dave Zimmerman

**2) Attendees:**

**Board members present:**

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

**Excused**

(Mike Brandt - Secretary to the Board)  
*(Minutes transcribed from recording)*

**Department members present**

Chief Aaron Mandel  
Lt. Eugene Farmer

**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 Mr. Wilson; motion carried.

**5) Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes from the 2015.09.03 meeting by Mr. Thomas, second by Ms. Rucker; 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). Any remaining funds at the end of the year will be transferred to the capital fund. No extraordinary items to report this month. and there are no requests for payment to review and approve.

b. Regulatory Matters

Budget was sent to the Flume and the website and will be posted.

Budget will be voted on at the December meeting.

December requirements

c. Chief's Report

Incident responses

	Month	Year to Date
Traffic Accidents	0	16
Medical	5	37
Wild Fires	0	5
Smoke Reports	1	4
Structure Fire	0	0
Other	1	7
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>69</b>

Summary

1. No offers on equipment for sale. Reduce Unimog to \$55,000? Mr. Thomas moved to make the change, second by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.
2. Black Mountain Family Reunion – We raised just under \$3,000. Still waiting for ~\$1,000 of that money from a matching funds organization.
3. Boots – Order 15 pair, extra towards new gloves, hoods, helmets. Auxiliary request for amount raised at Black Mtn. Family Reunion. Ms. Rucker moved to allow Chief Mandel to order the boots, second by Mr. Parrish, motion carried.
4. Bunker Gear – Order one set at 1,800. Still have approx. 2,500 in fire supplies. Use the rest to repair one SCBA. At present there are 5 good SCBAs in use of the 8 on hand. Mr. Thomas moved to make the transaction, second by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.
5. Engine 9-1 and foam system repairs. Approx. \$700 for in house estimate and approx. \$400 if we take it to Denver. Estimate from the supplier is \$110.00/hr. Mr. Thomas moved to allow spending up to \$1,000.00, second by Mr. Parrish, motion carried.
6. Water – picking up 15 cases of water. Cost to be split with Auxiliary
7. Unimog pump is working. Will push 700 gallons though 150 feet of 1.5 inch line. Trained on it Wednesday night. Found that matching nozzle to pump is key and that the recirc circuit is automatically handled by an internal backpressure circuit. Need driving training as the transmission is unique. 0:30:00
8. No news on Guffey Gorge.
9. Propane information – no requirements I know of. Cost for response? Discussed situation with other departments to get input. Also concerned that the plan is to bury the tank. There is no training on how to fight fires on underground tanks. Need to review policy on inclusion for response to such a fire and potential HazMat situation. If tank is above ground there would be issues in getting enough water delivered (via road) to cool the tank. Language in the permit would have to specifically address such an issue.
10. Moved Jay Willis and Bryan Breitenfeld to reserves.
11. Promoted John Stride to Lieutenant. Up to 3 officers all soon to be EMTs.
12. Staffing – starting in 2016 3-person staffing planned (not counting the Chief)
13. Benefit for Cricket Buckley planned for October 31. All proceeds to go to Cricket.
14. Mountain Top Cycling – future fundraising etc. Looking for 8-10 volunteers. Chief Mandel will invite her to discuss the plan with the Board.
15. The storage room cleaning has been underway for a while.

d. Auxiliary Report (Steve Taylor)

Auxiliary will pay for 50% of the water cost and reimbursed the cost of food for the Black Mountain fire department crew.

A trailer is available locally for sale that would suit the Auxiliary needs for moving equipment. Ownership can't be vested in the Auxiliary – its bylaws prohibit this. An agreement between the department and the auxiliary is needed stating that the trailer can be returned to the Auxiliary on demand but that the trailer would be titled and insured by the department.

0:50:00

No further discussion on the Turkey Shoot plan for 2015.

**7) Old Business**

Cover Mountain Water Sources – Grant noted that there is a lease agreement with the school and that closes this item.

**8) New Business**

a. Proposed 2016 Budget – copies are available for review.

b. Election requirements – MaryAnn Melvin (see [attachment 1](#)). Recommends another designated election official be appointed and listed on the website. At present, the DEO listed on the website is an employee or associate at Toussaint. Donna Rodriguez would be interested in doing the job. Board Chair Thomas will have Seth remove Rhonda Davis from the website and will contact Toussaint to let them know our intent is have the election handled locally.

1:00:00

c. Mr. Parrish has been pursuing a review of what would be needed to have an initiative that would impose inclusion on all property owners. This would require a mail-in ballot and could be included on the May 2016 ballot. Thirty days before the election we would have to supply pros and cons for the ballot question. It might be included on the November election for a lower cost. If all landowners were included, the revenue would increase \$42,000/year. SPCFPD is the only fire district in Colorado that has owner selective inclusion. Mailing cost would be similar to the previous election mailing costs.

1:15:00

**9) Public Input**

Question on how to handle an accident scene – in this instance the driver had left the scene. Training and protocol in Park County states that a vehicle that has been in an accident and abandoned are controlled as if it is a crime scene until released by the authorities. Chief Mandel apologized if he wasn't clearly courteous in keeping the driver's wife, who had walked up to the scene, from accessing the vehicle, but noted he was required to maintain the integrity of the vehicle until the sheriff arrived.

1:33:00

What are special ownership taxes (listed on the budget)? *Vehicle taxes.*

**10) Adjourn meeting:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m. by Chairman Thomas.

## Attachment 1

October 1, 2015

Southern Park County Fire Protection District Board Members

Many years ago, in the contested Fire Board election, I was appointed as an election judge.

Since that time, until 2014, I was named the Designated Election Official for the SPCFPD.

It was my pleasure to serve in that capacity.

It is with this experience, that I respectfully suggest that this board ask the webmaster

to remove the name, Rhonda Davis, as the Designated Election Official.

You, the Board, will adopt a resolution naming your choice of a Designated Election Official at your December 2015 Board meeting.

If you continue to publish the name of the previous DEO, who is a member of the legal firm, of Toussaint, Nemer, & Coaty, the Board could possibly be obligated to pay the cost of another election to this legal team.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Mary Ann Melvin

