

REVISED BYLAWS OF
WHISPERING PINES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT RURAL FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT

This organization shall be known as the WHISPERING PINES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, ranging along Sheridan Lake Road to Highway 385, and an area of Highway 16, as more fully described by the Whispering Pines Volunteer Fire Department Rural Fire Protection District, and divided into the following areas:

3. Hamm/s (Fire Hall #2) to Fire Hall #3 (U.V. Johnson Fire Hall)
4. Fire Hall #3 to Bob Hamm/s (Fire Hall #5)
5. Fire Hall #5 to Highway 385
6. Area of Highway 385 assigned to Whispering Pines
7. Area of Highway 16 assigned to Whispering Pines.

ARTICLE I. GOVERNING BODY

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The governing body shall be a Board of Directors to consist of 6 members elected for a period of 2 years.

SECTION II. QUALIFICATION AND ELECTIONS

1. No person shall be a member of the Board of Directors who has not lived in the community for a period of one year.
2. Elections shall be held at the Spring general meeting each year to elect 3 members.
3. There shall be one member from each area on the Board except Area 3 which shall have 2 members, unless at such time of Spring elections there are no interested persons to represent an area, then that position may be filled at large from any qualifying member of the district.
4. New Board members shall take office the month following election.

SECTION III. DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The primary responsibility of each and every Director will be that of attendance and participation in the Board meetings as scheduled. In the event a Director shall fail in his responsibility to attend these meetings and shall miss 3 consecutive meetings, then it shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to relieve said member of his responsibilities through written notification to said member. If a Director, however, is unable to attend a specific meeting, he may appoint a member from his area to represent him at that meeting.

1. The Board of Directors shall elect, from its own body, a President, a Vice President and a Secretary-Treasurer.
2. A majority shall constitute a quorum.
3. The Board shall assemble monthly and shall be subject to call of special meetings.
4. The Board shall call a general meeting in the first quarter and in the third quarter each year.
5. The Board shall provide members sufficient legal notice of all general and special meetings.
6. The Board shall submit an annual budget to the Pennington County Auditor no later than the thirtieth day of June each year, or as directed by the County Auditor.
7. When a vacancy occurs the Board shall appoint a qualifying member to fill the position until the next general election, at which time the membership shall elect a representative to fill the unexpired term.
8. The Board shall operate the District pursuant to South Dakota State Law Chapter 34-31A relating to Rural Fire Protection Districts.

SECTION IV. POWERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall have the following general powers:

1. To determine upon a general fire protection program for the district;
2. To manage and conduct the business affairs of the District;
3. To make and execute contracts in the name of and on behalf of the District;
4. To purchase or lease such firefighting equipment, supplies, and other real or personal property as shall be necessary and proper to carry out the general fire protection program of the District;
5. To incur indebtedness on behalf of the District within the limits prescribed by South Dakota State Law Chapter 34-31A;
6. To organize, establish, equip, maintain and supervise a fire department or company to serve the district.

SECTION V. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

1. Preside over all meetings of the general membership and the Board of Directors.
2. Call special meetings.
3. Perform all acts and duties usually performed by an executive and presiding officer.
4. Perform such other duties as prescribed by the Board of Directors.
5. Appoint annually an auditing committee prior to the Spring general meeting, to conduct a District and a Department audit. The committee will consist of 3 appointees from the general membership to be assisted by the District Secretary-Treasurer. This committee shall submit written reports of the audits at the Spring general meeting.
6. Co-sign all warrants of the District, along with the Treasurer.

SECTION VI. DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

1. In the absence, disability or resignation of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President.
2. Be responsible for buildings, property and leases.
3. Be responsible for maintaining current inventory of District property.

SECTION VII. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

1. Keep a record of all organization meetings.
2. Keep attendance record of all Board meetings.
3. Provide a copy of minutes of all meetings to all Board members.
4. Prepare and maintain all other general correspondence or records as prescribed by the President or the Board of Directors.
5. Keep a complete financial record of the District.
6. Present a financial report to the Board at monthly meetings.
7. Supply a current financial statement to the membership at the general meetings.
8. Perform all other duties required by law.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I. ELIGIBILITY AND VOTING RIGHTS

Any elector owning property or an interest in property within the District shall be a member and shall be entitled to a vote at general and special meetings of the District.

ARTICLE III. AMENDMENTS/REVISIONS

SECTION I. AMENDING OR REVISING THE BYLAWS

1. Whenever two-thirds of the Board shall deem it necessary, or upon the application of the electors signed by ten percent of the electors, an amendment to the Bylaws may be proposed.
2. Adoption of the amendment/revision requires a two-thirds vote of the assembled electors at any general or special meeting of the District.

REVISED BYLAWS ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF ELECTORS PRESENT AT THE SPRING GENERAL MEETING OF THE WHISPERING PINES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HELD MARCH 16, 1987.