

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE HARTSEL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 10, 2010**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hartsel Fire Protection District was held on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at Station #1, 86 Valley Avenue, Hartsel, CO 80449.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm when all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Herb Burton, Linda Bjorklund, Susan Jones, Bill Schwartzkopf, Chief Jay Hutcheson, administrative assistant, Cleta Grey and guests. *Ginger arrived*
C/D

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: a motion was made by Linda Bjorklund and seconded by Bill Schwartzkopf to approve the agenda for this month's meeting as presented. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED 2/10/2010: A motion was made by Linda Bjorklund and seconded by Ginger Springer to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: Firefighter, Andy Grey had comments regarding a derogatory statement regarding the fire department and the board made by a citizen and written in the Flume. See attached.

BOARD COMMENTS: Susan Jones congratulated and thanked Deputy Burk for his held in finding a lost census worker.

FINANCIAL REPORT: A motion was made by Susan Jones and seconded by Bill Schwartzkopf to approve the financial report as presented. Vote: Herb/yes, Linda/yes, Bill/yes, Ginger/yes, Susan/yes. The motion carried with no opposition. A motion was made by Bill Schwartzkopf and seconded by Ginger Springer to transfer \$28,500 from the money market account to the general fund to pay bills. Vote: Herb/yes, Linda/yes, Ginger/yes, Bill/yes, Susan/yes. The motion carried with no opposition.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Cost Recovery: Research on this is still ongoing. Chief Jay is conferring with attorney, Dick Lyons regarding the legalities.
- B. Tanker 7-2: The tanker needs to be taken to West Metro for repairs including barks and the cost will be around \$4,500. A motion was made by Bill Schwartzkopf and seconded by Ginger Springer to approve the expenditure of \$4,500 to repair the tanker. Vote: Herb/yes, Linda/yes, ginger/yes, Bill/yes, Susan/yes. The motion carried with no opposition.
- C. Election Update: Thanks to Ginger Springer for 8 years of service on the Hartsel Fire board. Ginger will not be running for re-election. There are eight candidates running for the three positions on the board. The date of the election is, May 4, 2010, at Hartsel Fire Station # 1 in Hartsel from 7 am to 7 pm. Mail-in ballots will be available beginning April 9, 2010. The Hartsel Fire Department newsletter, the Hartsel Heat will be available after the April meeting and will have candidates profiles and interviews.

D. Trucks and Equipment:

1. Squad 7-3 has electrical problems.
2. 5 trucks need glass replacement.
3. Community glass program may be reinstated.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Station #1: The remodeling is continuing. Clela's office is completed. Venting of Cascade system is needed to pull in outside air. The entire building needs to be sealed. A motion was made by Linda Bjorklund and seconded by Ginger Springer to approve funds up to \$6,000 to finish the remodeling project at station #1. Vote: Herb/yes, Linda/yes, Ginger/yes, Bill/yes, Susan/yes. The motion carried with no opposition.
- B. Water System: The Culligan water filtration system installed at station #1 many years ago is failing and needs to be replaced. The cost will be researched and it will be put out to bid.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- A. Her Burton Sr. and Jr. elected "Best Local Firefighter" by readers of the Flume. The Chief presented both with a certificate.
- B. There have been many snow related vehicle accidents. a recent structure was caused by a wood-burning stove. The flames were already coming out of the roof by the time the fire was reported.
- C. 45 people attend Ice Rescue Training held by Hartsel Fire.
- D. A committee is needed to help plan the 2010 Awards Banquet.
- E. A Safety Awareness Open House will be held on March 13, 2010 at station 1 and on April 3, 2010 at station 2.

A motion was made by Ginger Springer and seconded by Bill Schwartzkopf to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:04 pm

Signed: _____

Date: April 14, 2010

ATTACHMENT

Connie and her act group have once again attacked the personal credibility of the firefighters and the board of this department. In a recent Flume article Connie said, and I quote, "I sincerely hope that the fear of not having service or the smear campaigns the current board used on people who truly wanted to help won't keep people from running in this election". This one sentence says a lot. Once again we have a perfect example of someone from this group going to the Flume with absolutely ridiculous statements, and Mr Locke prints these assumptions as though they were fact. There have been many assumptions and untruths printed in the Flume, but this one is one of the most insulting. So congratulations ladies, you have hit **A NEW ALL-TIME LOW.**

Once again, I must repeat her exact words, "I sincerely hope that the fear of not having service or the smear campaigns the current board used on people who truly wanted to help won't keep people from running in this election". I ~~must~~^{will} break this one sentence apart, because it is so ludicrous.

#1 Nobody has ever, or will ever, be denied service by this Fire Department. For Connie to even imply such a thing is a personal insult to every member of this department. And this statement comes from the woman who says she has nothing against the fire fighters. I would like to ask Connie if she knows of anyone who has ever been denied service by this department. I feel that she owes a public apology to every member of this department.

#2 Connie said that the current board ran a smear campaign. First of all, the current board was not in place for the last campaign. I was very involved in the last campaign, and there was no smearing going on from any of the board members involved in that campaign. I assure you that Connie cannot support her statements with any facts.

#3 Connie implies that she "truly wanted to help". Let me ask, where was she when this department was struggling to get back on our feet? I'll tell you where she was, she was running to the newspaper with every possible misconception she could come up with to make this dept look bad. And after 3 years she continues to do so to this day.

You know what the people that "truly" wanted to help were doing? They were volunteering their time to try and straighten out the mess and confusion, they were having fund raisers to help the dept, they were asking, "What can I do to help?" There were a lot of us here helping on a daily basis and we never saw Connie's face or any of her act group, nope, not once! None of the ACT group were "trying to help." Connie claims to be an accountant, she could have been a huge help to this department during that time if she had ever showed up and "truly wanted to help".

If this group were not so blinded by their own prejudices, they would be able to see what the people who "truly wanted to help" have accomplished and how far this department has come over the past few years.