

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE HARTSEL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 13, 2010**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hartsel Fire Protection District was held on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at Station #1, 86 Valley Avenue, Hartsel, CO 80449.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:21 PM when all present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**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:** A motion was made by Linda Bjorklund and seconded by Bill Schwartzkopf to approve the minutes as presented for the cancelled meeting dated December 9, 2009. The motion carried. A motion was made by Linda Bjorklund and seconded by Bill Schwartzkopf to approve the minutes as presented for the re-scheduled meeting dated December 14, 2009. The motion carried.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** Monica Jones had a question regarding Hartsel Fire employee health insurance. Marie Chisholm commented that Hartsel Fire does not seem to be having a problem recruiting volunteer firefighters unlike Lake George and Guffey who are in need of volunteers. She also commented on the continuing harassment of Hartsel Fire by some of the citizens.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Linda Bjorklund thanked Marie Chisholm for her support. Linda also announced plans to begin a Hartsel Fire Protection District newsletter to be printed and distributed quarterly and will be called "Hartsel Heat".

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** A motion was made by Bill Schwartzkopf and seconded by Susan Jones to approve the financial report as presented. Vote: Herb/yes, Susan/yes, Linda/yes, Ginger/yes, Bill/yes. The motion carried with no opposition. A motion was made by Bill Schwartzkopf and seconded by Ginger Springer to transfer \$15,500 from the money market account to the general fund account to pay the bills. Vote: Herb/yes, Susan/yes, Linda/yes, Ginger/yes, Bill/yes. The motion carried with no opposition.

### OLD BUSINESS:

A. Insurance: Renewal comparison worksheet shows the premium decreased by \$475.00.

1. A motion was made by Linda Bjorklund and seconded by Bill Schwartzkopf to approve the changes in VFIS insurance. The motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Linda Bjorklund and seconded by Ginger Springer to approve the premium of \$19,386.00 for general coverage. Vote: Herb/yes, Susan/yes, Linda/yes, Ginger/yes, Bill/yes. The motion carried with no opposition.
3. A motion was made by Linda Bjorklund and seconded by Ginger Springer to approve the premium of \$1,513.00 for the accident/sickness policy. Vote: Herb/yes, Susan/yes, Linda/yes, Ginger/yes, Bill/yes. The motion carried with no opposition.

B. Library: The new library lease was reviewed.

C. Trucks and Equipment

1. A new Rhino Liner for the Colorado pickup will cost appx. \$600.00.
2. Pump certification to begin in February 2010 and will be done on a rotating basis.
3. We will be starting hydro tests and recertification of bottles for Scotts units.
4. Tanker 7-2 needs servicing. A motion was made by Bill Schwartzkopf and seconded by Ginger Springer to spend up to \$2,500.00 for brakes, seals, and oil change for tanker 7-2. Vote: Herb/yes, Susan/yes, Linda/yes, Ginger/yes, Bill/yes. The motion carried with no opposition.

### NEW BUSINESS:

A. Year-end report for 2009 calls. A total of 172 calls were responded to including, 27 fires calls, 9 structure fires, 113 rescue calls, 9 miscellaneous calls, 1 hazmat call, 2 service calls, 2 good intent calls and 9 false alarm calls. Our average response time is 14 minutes and 48 seconds. The busiest day of the week is Sunday.

B. Training:

1. Fire Marshall School in Denver estimated cost is \$900.00 for a full week course. \$325 for the course, plus \$30 per Diem and the cost of the motel.
2. FDIC in Indianapolis in April for 3 days. There will be 4 people attending. It will be cheaper to drive than to fly for the four people so they will be taking the Suburban. Total expenses to include per Diem for 4 people plus motel and travel costs.
3. Ice Rescue Training to be February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and will be open to other fire departments who wish to send firefighters to be trained in ice rescue. A motion was made by Bill Schwartzkopf and seconded by Linda Bjorklund to pay for training not to exceed \$2,500.00. Vote: Herb/yes, Susan/yes, Linda/yes, Ginger/yes, Bill/yes. The motion carried with no opposition.

C. Designated posting places for the agenda. A motion was made by Linda Bjorklund and seconded by Ginger Springer to designate Station 1, the South Park Mercantile,

and the Hartsel Post Office and the posting places for the agenda. The motion carried.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

- A. The copier in the Hartsel Fire office at station 1 needs to be replaced, cost not to exceed \$3,500.00. A motion was made by Linda Bjorklund and seconded by Bill Schwartzkopf to repair the existing copier or purchase a new one not to exceed \$3,500.00. Vote: Herb/yes, Susan/yes, Linda/yes, Ginger/yes, Bill/yes. The motion carried with no opposition.
- B. There is a request from Asst. Chief, Gene Balicki for a Hotsy type pressure washer. The cost on the washer is being researched.
- C. The last snowstorm generated 9 calls, all on highway 24 between the town of Hartsel and Antero Junction. With Northwest Fire and Jefferson/Como Fire also responding to calls and an ambulance was hit on highway 285 while on a call. All of this emergency activity going on at the same time overwhelmed the radio system making it difficult to communicate. A new plan is needed for such conditions.
- D. An airplane with flight problems landed on highway 9 south of Hartsel and parked in Tom Kirk's driveway on January 11, 2010. There were no injuries. The situation is being investigated.
- E. Officer Training has begun.
- F. The first Community Safety and Awareness Day will be held at station 3 in Ranch of the Rockies on January 30, 2010 with more Community Safety and Awareness Days being held at other locations in the district throughout the Spring. Flyers will be posted announcing future dates.
- G. A motion was made by Linda Bjorklund and seconded by Bill Schwartzkopf to keep the old dive van parked at a volunteer firefighters house near highway 285 at at approximate mile marker 175 for the two firefighters in that area to use when responding to calls along highway 285 (this will get responders to an accident much quicker than waiting for response from station 1,3 or 5). The motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned: 8:04 PM

Signed:  Date: Feb 10, 2010