

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE HARTSEL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2013**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hartsel Fire Protection District was held on Thursday, December 10, 2013 at station 1, 86 Valley Avenue, Hartsel, CO 80449.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm when all present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were: Jeff Winter, Susan Jones, Linda Bjorklund, Jim Eldridge, Chief Jay Hutcheson, administrative assistant Clea Grey and guests. Bill Schwartzkopf's absence was excused due to medical reasons.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Susan to approve the agenda as presented. There were no oppositions, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED: NOVEMBER 14, 2013: A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Jim to approve the minutes for the board meeting and the budget hearing. There was no opposition, the motion carried.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: There were no citizens' comments presented.

BOARD COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: Susan reported that the Community Center Christmas Party was very well attended and Santa Claus was the best!

FINANCIALS:

- A. A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Susan to accept the financial report as presented. Vote: Jeff, Susan, Linda, and Jim all "yes" votes. There was no opposition, the motion carried unanimously.
- B. A motion was made by Susan and seconded by Jim to pay the bills as presented. Vote: Jeff, Susan, Linda, and Jim all "yes" votes. There was no opposition, the motion carried unanimously.
- C. A motion was made by Susan and seconded by Jim to transfer \$17,000 from the money market account to the general fund account to cover payment of the bills. Vote: Jeff, Susan, Linda, and Jim all "yes" votes. There was no opposition, the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Budget: A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Jim to approve the 2014 budget as presented. Vote: Jeff, Susan, Linda and Jim all "yes" votes. There was no opposition, the motion carried unanimously. The 2014 budget was signed and sealed.
- B. A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Jim to formally excuse Bill Schwartzkopf's absence due to medical reasons. There was no opposition, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 2014 Board Meeting Calendar and the Pension Board Meeting Calendar: A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Jim to approve the above calendars as presented. There was no opposition, the motion carried.

- B. Salaries: Jeff raised the issue of a need for a 3% increase in salaries for all salaried employees of Hartsel Fire. There was discussion and a motion was made by Linda and seconded by Jim to increase employee's salaries by 3% as of January 1, 2014. Vote: Jeff, Susan, Linda and Jim all "yes" votes. There was no opposition, the motion carried unanimously.
- C. A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Linda to give all volunteer firefighters a \$25 gift cards (excluding the board). Vote: Jeff, Susan, Linda and Jim all "yes" votes. There was no opposition, the motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT: All things considered, it has been a good year. The savings on our 'in house' vehicle maintenance and building a truck 'in house' exceeded our expectations. Jeff Winter has requested a medical leave from volunteer firefighting and board meeting attendance from December 10, 2013 until sometime in February 2014 and his request has been approved.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Jim to adjourn the meeting. There was no opposition, the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

THESE MINUTES ARE OFFICIAL RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING, SIGNIFIED BY BOARD MEMBERS SIGNATURES BELOW.

Signed: Absent 1/9/2014 Date: _____
 Jeff Winter

Signed: Absent 1/9/2014 Date: _____
 William Schwartzkopf

Signed: Linda Bjorklund Date: 1/9/2014
 Linda Bjorklund

Signed: [Signature] Date: 1/9/2014
 Susan Jones

Signed: [Signature] Date: 1-9-14
 James Eldridge