

**HIGH COUNTRY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2009**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:04am

Roll Call

Paul Britton, John Rittenhouse, Roger Durham, Robb Kambic, Dale Sternlicht

Also present:

Mark Cohen, Barb Lawlor, Scott Nordgren, Deb Krause, Chris Patrick, Chris Schimanskey, John Carder, Bob Eppinger, Dave Halterman, Gary Gain, Shelia Kambic, Lynn Volken, Cheryl Schimanskey, Randy Ralphs, Michelle Northrup, Roland Huie, Cora Huie, Ryan Roberts, Steve Watson and other unidentified guests (a sign-up sheet was passed around but never got returned).

Meeting Discussion

Paul thanked everyone for attending, and explained that the reason for today's meeting is to discuss issues that were raised from the last HCFD board meeting. Paul explained the meeting was scheduled early in the day to accommodate Board member's schedules.

Paul stated there were some questions asked at the February HCFD board meeting. At that meeting the Board passed a motion directing John Rittenhouse to talk to Gail Maxwell about them. John said he had met with Gail and sent an email report of the meeting to all HCFD Board members but he did not have a copy with him. He recommended that HCFD continue with the merger. There are issues that need to be addressed with the Timberline board, and as co-chair of that board, he will push to resolve them ASAP. He suggested that CSFD & HCFD board members need to attend the next Timberline meeting and discuss all the issues that have been raised. They need to be resolved before other tasks including the election can continue. Roger agreed that scheduling the two fire agency boards and working on the issues together was a good plan.

Paul recommended that both special district Boards need to meet and every board member bringing their issues to the table and get them resolved. Paul challenged CSFD to do the same so they could once again start at the beginning and get everything resolved for Timberline to continue. Paul Britton asked Chris Schimanskey (CSFD board member, sitting in the crowd) if a meeting could be scheduled with CSFD board, Chris stated he couldn't speak for his board but thought it could be worked out.

Paul moved to have all ten Colorado Sierra Fire District & High Country Fire District board members meet, Dale seconded the motion. John said that this issue should be brought up at the next Timberline meeting and he is reluctant to have any more meetings. Paul feels that all ten board members needs to meet and start at ground zero. Roger and Robb agreed with Paul. Paul stated he hoped to have a workshop type meeting. Vote was 4 to 1 in favor of the motion. Motion passed. Paul asked the audience to please bring their comments & concerns to that meeting.

Public Comment

Paul stated the meeting would be published several weeks in advance for the public. John Carder stated “November is coming fast; the timeline is that you’re going to be dissolving the two districts and forming a new one in November”. John Rittenhouse replied that the Timberline Board has not approved any timeline but, in light of the questions raised at the last HCFD Board meeting, in his opinion there is not enough time to resolve the issues and prepare for an election in November.

Someone in the crowd asked if the idea of a merger is still a good idea. Paul stated everyone on the HCFD board agrees that the merger is still a good idea but there are issues that could jeopardize it. All ten board members need to get together and get on the same page. Another citizen asked what could the public do. Paul replied at this time he didn’t feel the public could do anything. John Carder stated “so do your jobs and take care of it; your job is to supply us firefighters with the tools we need and this merge is one of the tools.” Paul immediately stated the Public Comment section is now closed; please bring your comments/suggestions to the next board meetings.

Executive Meeting

Paul moved for the board of directors to go into an executive session at 7:19am, under Colorado CRS 24-6-402(4) F. Colorado subsection for the Colorado Open Meetings Law, this particular section concerns personnel matters. Dale second the motion, the vote was unanimous, motion passed.

The board of directors went into executive session at 7:25. Robert Kambic abstained from attending the executive session.

The board of directors came out of the executive session at 8:25 and no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Submitted by Shelia Kambic on February 27, 2009.

Secretary of the Board

Date