

**HIGH COUNTRY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**May 20, 2009**

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**1900**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**LAST MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES**

The Board moved to approve the April minutes with corrections, motion was seconded, motion passed.

**PRESENTERS/PUBLIC COMMENT/GUEST SPEAKER**

Michelle Northup is starting an e-list which will allow people to sign up to receive notices of meeting changes and information about meeting dates/times. Michelle requested to be placed on a permanent District's email list and will send out information she receives to the public. The Board of Directors agreed to her request.

David Halterman asked various questions to the Board of Directors concerning a past board meeting. The Board asked David if he wanted to hear the complaints they have heard against him in executive session or in open session, David requested an open session. The Board asked David if he like to read aloud letters he had written to the Board. David replied he would forego reading the letters but requested they be added to the meeting minutes. (Hard copies will be attached).

Mark Cohen stated David has the right to know what the allegations are, whether they are presented tonight or he is given the witness statements is fine. Ralph Gould, Andy NorthSkelton, Matt NorthSkelton, Gib Mohan, Duane Klever, Mark Moyer and Gunnar Haffke who have trained or responded with Mr. Halterman spoke individually and expressed their concerns about serious safety issues that they have seen repeatedly.

Richard stated he wants the issue to go to the Personnel Board for an official investigation and David will remain suspended until after the investigation. Richard replied he would like to deal with this issue within a week. The Board requested the Chief or Personnel Board to bring the information back to the Board of who the Personnel Board talked to, what was talked about and what they decided.

**CORRESPONDENCE/EMAILS/HCFD INFO**

The Board has received a thank you card from the Mohan family for the expression of sympathy.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer said bills are getting paid and he does not see anything that is a concern.

Board members agreed that the reimbursement check for David Halterman could not be signed until all the required 2008 information is included on the form.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Merger update

TFA has hired a facilitator to help with the merge continue, John will talk to the Gilpin County Clerk about when the election can be scheduled.

IGA spending agreement  
This issue was tabled.

Personnel Policies  
This issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Deputy Chief Appointment  
The Board of Directors moved to appoint Galen Koepke as Deputy Chief, motion was seconded, motion passed.

Meeting Date  
The Board discussed changing the date of the regular monthly BOD meeting and all members agreed to go month to month concerning the date to accommodate everyone's schedule.

### **BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT**

Sheila could not attend the meeting but her written report was discussed.

#### Rock at Station 1

Members discussed the crumbling rock wall behind station 1 and various options suggested by an engineer, a geologist and other people. After much discussion, members moved to allow chief Bulich to start looking for property nearby to relocate Station One, motion was seconded. Roger emphasized the necessity of having a station within 5 road miles of any place in the District and wanted to be sure that the motion would allow the Chief to contact a realtor. He was assured that the motion did not preclude any option. Motion was passed unanimously.

### **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

#### Trucks:

Tender 3: Jacob Vassar stated he and Jim Crawford completed the final inspection of Tender 3 using NFPA standards. Truck training will begin with members at Station 3.

Truck Sales: Members moved to sell all the vehicles that have been replaced, motion was second and passed.

#### Stations

Station 4: Galen wants to get rid of excess equipment that has accumulated at station 4. Members agreed to recycle and donate what they can and dump the rest.

Station 6: Members agreed a water tank will not be placed on the property at this time, but we need to extend the driveway another 100' and more trees will need to be cut.

#### Training

Board members moved to allow Jacob Vassar to use the fireproof file cabinet to store training files, motion was second and passed.

Board members moved to reinstate the contract with Renee with the changes asked for by Jake, motion was second and passed.

#### Fire Inspections

Richard stated Dean Davis, our fire inspector has completed all major inspections including the school and Justice Center.

Dean asked the Board if they would adopt the new fire code soon. The Board replied that the problem right now is we are working on the merger with Colorado Sierra. Members agreed that a new fire code is something that could be taken to TFA to start working on.

**CWPP**

Richard said the CWPP is in the final phases of approval, he would double check the document before signing off on it to make sure it's not a contract. His signature just means we approve of the plan and does not encumber the department at all.

The Board asked the attendees to congratulate Gib Mohan for his years of service as Deputy Chief and asked for a round of applause.

Board of Directors agreed to take a 5 minute recess.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dirt Donation

This issue was tabled.

Timberline SOGs

The Board moved to approve Timberline Fire Authority SOGs with direction to look at the comments made and incorporate them, motion was second and motion passed.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

There was none.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The board agreed they needed an executive session for personnel issues per CRS Section 24-6-402 (2)(f). The board moved to go into executive session, motion was seconded, motion carried. Roger Durham, Robb Kambic, John Rittenhouse, Paul Britton, Dale Sternlicht and Mark Cohen were in attendance of the executive session.

The executive session was convened at 2225.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 0007.

John wants to have a discussion as soon as possible with the Personnel Board and the Chief concerning responsibilities. No decision was made on a meeting date.

**NEXT MEETING**

June 17, 2009

**ADJOURNMENT**

0024

**Submitted by Gary Gain on June 17, 2009.**

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**Secretary to the Board**

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**Date**