

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PAGOSA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pagosa Fire Protection District was held on Tuesday evening, February 10, 2009 in the training room at Fire Station 1, 191 North Pagosa Boulevard. Chairman Ron Maez called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present were Directors Ron Maez, Michael Howell and Dick Cole. Director Bob Frye was absent due to illness and Director LeRoy Lattin was absent because of a meeting he had to attend pursuant to his employment with the school district. Also present were Chief Ron Thompson, Asst. Chief Trujillo and Asst. Chief Administration Diane Bower.

The minutes from our January 13th meeting were presented for approval. Ron Maez corrected the spelling of his last name on page three. Director Howell stated for the record that he was absent from the last meeting because he was in Austin, Texas and unable to return in time for the meeting. He also said that in future minutes he wants his first name recorded as "Michael" not Mike. Dick Cole made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected which was seconded by Director Howell and approved by unanimous vote.

The Board next reviewed the Fire District Financial Statements for the month of January 2009. Ron Maez said that LeRoy Lattin asked him to inquire about the cost of health Insurance premiums listed on Page 2 of the statements. Director Lattin wanted to know if the district could get a better price for health insurance. Chief Thompson reported that the health insurance is obtained through a Special District pool and is the best price we could obtain.

Chief Thompson next presented his monthly report to the Board, the written outline of which was presented to Board members is adopted by reference herein. Chief Thompson reported that Fire Station 7 is nearing completion and should be ready for occupancy by the first week of March. He would like to have grand opening ceremonies on March 14th. He also presented to the Board a financial report that reflected revenues and expenditures of construction costs for the station.

He reported that the new fire engine is nearly finished and that final inspection should occur next month. He said the engine is due to be finished on March 19, 2009. He further said that he plans on the new engine going to Station 1 because it is the busiest in terms of responses. He plans on moving the current Engine 1 to Station 2 and moving the current Engine 2 to Station 7.

Chief Thompson said that a new Dispatch Manager named Rob Cole has been hired and started work this past week. He also presented to the Board a new Intergovernmental Agreement regarding the Dispatch center that now includes the Hospital District. Dick Cole made a motion that the new agreement be approved which was seconded by Director Howell and approved by unanimous vote.

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He next gave a brief report regarding the 800MHz network. He reported that engines are

equipped with portable radios for use at fire scenes. He also reported that the committee is working with the U.S. Forest Service to find a tower location near Chromo for more complete coverage.

The Chief additionally reported that Boot Jack Ranch has asked for inclusion in The District. He said there are many facilities on the ranch, some sprinklered and some are not. He said they have their own hydrant system. There followed a general discussion about inclusion for most of Mineral County on this side of the divide.

He reported that he has been working to form a Fire Department Chaplain program. He said that Lee Vorhies has volunteered his services for the program. He said he has been working with Bayfield Fire Department in support of the program and he is developing S.O.P.s which will be submitted to the Fire District's attorney for review.

The Chief said he has made three public presentations since our last board meeting, each having to do with fire safety. He said the programs included a presentation regarding home fire safety, carbon monoxide poisoning and a presentation to young people at the Ed Center regarding fire safety for baby sitters. He further reported that he has been active with other departments in Colorado and that he is going to assist the Rock Creek Fire Department with an assessment of their department. He said the department is located near Eagle , Colorado.

He also spoke briefly about property acquisitions in relation to District expansion. He said he has been having discussions with local forest service officials from whom he has learned that they have a property designation known as "little use property" which can be transferred to local entities with District land swaps.

Chief Thompson reported that "Deferred Submittals" are hurting the department because of repeated plan reviews . He further explained that contractors are submitting incomplete sets of plans that cannot be reviewed. The Chief cited as an example a local construction site that had buildings up but no water available for fire fighting. He said the contractor kept assuring that P.A.W.S. was going to approve the water system within two weeks. He said the Fire District finally gave a "stop work order" and the contractor placed a temporary hydrant. The Chief suggested that in the future the District is going to require complete sets of plans for the entire job site.

There followed a general discussion after which Director Howell expressed his dissatisfaction with the procedure. He said that in view of his experience as a firefighter, as a building inspector and as a contractor he feels strongly that requiring complete plans at the time of submittal would result in more unnecessary expense to the contractor and the project owner.

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The Board next reviewed an Intergovernmental Agreement for a new and revised Impact Fee Study. Director Howell immediately expressed his opposition to impact fees and said

he would argue strongly against it. There followed a general discussion about whether or not Michael Howell should vote as a Board Member on matters involving the construction industry because of a possible conflict of interest. Director Cole suggested he could argue the matters and make comments upon them but suggested he should recuse himself during voting. Michael Howell said that he believes he has the right to vote and asked the Chief to contact Fire District attorneys and have them advise what he could and could not vote on. Chief Thompson said he would follow up on the matter and get a legal opinion.

Chief Thompson then continued to explain that the first Impact Fee Study done in 2006 was flawed because it was based on 1990 figures. He said that the revised I.G.A will be presented at the next meeting. The matter was tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.

Chairman Maez opened the floor for other business and there followed a general discussion regarding the money Hart Construction was asking for help with regarding the unexpected expense for the slab at Fire Station 7. Director Dick Cole commented that after hearing Hart's explanation and in view of the extra grading/dirt work they did voluntarily, we should pay the company. There followed a short general discussion after which Dick Cole made a motion that the matter be continued at the next Board meeting so that all the Board members would be present for a vote. Director Howell seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman Maez asked Chief Thompson if he had looked into contract snow removal for next year. Chief Thompson responded that he had not looked into the matter because of the lack of recent snow. He further said that he would get bids for next year's snow removal and have them ready for the next budget meetings.

Director Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Dick Cole and approved by unanimous vote. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Richard A. Cole
Secretary/Treasurer