

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

**December 7, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, in the training room at Station #1, 191 N. Pagosa Blvd.

1. Chairman LeRoy Lattin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following directors were present: David Blake, Taro Hill, John Weiss and Dick Cole.
2. The minutes of the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as written on a motion by John Weiss, second by David Blake and passed.
3. The Chief introduced Linda Carter, legal counsel for Ken Levine who is the defendant in the Four Mile Fire litigation. Ms. Carter informed the directors that the District Attorney had referred her to the PFPD Board to determine whether or not we wish to proceed with the criminal aspects of the case. It seems that Mr. Levine's insurance company will not pay if the criminal proceedings continue, but we may be able to recover our costs if we file against his insurance company. After this discussion, the Board decided to review its options and will reconvene in an Executive Session on Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to determine its position on the continuation of the litigation.
4. Assistant Chief Bower presented the 2011 budgets for the General, Debt Service and Pension Funds. She observed that the assessed values were only slightly less than anticipated and that this was good news for budgeting purposes. There will still be considerable concern for the 2012 valuations and fiscal diligence must be employed in the coming year. The 2011 Budget is reflecting the highest reserves in District history at \$866,721. This cushion will enable the District to better weather the economic uncertainties that are foreseen for 2012 and beyond.
5. Assistant Chief Bower informed the Board that with rising insurance costs it was necessary to adjust coverages for District employees. The annual deductible will be increased on July 1, 2011 from \$600 to \$1000. This will save the District approximately 5% on insurance costs and eliminate the necessity for employees to pay for dependant coverage in this budget year. It was discussed that in the coming budget years it may be necessary for employees to bear some of the cost of dependant coverage.

6. The 2011 General Budget reflects an increase in the cost of a Burn Permit from \$5 to \$10 and the fees associated with the use of the District Weight Room will increase to \$150 annually. A motion to increase these fees was made by Dick Cole, second by John Weiss and passed.
7. The purchase of the skid steer proposed in the 2011 budget was transferred to the current year and will be accomplished in part by trading the Kubota tractor and implements, plus the sale of the 1990 Dodge Utility truck. The cash expenditure for this acquisition is approximately \$15,600.
8. A motion to adopt the 2011 Budgets, set the mill levy and appropriate the budget funds was made by Dick Cole, second by John Weiss and passed.
9. The inclusion of Tara Mandala and Cimaron Ranch properties into the District was discussed. Because of the nature of these properties and their locations, no final decision was reached regarding the inclusions. Further discussion as well as the exploration of other legal considerations will be necessary before proceeding.
10. The remainder of the Board Meeting consisted of the Chief's report on the following items:
  - The District has been awarded a \$2000 grant from the Schramm Foundation for the purpose of completing Station 7. We have also received \$950 in private donations for this purpose. Several other grants are still pending.
  - The District will be entering into an agreement with the Upper San Juan Health Services District for the maintenance of their ambulances. Work will be on an as needed basis and at the hourly rate of \$50 plus parts and other direct expenses.
  - Several District employees will be moving to vacant space in the EMS building when phone lines and furniture are in place. This arrangement will allow the weight room to remain in its present location while providing a work space for the employees.
11. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DISTRICT SEAL

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Richard A. Cole, Secretary/Treasurer