

**CLEAR CREEK FIRE AUTHORITY
MINUTES APRIL 13, 2011**

The Clear Creek Fire Authority met in regular session on April 13, 2011 at Station 1 in Dumont. The meeting was called to order at 1830. The following were in attendance:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lee Behrens	Georgetown Representative
Sean Arkley	Silver Plume Representative
Craig Abrahamson	Georgetown Representative
Tim Vogel	ESD Representative
Joan Drury	ESD Representative

Absent

Gene Day	Idaho Springs Representative
John Curtis	Idaho Springs Representative
Wendy Koch	Empire Representative

Others in Attendance

Kelly Babeon	Fire Chief
Mark Abrahamson	Deputy Chief
Jeremy Jones	Captain
Brian Oppenheimer	Lieutenant
Joleen Swanson	
Phil Buckland	
Kris Miller	Mill Creek Valley Historical Society Representative
JoAnn Sorensen	Mill Creek Valley Historical Society Representative
Larrice Sell	Mill Creek Valley Historical Society Representative
Bob Bowland	Historical Society of Idaho Springs Representative

JOAN DRURY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED – The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

DUMONT RAILROAD STATION – The Historical Society informed the Board of their need to relocate the Dumont Railroad Station and their lack of room to accommodate it on the School House property adjacent to the East end of Station 1. They asked if the Board would be interested in exploring the possibility of using a portion of CCFA property for this 50' x 30' structure. Jo Ann Sorensen stated that with some assistance and guidance they could preserve the structure and put it to productive use. She stated that the School House property and the CCFA property are zoned C1 which could accommodate any number of uses. Jo Ann stated that they would be willing to put a more detailed proposal together if the Board thinks this proposition has some future.

Lee Behrens stated that he thought this was a great project. Lee pointed out that we bought this property with tax payer's money and it would be more complicated if we were to donate it or sell it as opposed to leasing it.

Tim Vogel expressed his concern of altering the wetland area which is a natural feature that divides the property. He asked if they had any idea of how much of the property that they were thinking of using for this structure.

Craig Abrahamson expressed his concerns for any long term commitment to allocate a piece of land CCFA had envisioned for a completely different purpose. He also expressed his concerns about zoning, maintenance, insurance and future developments.

Joan Drury stated that she feels closely aligned with Mill Creek Valley and that because this station is located in Dumont that we need to be good neighbors to the community and try to accommodate what we can. She stated that Craig raised some interesting points and the Fire Authority has to establish what is needed here in the long run for our volunteers, training and other purposes.

Craig stated that he thinks this conversation is worth continuing and it will encourage us to work on a master plan for this property. He stated that, in the interest of preserving the structure, he would agree to provide a temporary home for it so that Mill Creek could be in ownership of it and begin putting a plan together. Craig agreed to be a liaison to contribute and keep the dialogue active for the Fire Authority. He stated he would attend their monthly meetings and help with the planning of this project.

CRAIG ABRAHAMSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2011 – The motion was seconded and carried with one abstention.

CRAIG ABRAHAMSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BILLS AND CHECK DETAIL OF APRIL 13, 2011 – The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CRAIG ABRAHAMSON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH 31, 2011 – The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

2011 MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS – Kelly Babeon distributed and explained the new Exhibit A.

Craig Abrahamson suggested reformatting Schedule A so that it's listed by the Owner and then put its current location.

The Board agreed to have Bob Cole articulate in the amendment that the entities are releasing any claim to ownership of anything that is not on this new exhibit A and clarify exclusion of Display cases, trophies, historical artifacts and other memorabilia.

SERVICE AND FACILITIES AGREEMENT WITH CLEAR CREEK AMBULANCE – The Board agreed to discuss this at the next Board meeting.

PURCHASE OF STATION 1A – Joan Drury stated that the purchase of Station 1A has not been completed. Kelly agreed to talk with Tom about getting a check and dissolving the agreement.

Joan stated asked if there was an agreement with the Ambulance employees for the use of our workout room. Kelly stated that we have a release that individuals have to sign to work out in there. Kelly agreed to clarify the use of the workout room with Tom Breslin.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF FIRE SHELTERS – Tim presented Mark Abrahamson's request for 15 fire shelters which are priced at \$310.00 each for a total of \$4,650. The Board agreed that it would be best to purchase 20 shelters.

CRAIG ABRAHAMSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 20 WIDLAND FIREFIGHTING PERSONAL SHELTERS – The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – Kelly Babeon informed the Board that he has Steve Kroll working on evaluating all our buildings for solar/wind and putting together a proposal for the Board.

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Kelly presented and explained the attached draft Cash Flow for Capital Planning. He will bring the Capital list request to the next meeting. Craig Abrahamson recommended including Station 10 (Blue Valley Acres) on this list for this year. Tim Vogel asked that we seek grant opportunities.

Kelly informed the Board that he has extended his work hours to 5 hours a day three days a week. He stated that he will be increasing his hours to 6 hours a day next pay period and he anticipates that he will have full release sometime in May.

Craig stated that he has been working with the Colorado Division of Fire Safety and their Fire Suppression System Plan Review and Inspection process. Kelly agreed to renew his certification for our organization.


Tim Vogel stated that Mark, Kelly, Joan and he had a meeting, at the direction from Bob Cole, and discussed responsibilities, functions and that Kelly is back in charge 100% as Chief. Tim stated that it was a good meeting.

LEE BEHRENS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN – The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED TO MAY 11, 2011



Tim Vogel, Chairman



Joleen Swanson, Administrative Assistant