

**CLEAR CREEK FIRE AUTHORITY  
MINUTES JUNE 8, 2011**

The Clear Creek Fire Authority met in regular session on June 8, 2011 at Station 1 in Dumont. The meeting was called to order at 1830. The following were in attendance:

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Tim Vogel	ESD Representative
Craig Abrahamson	Georgetown Representative
Gene Day	Idaho Springs Representative
Joan Drury	ESD Representative
John Curtis	Idaho Springs Representative
Wendy Koch	Empire Representative
Sean Arkley	Silver Plume Representative

**Absent**

Steve Bennett	Georgetown Representative
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**Others in Attendance**

Kelly Babeon	Fire Chief
Mark Abrahamson	Deputy Chief
Jeremy Jones	Captain
Joleen Swanson	
Phil Buckland	

**JOHN CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA** – The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**CRAIG ABRAHAMSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2011** – The motion was seconded and carried with one abstention.

**JOHN CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO REMOVE LEE BERENATO AND LEE BEHRENS FROM CLEAR CREEK FIRE AUTHORITY'S BANK ACCOUNTS WITH COLOTRUST, EVERGREEN NATIONAL BANK, AND MUTUAL OF OMAHA BANK** – The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**CRAIG ABRAHAMSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BILLS AND CHECK DETAIL OF MAY 11, 2011** – The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**JOHN CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BILLS AND CHECK DETAIL OF JUNE 8, 2011** – The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

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

**SERVICE FACILITIES AGREEMENT WITH CLEAR CREEK AMBULANCE** – The Board agreed to discuss a Service Facility Agreement for Station 4 at the next regular meeting.

**AGREEMENT TO TERMINATE JOINT CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CLEAR CREEK COUNTY, REGARDING STATION 1** – Gene Day addressed the attached letter from our attorney and Bob Cole's recommendation to sign it.

**CRAIG ABRAHAMSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT TO TERMINATE JOINT CONSTRUCTION AND MANGEMENT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN IT SUBJECT TO MINOR REVISIONS AS APPROVED BY THE FIRE AUTHORITY'S ATTORNEY** – The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**CAPITAL PLAN** – Kelly Babeon distributed and explained the attached draft of the 10 Year Capital Plan, Vehicle Summary of our current vehicles and several purchase options. Kelly highly recommends giving one or both of the Freightliner tankers to Central City Fire.

Gene Day commented that he thinks this has been very well thought out and he is quite pleased to see us surplusng out some of the old equipment.

Tim Vogel thanked Kelly for putting this together. Tim recommends moving the purchase of the command vehicle F1 to 2011 and giving the Chief's current vehicle to Code Enforcement. Tim stated that we need to look at what we are going to do with Station 2 and Station 4 prior to making any decisions on solar/wind at those locations.

Craig Abrahamson reminded the Board that building Station 10 in Blue Valley Acres was very important from the ESD Board's perspective. He suggested shifting some purchases around to be able to pursue land acquisition for a station in Idaho Springs. Craig stated that Idaho Springs City Council and Idaho Springs Firefighters need to engage as a partner in that effort. Craig also voiced his support for the Engine/Tanker combination. He asked for specifications for the proposed vehicles for purchase. Kelly agreed to provide specifications, pricing and lease purchasing information for the next meeting. He also agreed to build the acquisition of land for a station in Idaho Springs into the Capital Plan.

The Board agreed to put the Capital Plan as an agenda item for next meeting.

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S SECRETARY APPOINTMENT** – Joleen Swanson presented the attached letter from the Town of Georgetown notifying CCFA that Craig Abrahamson and Steve Bennett have been appointed to serve as Georgetown's representatives on the CCFA Board with Kathryn Johnson as an alternate. Joleen stated that the position of Secretary on the Clear Creek Fire Authority Board of Directors is now vacant and needs to be filled.

**CRAIG ABRAHAMSON MADE A MOTION TO NOMINATE JOHN CURTIS FOR THE POSITION OF SECRETARY** – The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Joan Drury asked that the Board adopt a Resolution of Appreciation for Lee Behrens for his time with CCFA. The Board agreed to have this as an agenda item at the next meeting.

**VEHICLE PURCHASE APPROVAL – 2 TANKERS AND 2 BRUSH TRUCKS** – Kelly Babeon agreed to have specifications, prices and financing options for at least four vehicles at the next meeting. The Board agreed to have this as an action item at the next meeting.

**SOLAR/WIND PROPOSAL** – Kelly explained the attached Solar/Wind Proposal and assessments of each station. Tim Vogel recommends that Kelly get several bids for Station 1 and bring to the Board for consideration.

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**ALPINE HOSE HOUSE** – Kelly Babeon informed the Board that the Georgetown Volunteer Firefighters, Historic Georgetown and active citizens have completed a second round of restoration at the Alpine Hose Fire House in Georgetown. Kelly expressed his concerns about the lack of adequate insurance for the building and its historical artifacts. He stated that there is income from a cell tower lease that could fund the cost of the insurance and he has asked our insurance carrier to put together a proposal for the Board's review.

Gene Day stated that we also need to consider Central Hose House in Idaho Springs which is in a similar situation. Kelly agreed to have VFIS put together a cost proposal for both locations.

**COUNTY SLASH PROGRAM** – Tim Vogel stated that the County is doing their slash program again this year and he would like to request \$5,000 to help fund the slash program. On behalf of the

**JOHN CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO GO IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CLEAR CREEK COUNTY SLASH PROGRAM AND CONTRIBUTE \$5,000 TOWARD THE PARTNERSHIP** – The motion was seconded and carried unanimously with one abstention.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT** – Kelly Babeon informed the Board that he has had discussions with Wendy Koch and Phil Buckland about potential land for a fire station in Empire. Kelly stated that they are going to look at some different locations and have information for the Board at the next meeting.

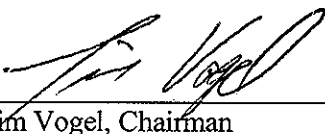
Kelly informed the Board of the high water potential in the County with the runoff season. Kelly stated that our main exposure in Clear Creek for high-water flooding is in Georgetown. He stated that the current runoff looks to be average. Kelly stated that the Town and property owners have been encouraged to do some mitigation to fix the problems.

Kelly informed the Board that he received a full medical release with no restrictions on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May.

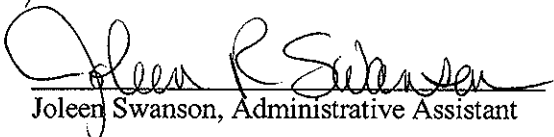
**DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT** – Mark Abrahamson informed the Board that Ladder 2 is back with its new foam system. Mark stated that Swift Water Rescue training was held over the weekend with Brook Anderson as a Dive Rescue certified instructor and it all went very well. Mark informed the Board of the fire up Bard Creek on Memorial Day. He stated that we had about 20 CCFA Volunteers respond, 10 responders from Central City, and 10 responders for Evergreen. He stated that everyone did a great job and everything went well under the circumstances.

**CRAIG ABRAHAMSON MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN** – The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**MEETING ADJOURNED TO JULY 13, 2011**



Tim Vogel, Chairman



Joleen Swanson, Administrative Assistant