

**CLEAR CREEK FIRE AUTHORITY
MINUTES FEBRUARY 10, 2010**

The Clear Creek Fire Authority met in regular session on February 10, 2010 at Station 1 in Dumont. The meeting was called to order at 1900. The following were in attendance:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Craig Abrahamson	Georgetown Representative
John Curtis	Idaho Springs Representative
Tim Vogel	ESD Representative
Joan Drury	ESD Representative
Gene Day	Idaho Springs Representative
Wendy Koch	Empire Representative
Lee Behrens	Georgetown Representative

Absent

Scott Shafer	Silver Plume Representative
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Others in Attendance

Kelly Babeon	Fire Chief
Mark Abrahamson	Deputy Chief
Jeremy Jones	Captain
Josh Ruby	Lieutenant
Joleen Swanson	
Ginifer Wallace	
Kathryn Johnson	
Dave Ventimiglia	

PUBLIC COMMENTS/UNSCHEDULED APPEARNCES – Josh Ruby presented his letter of resignation to the Board.

Craig Abrahamson stated that, as a Georgetown Volunteer Firefighter, he would like to thank Josh for his many years of service. He stated that Josh's leadership and knowledge contributed greatly to his increasing expertise in structure fire fighting.

The Board agreed to discuss this personnel issue in Executive Session.

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

GENE DAY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2010 AS AMENDED – The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CRAIG ABRAHAMSON MADE A MOTION TO ADD TIM VOGEL TO OUR CLEAR CREEK NATIONAL BANK CHECKING ACCOUNT – The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CRAIG ABRAHAMSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BILLS AND CHECK DETAIL OF FEBRUARY 10, 2010 – The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CRAIG ABRAHAMSON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY 31, 2010 – The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

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NEW STATION 7 UPDATE – Kelly Babeon informed the Board that we are about 70% done on the building. He stated that the roof is near completion, the installation of the bay doors has begun, and the inside plumbing and heating is in progress. Kelly stated that we are under budget and everything is going well. Kelly is looking for the move-in-date to be towards the end of March.

STATION 1A – Kelly Babeon stated that he met with the Commissioners/ESD Board to briefly discuss the letter from CCFA concerning Station 1A. Joan Drury stated that they had not previously had time to discuss the letter but she doesn't think it will be a big issue. Kelly stated that his main focus is to get the interior vacated and figure out what to do with the storage box.

Kelly stated that the sign for Station 1 is being built and the flagpole will not be installed until spring. He agreed to put the bay door project out to bid.

Kelly stated that he has not heard back from Infrasource concerning their truck that was left on the property. The Board asked Kelly to contact the Sheriff to get the paperwork started on removing the abandoned vehicle.

Kelly informed the Board that the 3 furnaces have been inspected, cleaned and had minor repairs done. He stated that the hot water heater has been replaced. The Board agreed to revisit the energy efficiency of this building in the Capital Plan once Station 7 is complete.

OPEN HOUSE – The Board agreed to expend up to \$1,000 for the Station 1 Open House on March 13th. The Board requested this as an agenda item at the next regular meeting.

IDAHO SPRINGS/CDOT DISCUSSION – John Curtis stated that the Idaho Springs Mayor asked that CCFA be informed of CDOT's willingness to give the plot of land next to Station 2A (the old Middle School Parking Lot) to Idaho Springs. John stated that the Mayor wants to know if there is any interest in the Fire Authority and Ambulance to build a joint-use facility there.

Tim Vogel stated he understands the location would be a benefit to the EMS and the Fire Authority but he is extremely concerned with the limited parking issues Idaho Springs is currently facing. Tim requested a strategy for achieving infrastructure as well as vehicles and prioritization of the Capital Plan.

The Board agreed to table the needs assessment for this proposal and discuss it at the next regular meeting. John agreed to meet with the Mayor and get more details.

The following agreed to be on a Capital Plan committee and schedule a work session: Tim Vogel, Joan Drury, John Curtis, Kelly Babeon and Mark Abrahamson.

GEORGETOWN'S FIRE CODE DISCUSSION – Lee Behrens stated that the Georgetown Selectmen met and discussed the Fire Code as pertains to fire pits in Georgetown. He stated that the Selectmen requested he and Kathryn Johnson meet with the Chief and Assistant Chief to discuss the Fire Codes. Kathryn stated that it wasn't the Board's intention to go through the Fire Code line by line but to determine what codes would be most beneficial to their town.

Kelly Babeon stated that he would forward a copy to the Board of the letter from Bob Cole that addresses the issue of adopting the Fire Code and how to enforce it.

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Craig Abrahamson suggested looking at other communities (like Telluride or Aspen) that have similar concerns and look at their amended Fire Codes. Kelly agreed to check with other similar municipalities/fire districts and make some suggestions based on those.

Kelly informed the Board of the Fire Code status for the following municipalities/participants:

Idaho Springs – 2006

ESD – 1997

Georgetown – 1993

Silver Plume – 1991


Empire – 1979

The Board agreed to get all municipalities working towards adoption of the current Fire Code.

Tim Vogel stated that there are two different issues here. One is actually to get everyone on the same Fire Code and the other is working with the town of Georgetown on fire pits within the city limits. Kelly agreed to work on both issues and have Mark Abrahamson assist him.

CRAIG ABRAHAMSON MADE A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF A PERSONNEL MATTER PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S. – The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED TO MARCH 10, 2010



Tim Vogel, Chairman



Joleen Swanson, Administrative Assistant