

**CLEAR CREEK FIRE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OCTOBER 14, 2009**

The Clear Creek Fire Authority met in regular session on October 14, 2009 at the Xcel building in Dumont. The meeting was called to order at 1900. The following were in attendance:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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| Gene Day | Idaho Springs Representative |
| Craig Abrahamson | Georgetown Representative |
| Lee Behrens | Georgetown Representative |
| John Curtis | Idaho Springs Representative |
| Tim Vogel | ESD Representative |

Absent

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| Joan Drury | ESD Representative |
| Wendy Koch | Empire Representative |
| Scott Shafer | Silver Plume Representative |

Others in Attendance

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| Kelly Babeon | Fire Chief |
| Mark Abrahamson | Deputy Fire Chief |
| Jeremy Jones | CCFA Lieutenant |
| Joleen Swanson | |
| Eric Helmick | |
| Nicolena Johnson | CC Ambulance Director |

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

CRAIG ABRAHAMSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2009, AS AMENDED – The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CRAIG ABRAHAMSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BILLS AND CHECK DETAIL OF OCTOBER 14, 2009 – The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CRAIG ABRAHAMSON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST 31, 2009 – The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE – Lee Behrens stated that he spoke with Jeanne Waligroski and Ginifer Wallace and they agreed to hand the newsletter project back to the Board. He stated that this project has been going on close to a year and there seems to be no interest from the Board to complete it. Lee stated that it has been less than professional to ask these volunteers to invest their time and then drop the ball.

The Board agreed to transfer this project to the Chief.

NEW STATION 7 UPDATE – Kelly Babeon stated that the second stage of the concrete has been poured and the last section is being formed. He stated that the walls should be completed on Monday and then they will move on to framing.

XCEL PROPERTY UPDATE – Kelly Babeon stated that the cistern tanks would be here in 4-5 weeks. He stated that he would like to have Mark Abrahamson and Daniel Babeon do the excavation.

The Board agreed to lease the equipment needed and have this project done in-house.

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STORAGE ON PROPERTY (ARBY CONSTRUCTION) – Kelly Babeon stated that he is still waiting to hear back from Infrasource. He stated that they are considering if they are interested in a \$1,000 a month lease.

REPAIR OF XCEL ROOF – Kelly Babeon stated that he has one bid from Academy Roofing. He stated that Turner Morris in Summit County declined because they're too busy and he is still waiting for three contractors place their bids. Kelly stated that Academy Roofing bid \$34,209 for the shingles and \$21,020 for the flat roof.

CRAIG ABRAHAMSON MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF TO EXPEND \$56,000 OR LESS FOR THE REPAIR OF THE ROOF AT THE XCEL BUILDING WITH A CONTRACTOR OF HIS CHOICE BASED ON THE RESPONSES HE RECEIVES – The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

TIRES AND WHEELS FOR NEW BRUSH TRUCK – Jeremy Jones presented and explained the attached information requesting to expend up to \$10,000 for upgrades to the new truck. He stated that this will include 5 new wheels and tires for \$5,300, backboard storage for up to \$2,000, a winch on the front for \$700, console hose beds, striping the truck, spotlights, and any incidentals.

CRAIG ABRAHAMSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE REQUEST PRESENTED BY MR. JONES FOR \$10,000 – The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

STATION 1A – Kelly Babeon stated that he has had discussions twice with the County Commissioners concerning the space we are vacating at Station 1A. He stated that during their last discussion the Commissioners requested that this Board come up with a proposal of what we would like to see happen with our portion of the building.

Gene Day asked Nicolena Johnson what the Ambulance's position on the matter was.

Nicolena stated that she was trying to clarify some of the directions the Fire Authority would like to take with that building. She wants to know if the Board wants to retain ownership of their share of the building and lease the space or if they are going to vacate and sell to the County. Nicolena stated that the Ambulance could afford the building costs of Station 1A (i.e., insurance, utilities, etc.) but they would prefer to share them

Nicolena stated that all of their needs are currently being met and they would prefer to remain at St 1A. She stated that if they joined CCFA here they would need 2 separate sleeping spaces, a full bathroom, 1 bay, and a day room of some kind with a kitchen. Kelly stated that this space here could be remodeled to accommodate those needs and he has presented that to the Commissioners on several occasions. He stated that we have a long history of working well together and we will continue to do so.

Gene Day stated that a fair amount of ideas have been shared and he doesn't sense that we are ready to make a final resolution tonight. Kelly stated that he doesn't think that the Commissioners expect a quick solution and his impression was their intent is to satisfy the needs of the Sheriff or Road and Bridge for office and bay space.

The Board agreed to discuss this issue and that of the possible relocation of the weight room equipment at the next meeting.

DRAFT 2010 BUDGET – Kelly Babeon presented and explained the attached draft 2010 budget.

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EXPENDITURE – Kelly Babeon explained the attached letter Joan Drury sent to the Board asking if the Board would contribute \$5,000 to this project.

CRAIG ABRAHAMSON MADE A MOTION THAT WE AUTHORIZE EXPENDING \$5,000 TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROJECT PER COMMISSIONER DRURY'S REQUEST – The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Kelly Babeon informed the Board that we have a vacancy on the Pension Board, which needs to be filled by a CCFA volunteer in the unincorporated area of the County. He reminded them that this Board appoints the positions to the Pension Board and he would like to recommend Eric Helmick.

TIM VOGEL MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT ERIC HELMICK TO THE PENSION BOARD – The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – Gene Day stated that the Idaho Springs Mayor inquired if the CCFA volunteers could use their fire equipment to assist with the City's Christmas lights. Kelly stated that the old Ladder 2 had previously been used for this purpose and he was agreeable to that happening again this year. Gene agreed as long as the volunteers are available and agreeable and the truck is operated along our normal guidelines.

Jeremy Jones agreed to discuss this issue with Mayor Cindy Condon and make the necessary arrangements.

FIRE CODE APPEALS – John Curtis stated that Kelly had requested that any fire code appeals go to the City Council. The Board was in agreement with the City being the Appeals Board for any fire code appeals.

Gene Day stated that our next regular meeting falls on November 11th, (Veteran's Day). The staff agreed to come in that day and the Board agreed to keep the scheduled meeting.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Kelly Babeon informed the Board that Joleen Swanson has been with this organization for 10 years as of October 1, 2009.

Kelly showed the Board a picture of the proposed sign for this building. The Board agreed to the proposal with a few minor changes.

Kelly informed the Board that he has a consultant working on our website. He stated he has money in the budget to add a full time person and with her background he could foresee her being someone to bring in for high-level IT work.

Kelly stated that he has a bid for the bay doors on this building and he will be opening up bids for the drywall and electrical portion.


Kelly stated that we will be working out of this building on Monday, October 26th.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT – Mark Abrahamson stated that he didn't have anything to add.

MEETING ADJOURNED TO NOVEMBER 11, 2009



Gene Day, Chairman



Joleen Swanson, Administrative Assistant