

## **CARBONDALE & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **CARBONDALE FIRE HEADQUARTERS**

**JULY 8, 2009**

The Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District met for their regular meeting on July 8, 2009 at the Carbondale Fire Headquarters/Training Building.

President Gene Schilling called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Directors present were Louis Eller and Rob Goodwin. Also present were Ron Leach, Jenny Cutright, Carl Smith, Vern Holmes, Karen Tafejian, Jake Spaulding, Doug Davis and Michael Carter. Vice President Mike Kennedy arrived at 5:34 p.m. Director Mark Chain arrived at 5:35 p.m.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The items on the consent agenda were: Approve Minutes of the June 10, 2009 regular meeting, Approve Current Bills & Balances, Approve Ambulance Collections and Approve Annual Capital Projects Transfer.

**MOTION:** made to approve the consent agenda as noted. It carried and passed unanimously.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Radio Site Ron Leach said he got an email from the State regarding the McClure Pass 800 DTR radio site. He said that this site has become a very high priority for the State of Colorado. He added that development of this site will be paid for by a grant that will install power but it will not pay to run the power. Ron Leach said that Holy Cross Electric may cover the cost of the power. He also said that 90% of the Ragged Mountain homeowners need to approve the installation of the power lines. Ron Leach said that having 800 mhz radio communications in the Crystal Valley would really help the communications in the District.

Mexico Ambulance Michael Carter said that he is waiting for confirmation that the civil organization is approved and he will start fundraising soon. Michael Carter said that he would like to take the new ambulance on August 12 if possible.

Pearlington Jake Spaulding thanked the Board of Directors for sending him to Pearlington. Gene Schilling said that he received a call from Hank van Berlo also thanking the Board of Directors for the opportunity to go to Pearlington. Ron Leach said that Hank van Berlo & Jake Spaulding plumbed the house of a man who has been living in a FEMA trailer since 2005. He also said that people of Pearlington, MS will never forget the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District. Rob Goodwin said the project was very successful.

There was a recess at 5:47 p.m. without a motion.

The Board reconvened to the regular meeting at 6:52 p.m. without a motion.

President Gene Schilling left the meeting and Vice President Mike Kennedy took over the meeting.

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**FINANCIAL REPORT**

2010 Budget Discussion – Appoint Budget Officer Ron Leach said a budget officer needs to be appointed for the 2010 budget.

MOTION: made to appoint Ron Leach as the Budget Officer for the 2010 budget. It carried and passed unanimously.

2010 Budget Discussion – Preliminary Budget Discussion

Ron Leach said that citizens have received their tax notices. He said that property valuations are up 30% or more, which directly correlates with the budget. Ron Leach said that the next time property values are assessed, there will most likely be a decrease in valuations. Discussion regarding the tax revenues followed. No action was taken.

Ambulance Authority Ron Leach said the article in the Post Independent is misleading and inaccurate. Carl Smith said the EMTAC is made up of people who do not have the authority to make the kind of decisions that will create an Ambulance Authority. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Fireworks Carl Smith said the fireworks were set off electronically this year. He added that the shells were smaller than in the past. He said that people viewing the fireworks near headquarters really liked the show, but it was harder to see from Sopris Park. Rob Goodwin said the show was shorter, but he really liked it.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Website Ron Leach thanked Doug Davis for the work he has done of the website. He said it is time for a new, modern, up to date website.

MOTION: made to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting at 7:14 p.m. It carried and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

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Jenny Cutright, Recording Secretary

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Gene Schilling, President

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Mike Kennedy, Vice- President