

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

February 9, 2012

1. Mayor Pro-Tem Sheila Maki called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Those present were Carrie Wingfield, Marlin McCracken, Jane Wills, Dustyn Foster and Lindee Cantrell. Mayor Wendell Koontz was not present.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.
3. Carrie Wingfield moved to approve the minutes for January 12, 2012, seconded by Jane Wills, with all in favor.
4. Elaine Brett – North Fork 2020
Attorney Briscoe has reviewed and changed the partnership agreement with North Fork 2020 and the Orton Foundation. The funding amount from the Town to North Fork 2020 has been amended and has been changed to state the Town will contribute up to \$5,000 in cash and in-kind services. Delta County Economic Development will be the sponsor and handle the paperwork and financial side of the grant. They have started the interview process for a director. This person will be part time and receive about \$20,000 per year for the next two years.
Ms. Brett told the Trustees that the grant could help the Town with the planning of the Town beautification project.
Dustyn Foster moved to enter into the partnership with North Fork 2020 and the Orton Foundation, seconded by Carrie Wingfield. The motion passed with Marlin McCracken voting against.
5. Joanne Tullis – North Fork Valley Creative District
Ms. Tullis told the Trustees they are asking the Town to support, by resolution, the North Fork Valley Creative District. The Governor's office supports the creation of these districts. This district would support the arts in the North Fork Valley. They will apply for grants to do planning and marketing for all the different types of creative arts in the North Fork Valley.
Dustyn Foster moved to approve Resolution 2012-4 to support the North Fork Valley Creative District, seconded by Carrie Wingfield. The motion passed with Jane Wills and Lindee Cantrell voting against.
6. Hotchkiss High School Tennis Courts Update
Sheila Maki read an update letter from Sarah Marshall for the tennis courts at the high school. She stated they had received \$5,000 matching funds from the Cocker Kids Foundation. She will keep the Town updated on the progress of the project.
7. Resolution 2012-2 – Establishing Procedures for Designating Authorized Volunteers
Attorney Briscoe stated Marshal Miller had developed the resolution to allow volunteers for the Town and did a good job. Volunteers for a police department or fire department can be provided workman's compensation. Attorney Briscoe felt it would be a good idea to protect the Town, that the volunteers working with the police department be covered by workman's compensation.
CIRSA, the Towns liability insurance carrier, provides medical and accidental injury/death for volunteers.
The Town Clerk is checking with workman's compensation for the cost of coverage for volunteers.
The Trustees tabled this item until the March meeting.
8. Resolution 2012-3 – Accept Construction Performed by Sapphire Construction
Engineer Fagan reported the project is complete, except for some cleanup and reseeded. The funding agency needs the Trustees to approve a resolution accepting the project construction.
Carrie Wingfield moved to adopt Resolution 2012-3, seconded by Marlin McCracken, with all in favor.
9. Master Plan Update
The Clerk told the Trustees the update is still being worked on.
10. Hotchkiss Planning Commission Update
There was not a meeting in January.
11. Building Inspector Update
The Clerk reported the Town had received two proposals. March 1st is the deadline for proposals. The Clerk will report at the March meeting.

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12. **Leroux Creek Planning Update**
There was not a meeting.
13. **Enhancement Project Update**
Engineer Fagan reported that staff had met with CDOT and found out the Town has to hire an acquisition specialist to acquire the rights of way for the trail on Cedar. This will be very expensive and could cost from \$ 40,000 to \$ 60,000. The railroad crossing will also be very expensive. The Trustees decided to have a work session in March to discuss the trail project.
14. **Five Minute Public Appearance**
Tom Wills reported that Mary Hockenbery met with the Hotchkiss Chamber to discuss the downtown beautification project. Tom has developed a survey to ask citizens what they would like to see in the downtown area. He would like to work with Planning and the Chamber to develop a plan.

Attorney Briscoe told the Trustees he had been conferring with TDS about the extension of the Town's franchise agreement. The current franchise agreement does not include a franchise tax to the Town. The Trustees agreed the Town should be receiving a franchise tax and asked Attorney Briscoe to discuss this with TDS.
15. **Department Reports**
Mike Owens was on vacation and there was not a report for public works. Engineer Fagan reported the water plant is meeting the byproduct requirements. Marlin McCracken stated the water at the high school tastes bad and needs to be checked.
Marshal Miller asked if there were questions on his written report, there was not. Marshal Miller said there is a meeting with Ride the Rockies representatives on 2/15/12. They will be in Hotchkiss on June 10th and leave on June 11th.
16. **Hotchkiss Chamber of Commerce Update**
Marshal Miller reported the Chamber has board member openings if anyone is interested. Joanne Tullis reported on the Creative Coalition and Tom Wills reported on the Chamber Symposium.
17. **Mayor's Report**
Mayor Pro-Tem reported the Chambers is having a photo contest for a 2012 Hotchkiss postcard. On 2/10/12 the Creamery Arts will have their yearly art, chocolate and wine event. On 2/26/12, the North Fork Ambulance is doing a community outreach program and will have a family movie night. It has been discussed to have ID cards for the Trustees; this will be considered after the new Board of Trustees is seated. Attorney Briscoe will draft a letter to the Delta County School Board indicating an increase in water fees to HHS as was established in an agreement between the Town and the school district in 1980. The North Fork Ambulance will be holding injury prevention programs in the future.
18. **Town Clerk Report**
The Clerk reported nomination packets for the election may be picked up on February 13th.
19. **New Business**
Attorney Briscoe will be in jail for MDA on February 15th.
20. **Consideration of Bills**
Carrie Wingfield moved to pay all bills, seconded by Lindee Cantrell, with all in favor.
21. **Carrie Wingfield moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lindee Cantrell, with all in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene F. Searle,
Town Clerk

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