

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

July 12, 2012

1. Mayor Koontz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Dustyn Foster, Lindee Cantrell, Georgia Hopper, Carrie Wingfield, Marlin McCracken and James Roberts were all present.
2. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Lindee Cantrell moved to approve the June 14, 2012 minutes as presented, seconded by Carrie Wingfield, with all in favor. The motion passed.
4. Tim Callahan-Subway Parking Lot Plan-Canceled
5. King Robertson and Bob Sussman, representing Hotchkiss Memorial Hall, were presented a \$25,000 donation toward window replacement costs for the Memorial Hall. The check was presented by Mike Ludlow and Tim Pollard of Oxbow Mining, LLC and Rob Gill of Bear Ranch. It was stated that the Memorial Hall is used for their meetings. Oxbow's goal is to produce energy and save energy, to keep everything in balance and look toward the future. Mr. Koch, the owner of Oxbow Mining, LLC and Bear Ranch wants to support the communities.
6. Mark Roeber, County Commissioner Candidate, was not present.
7. Jim Heneghan, Delta Montrose Electric Association, presented a printed GIS map update of the hydro plant the Town of Hotchkiss owns. In 2008, DMEA and the Town signed an agreement for DMEA to refurbish and operate the hydro plant with a set payment to the Town. If the hydro plant eventually comes back to the Town, someone will need to know how to operate and maintain it, as it requires daily attention. The trustees asked Mr. Heneghan to return early in the first quarter of 2013 and present them with figures of operation and maintenance costs for the hydro plant.
8. Georgia Hopper moved to approve 3% raises for all employees, as was budgeted for the 2012 year, seconded by James Roberts, with all in favor. The motion passed.
9. Upon recommendation from the Hotchkiss Planning Commission, Lindee Cantrell moved to adopt Resolution No. 2012-01: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE HOTCHKISS COMMUNITY COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN, 2012, REVISION, AND CERTIFYING THE SAME TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. Carrie Wingfield seconded the motion, with Dustyn Foster, Marlin McCracken and James Roberts voting for the motion and Georgia Hopper abstaining. The motion passed.
10. Deputy Tami Smith read a report from Chad Gartmann, residential building inspector, stating his recent and current building inspections.
11. Engineer Joanne Fagan, gave a written and verbal report in reference to the Enhancement Trails Project Update. She stated CDOT and the TPR had approved the location change for the next phase of the Town's pathway project designated as "Leonard Pathway". Joanne also explained the rather stringent requirements of CDOT Enhancement funding, and gave the Town's share of the Leonard Pathway project to be between \$60,000 and \$80,000. Engineer Fagan also presented the Trustees with a possible new funding option to explore. CDOT has modified the Safe Routes to School Funding (SRTS) criteria to allow 100% for safe routes projects. The Leonard Pathway would qualify for this funding. Joanne presented pros and cons of the funding. The Trustees set a work session to discuss SRTS funding for August 2nd from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
12. Dustyn Foster reported North Fork 20/20 set up a tent at Cherry Days and invited the community to help create a mural depicting life in the North Fork Valley. They are asking for places to display the mural so it can be seen by the communities. Wendell asked the Trustees to be thinking of display options.
13. Tom Wills reported the Hotchkiss Planning Commission had adopted the HOTCHKISS COMMUNITY COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN, 2012, REVISION. The Commission had gone through the results of the Downtown Improvement Plan Survey and will now work on actual plan/practicalities for the Town. Trails and Sidewalks, the Annexation Policy, and Land Development Regulations are some of the things they will work on. The next Planning meeting will be July 25th.

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14. There was no Leroux Creek Planning meeting.
15. Five-Minute Public Appearance
Oxbow Consulting Firm Representative and Oak Mesa Project Manager, Steve Weist, stated an environmental assessment had been done for the Bureau of Land Management by ERO. The Army Corp of Engineers has analyzed the roads and they are not affecting the area water. The vehicle emissions have also been checked. Sage Grouse have been found on the Oak Mesa area, and they will find out the implications of this later. Drilling will probably begin mid September and continue through the winter. There will be 18 core holes and 2 rotary holes to monitor cores.
16. Department Reports
There were no questions on Public Works Director Mike Owens' written report. Mike stated that Tim Callahan, Subway Parking Lot Plan, will attend the Hotchkiss Planning Commission meeting August 22nd. Mr. Callahan will bring a sketch plan for the entry to, and the parking lot, and the landscaping. CDOT and the Town have to approve the parking lot entry.
The paving will hopefully be done on Orchard soon.
Mike stated the Source Water Protection Plan grant had been submitted.
Mike gave the Trustees a bid from Steve Hicks for valve maintenance and flushing as the Public Works crew has a hard time keeping up with the needed yearly maintenance program for this. He feels that if 1/3 could be done yearly, it would make a big difference. The Trustees asked Mike to get more specific dollar figures together for the 2013 budget.

There were no questions on Marshal Miller's written report. Mayor Koontz stated he had seen the new video recorders in the police cars and they are amazing! Marshal Miller reported he will be meeting with the Fairboard July 24th, to discuss their emergency planning/disaster plan.
17. Marshal Miller was unable to attend the Hotchkiss Chamber Meeting. Tom Wills reported that Ride the Rockies went very well. The Chambers cleared about \$2,000. There will be an Art Walk on Saturday, July 14th.
18. Mayor Wendell Koontz reported that the Planning Commission is hoping to have an updated Sidewalk Ordinance ready for the next Trustee meeting.
The Delta County Fair begins August 5th-5k Fun Run at HHS
Paonia Reservoir-Gunnison Basin Roundtable flyer-please take notice (New Herbarian Open)
Art Walk-July 14th
Creamery Opening-July 13th
Next Planning Meeting-July 25th
Work Session-Aug.2nd 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Hotchkiss is Happening-July 14th
19. The Deputy Clerk reminded the Trustees of the August 16, 2012 meeting change date.
20. There was no new business.
21. Carrie Wingfield made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Lindee Cantrell seconded the motion, with all in favor. The motion passed.
22. Lindee Cantrell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Carrie Wingfield seconded the motion, with all in favor. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tami Smith
Deputy Clerk
Town of Hotchkiss

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