

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

September 12, 2013

1. Mayor Koontz called the meeting to order. Those present were Carrie Wingfield, Marlin McCracken, Lindee Cantrell, Dustyn Foster, and James Roberts. Georgia Hopper was not present.
2. Mayor Koontz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Koontz welcomed Mr. Suppes and the HHS Student Government and the other HHS students in attendance.
3. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11.
4. Carrie Wingfield moved to approve the minutes for August 15, 2013, seconded by Lindee Cantrell, with all in favor.
5. Student Government President, Jennifer Cellis, presided over the meeting with Mayor Koontz.
6. HHS Good News
Mr. Suppes, HHS Assistant Principle and Guidance Counselor, thanked the Trustees for having the HHS Student Government participate in the Town meeting. Mr. Suppes introduced school board members Pete Blair and Tammy Smith.
Mr. Suppes updated the Trustees on the death of Cedaredge student, Reid Gates, and the progress of the other two students. There will be a memorial for Reid on September 14th in Cedaredge. HHS is down 20 students from 2012-2013 year; there is an enrollment of 210 students currently. The students can participate in college courses and receive college credits, while in high school. HHS will hold a college fair soon.
Homecoming week will be September 30th –October 4th. The parade will be October 4th. HHS is inviting all business owners to be their guest for the football game October 4th. They will do a business appreciation during half time of the game.
HHS will host the next Town Trustee and HHS Student Government meeting in the spring.
7. Library Support Letter – Katie Gnauck
Katie Gnauck and Bill Crank gave the Trustees an informational letter and they are requesting a letter of support from the Trustees for the increase in mill levy from 3 mills to 4.67 mills. The original mill levy was voter approved in 1997. Their expenditures are going up and revenue is decreasing. The mill levy increase will be on the November ballot.
Mayor Koontz asked the HHS Student Government if they support the mill levy increase. They would all support the increase, if the library hours were extended and there were more evening hours.
Lindee Cantrell moved to write a support letter, seconded by James Roberts, with all in favor.
8. Special Events Liquor License – Cocker Kids Foundation
Kathy Shelley was present to request a Special Events Liquor License for a fundraiser auction on October 5th at Heritage Hall to support the Cocker Kids Foundation. They will monitor the doors and will have snacks and food available.
James Roberts moved to approve the Special Events Liquor License for the Cocker Kids Foundation, seconded by Carrie Wingfield, with all in favor.
9. Donation Request
Mr. Suppes represented the Bulldog Booster Club in their request for a \$ 500 donation. They support HHS in all areas. Athletics, alumni, the tech programs and the citizens of Hotchkiss. The students present sang the HHS fight song.
James Roberts made a motion to donate \$500, seconded by Carrie Wingfield, with all in favor.
10. Hotchkiss K-8 Destination Imagination
The group was not present.

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11. North Fork Mosquito Abatement District Financial Support Request
Tom Wills, NFMAD Secretary and Treasurer, said there is late season irrigation water pooling at the fairgrounds. The County is donating \$500 to the district for additional larvicide to treat this area and the NFMAD is requesting the same from Hotchkiss.
The County will address this area before next year. Carrie Wingfield met with the County, NFMAD to look this area over and she said it does need to be sprayed.
Carrie Wingfield moved to donate \$ 500 to the NFMAD to spray the fairgrounds, seconded by Lindee Cantrell, with all in favor.
12. HHS Scholarship Sponsorship
Mayor Koontz stated the Town will sponsor two (2) \$500 scholarships, one male and one female, graduate from HHS. This scholarship is not need based or for a certain area of continued education. Mayor Koontz wanted the students at HHS to know the Town and the community supports them. Mr. Suppes thanked the Town for the generous gift and said the need for scholarships is great.
13. BLM Resource Management Plan Update
Attorney Briscoe said he has requested copies of maps and a summary of the NF Alternative Plan, but has not received information.
He will give the Trustees information relevant to the areas the Town is concerned with, and forward that information to the BLM for their future planning.
14. NF 20/20
Tom Wills reported that the NF 20/20 is working on completing a video to show the information they received from the communities.
15. Downtown Improvements
Tom Wills said the HHS students have helped with some decoration on the planters and they look great. The downtown improvement committee is working with Heart and Soul for a grant to construct and place a billboard type sign next to North Fork Valley restaurant. Dustyn Foster did the design and will help with construction. It will have an agricultural and coal mining theme.
16. Enhancement Trails Project Update
Engineer Fagan reported that the IGA with CDOT is being worked on. There will be two funding phases for DOLA funding. A design phase and the actual project phase. The Town and CDOT will meet on October 26th to walk the trail project.
17. Housing Authority Update
Georgia Hopper was not at the meeting.
18. Hotchkiss Planning Committee Update
Tom Wills reported the Committee had reviewed the Tullis Minor Subdivision and will consider the plat at the September 25th meeting and make a recommendation to the Trustees.
The committee is almost done with the annexation policy. They are working on the sign code. There is an opening on the planning commission board.
19. Leroux Creek Planning Update
Carrie Wingfield reported there was not a meeting held.
20. Five Minute Public Appearance
School Board member, Tammy Smith, said she is running for reelection to the school board. Mail In Ballots will be out in October.

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21. Department Reports
Deputy Lloyd reported the month was quiet. They are working with HHS on Homecoming events. The Marshal's office has a new reserve officer, Ryan Sparks.

Mike Owens reported that the water plant project is finally complete. The meter replacement project is complete, except for placement of a back flow preventer on Rogers Mesa's meter. Paving of Bridge Street between 6th and 7th Streets will start next week.
22. Hotchkiss Chambers Update
Tom Wills reported the Chambers has been working on the downtown improvements. The phone system at the visitor's center is complete. The Rolls Royce tour will be in Town on the 22nd. A Town Christmas Tree is being considered and discussed.
23. Mayor's Report
The Trustees set October 22nd at 6:00 p.m. for a budget work session. Mayor Koontz asked Mr. Suppes if the "H" was going to be repainted this year. Mr. Suppes said yes it was, but it needs a lot of work, which takes manpower and money. Mayor Koontz reported that 24 drill holes are complete out of 45 at the Oak Mesa Drilling site. They are doing reclamation as they work. They are identifying some coal deposits; the results should be known in the 2nd to 3rd quarter of 2014. Crawford will celebrate 50 years for the State Park and 100 years for the Town Hall building this weekend in Crawford.
24. Town Clerk Report
None
25. Upcoming Events
Home Football game and Volley Ball in Basalt, Cross Country at Eagle Valley, Golf at Gypsum, Tennis – Delta Tournament this weekend,
Fall Municipal Quarterly at Hotchkiss on 9/19
League of Women Voters – Paonia Town Park 9/27
Creamery Arts Open Reception – 9/13
Blood Drive at HHS – 10/1
26. New Business
None
27. Consideration of Bills
Carrie Wingfield moved to pay all bills, seconded by Lindee Cantrell, with all in favor.
28. HHS student Jake Huble moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Natalie Anderson, with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene F. Searle, Town Clerk

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