

# TRINITY CENTER COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

### Regular Meeting

March 2, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Glen Ahmann at 6:30 p.m. Other members present: Mike McHugh, Hal Pflueger, Virginia Allin and Dewey Baird. 20 members of the public were also present.

Glen Ahmann briefly explained what the TCRCD meeting following this meeting was regarding. TCRCD will be talking about the Trinity county Wildfire Protection plan and would like input from the community on areas in need of Wildfire Protection which in most cases will be fuel reduction or brush clearing. The meeting will start at about 8:00 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting were passed out. It was moved by Virginia Allin to approve the minutes as written and it was seconded by Dewey Baird. The minutes were accepted as written.

CSD Financial report was handed out and the balance was read.  
TCVFD Financial reports were handed out and the balances were read.

### Unfinished Business

New Fire House Building Report- Dewey Baird reported that the Project Team did not meet in Dec., Jan., or Feb. because Dewey was gone due to a family crisis. There has been no change in the Grant status. Dewey has statistics on grants applied for and awarded so far. They are available to anyone who is interested in them.

The removal of 3 large trees on the lot has been put on hold. If the grant is not awarded to begin building there is no need to remove the trees at this time.

Dewey will keep moving forward on the informal percolation test on the septic. This is just a pre test for the CSD's own information to see if the lot can pass the perk test. In the past the lot has not passed. Dewey has sent a letter to the Planning Dept. to confirm the status of the Use Permit. He has received an unofficial notification that it was approved however he has received no official notification that it has been finalized.

Glen Ahmann asked if the Project Team was looking into other options in case the grant is not received. Dewey reported the Team is looking into other grants options that may be available. The Project Team will also meet to discuss other options such as a loan.

Annexation Committee Report-Mike McHugh reported a Town Hall meeting was held at the IOOF Hall in Trinity Center with approximately 50 people in attendance. Mike reported there were no new issues raised at the meeting. At the meeting they walked through what has been done so far and described the LAFCO process. The committee is now focused on completing the constituent signature gathering so the Board can gauge community support for annexation. To date in favor signatures have been gathered from 55% of people outside the district and 30% from inside the district. The committee will set a goal to come to the Board with the results at the June meeting. At the May meeting they will come with an update of the map of areas to be annexed. The County has requested the committee look at a couple of areas just outside the area for annexation and SPI asked the committee to look at adding 3 sections to the annexation. Mike read a letter of support for the annexation received from SPI. He will bring the requested additions to the May meeting. The committee would like to bring this issue to the Board in June. He would like to have the application for LAFCO ready to submit to bring to the meeting. There is a link on the North Trinity Lake web site if anyone missed the Town Hall meeting and would like to look at the information. There is a Power Point Presentation, FAQ's document and

flow chart available to look at. The committee will meet again in April to discuss having a signature gathering/information day in public locations if they find they are short on signatures. There was some discussion regarding having a place near the Post Office. Virginia Allin informed the Board that the Kobys have offered the use of their lot to gather signatures if needed.

Wyatt Ribarich asked if seasonal property owners who are away for the season had a way to sign the petition or show their support for the annexation. Mike said a letter of support would be useful and could be included in the packet to LAFCO to show public support. Mike explained there are 3 ways to initiate the annexation. One is by petition, the second is by Board resolution, the third is for LAFCO to come to the CSD and tell them to merge areas. The committee would like to present the annexation as a Board resolution instead of a petition, using the petition to show support.

Letter from State Controller regarding open meeting Act/Brown Act Reform Claiming Instructions 2009-17. – Glen Ahmann gave a brief explanation the reason for the claim form. There was some general discussion. The Board agreed to submit the claim form. Glen will sign the forms and they will be submitted. The CSD could receive money to offset the cost of following the Brown Act on posting agendas for the meetings.

### Communications

Letter of Support of Annexation Initiative from SPI- Mike McHugh read and discussed this earlier with his committee report.

Request for Comment Letter from Planning Dept.-Glen Ahmann read the letter for comment from the Planning Dept. Ken Rieke is requesting a rezone from commercial to residential on his lot on Azalea. There were no comments from the Board. It was suggested that “any required improvements for Fire Protection or other infrastructure will be the responsibility of the applicant.” be added to the comments.

### Public Comment

None

### New Business

2009/2010 Budget review Mid year review of actual vs. budget by department- Glen Ahmann explained the budget review that was passed out. He explained that he used prorated figures for the to-date budget figures. The CSD is doing well staying within the budget so far this year.

Select representative to attend Special District Independent Selection committee for LAFCO- Glen Ahmann explained a little about LAFCO, they are a State Authorized Commission to oversee special districts. Glen read the letter from LAFCO inviting the district to attend a meeting April 19<sup>th</sup> 2010 to nominate and elect one Independent Special District appointee to sit on the Trinity Local Formation Commission, an Independent District Body. The nominee must be a Board member from an Independent Special District. At the request of Trinity PUD and Weaverville CSD and the direction of LAFCO the meeting will also be used to discuss Special District representation on LAFCO and how funding of LAFCO is provided. The Government code states the ½ of the LAFCO operational costs are paid by the County and ½ are paid by the Independent Special Districts. They will review the code and discuss options the Special Districts can use to change the formula. The County has gone out of their way to give the Special Districts a break in paying their portion. There was some discussion whether the CSD should go to the meeting and who will go. It was decided someone should go from the Board. It was also discussed whether someone should be nominated to be on the commission from the CSD. There was a question regarding a possible conflict of interest for a Board member to be on the

commission if the annexation project goes forward, but it was pointed out the individual could recuse themselves from the vote if appropriate. Also discussed was the question of if the CSD as a Board should decide who they would like to nominate or vote for or if they should send a representative to elect someone. Glen and Mike both said they would be willing to attend the meeting however neither is interested in serving on the commission. It was agreed that at least one person will attend the April meeting.

The TCRCW CWPP Plan Fuels Reduction meeting followed this CSD Board meeting. As this was a separate meeting run by the TCRCW, the results are not included in this meetings minutes.

#### Fire Dept. Report

Roger Chatterton- Roger passed out and read the report (see attached)

#### Bills for Payment

The list of bills to be paid was passed out. Dewey Baird mentioned that the street lights need to be checked to make sure they are all working. He will check them next week. Glen reported there is only one hydrant to pay the Water Company for this month. The CSD already paid for one in Oct. That is all the hydrants that are planned to be replaced for this fiscal year. Roger Chatterton questioned the FASIS bill. Jan Bellinger explained it was an annual adjustment for personnel and has already called to verify it. After some discussion a motion was made by Dewey Baird to pay the bills as listed. The motion was seconded by Virginia Allin. The motion passed that the following bills be paid:

#### **Regular Expenses**

Trinity PUD- Electric-Fire Hall	\$126.33
Trinity PUD- Street Lights	\$159.03
TDS Telecom-Telephone	\$50.88
Jan Bellinger-Salary	\$350.00
Roger Chatterton-Travel	\$50.00

#### **Special Expenses**

Northwestern Propane-Propane	\$291.70
Jan Bellinger-Stamps	\$44.00
Fire Innovations-Nylon Tethers	\$168.47
Trinity County Fire Chiefs Assoc.-Dues	\$25.00
Trinity Center Mutual Water Co.-Hydrants	\$2,710.79
FASIS-Insurance Adjustment-08/09	\$361.00
Total	\$4,337.20

#### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

#### Items for next meeting agenda:

Building Committee report  
Annexation Committee report  
Next Meeting: April 6, 2010

Jan Bellinger – Secretary

# **TCVFD Report for March 2010**

## **Activity for Feb**

### **Fires**

**Trinity Center - 1**

### **Medicals**

**Coffee Creek - 1**

**Trinity Center – 6**

**CM-LFE-LC - 2**

**Trainings – 4**

**Total responses = 14**