

TRINITY CENTER COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Regular Meeting

May 4, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Glen Ahmann at 6:34 p.m. Other members present: Mike McHugh, Hal Pflueger, Virginia Allin and Dewey Baird. 20 members of the public were also present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were passed out. It was moved by Dewey Baird to accept the minutes as written with the correction of the spelling of Peter Hedtke. It was seconded by Virginia Allin. The minutes were accepted as written and corrected.

CSD Financial report was handed out and the balance was read.

TCVFD Financial reports were handed out and the balances were read. Mike McHugh requested the annexation account balance be added to the report. Jan Bellinger will talk to Linda Magni about adding it for the next meeting. Glen reported that Roger Chatterton was out of town. Ken Rieke the assistant chief was present.

Unfinished Business

New Fire House Building Committee report (Baird) - Fire House Construction Project Update and solicit note-taking help for the committee. Dewey reported last month that the Project committee was going to meet with Peter Hedtke from environmental health to get a read on whether the septic system on the lot will be adequate for a new building so they can get some estimates for the project. Roger Chatterton, Ken Rieke, Tom Hollister and Dewey met with Peter and explained to him the results of the 3 holes they dug. Peter suggested they go ahead and proceed with the design. The current planning would be based on the present amount of sewage that is being generated and not on some future number. He suggested the committee allow provisions to add an additional leach field and/or septic tank on the North side of the building. Tom had provided Dewey with a drawing with the current amendments and Dewey submitted it to Mr. Hedtke. Peter agreed to provide written determination so the CSD will have a record of the conversation. The committee is awaiting his written response. Glen Ahmann asked if the committee was looking at contingency plans that would be less dependent on receiving large grant support. Dewey reported the committee is looking at the same design of the building with the first floor for now and leaving the second floor for future growth. The committee needs to obtain the cost of that before moving forward. They are soliciting estimates now. The septic problem could delay the project pending the written answer from Peter. Glen requested the committee come to the Board before moving forward with any engineering that would involve cost. Lyn Scott reminded the Board that if grant money is used they must pay prevailing wages.

Annexation Committee report (McHugh) – Mike reported there is work in progress gauging the communities support and that the signature gathering is ongoing. The committee is 1 vote short of 50% of in-district voters and 56% in the proposed annexation areas. 15% of the voters polled in district are against the annexation. Mike is not aware of anyone in the annexation area that is against it. 82 non registered parcel owners still have not been approached with about signing the petition. Mike met with John Jelich from LAFCo to talk about the process and fees. The LAFCo fees are increasing substantially May 21st. Currently there is a \$3000.00 application fee, \$3500.00 Board of Equalization fee, \$300.00-\$400.00 surveyor fee and about \$400.00 mailing fee. On May 22nd the \$3000.00 fixed application fee becomes a pay as you go reimbursement to LAFCo. The application fee becomes \$2500.00 application deposit, \$5000.00 deposit for the Sphere of Influence, plus a time and material fee for the County surveyor and any other staff required to validate the CSD survey equaling

\$7000.00-\$7500.00 or more. The committee feels there is an urgency to apply by May 21st to avoid the new fee structure, saving considerable money for the district. Billie Higgs reported the yard sale in Covington made \$3355.88 bringing the total in the annexation account to \$4997.00. Mike suggested the need to hold a special meeting before May 21st to discussion and approve turning in the application before the fee increase. The committee feels with 50% they have enough petition signatures to show support to move forward with the annexation. Mike McHugh made a motion to schedule a special meeting on May 18th at the IOOF hall at 6:30pm to review all information, discuss and approve Resolution 2010-2 and take appropriate action on the LAFCo application based on meeting discussion. Assuming the resolution passes, Mike will hand carry the application to LAFCo. Virginia Allin seconded the motion. The motion passed. A copy of the draft of Resolution 2010-2 was passed out. Mike will need two checks to turn in with the application, \$3000.00 to LAFCo and \$3500.00 to the Board of Equalization. Mike noted that the check to the Board of Equalization is refundable if the annexation does not go through. The LAFCo fee is not refundable. Mike will put up flyers and post the notice for the special meeting on the web site to notify the public. George Lucky inquired as to what reason LAFCo gave to justify the fee increase. Mike explained that has to do with the way the districts are funded. LAFCo has a limited budget and the increased fees are to help LAFCo balance their budget. Glen explained that LAFCo is a State authorized agency to oversee Special Districts. The State originally paid the fees but with the current budget problems they are no long willing to. LAFCo started taxing the Special Districts for their representation on the LAFCo Board. Trinity County was picking up the total cost for the Special Districts, but can no long afford to continue paying it all so the Special Districts have to pick up their share. By law the County still must pay half and the Special Districts pay the other half.

Discuss/Approve resolution #2010-1 opposing the Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010 (Ahmann) Glen Ahmann reported that last month the CSD received a survey from the CSDA regarding the, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010. Glen briefly explained that this measure would make it easier to take the water from Northern California and ship it to Southern California. The CSD does not support this Act. The CSDA survey was filled out per the last meeting and sent in. Mike McHugh drafted a resolution stating why the CSD does not support the Act. Mike briefly explained the Safe Water Act and explained that there are many unspecified projects and unaccounted for money in the billions of dollars included in the proposed legislation. Mike read the resolution. There was some discussion. Mike made a motion to approve the resolution. Dewey Baird seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Martie Mullen suggested the resolution be put in the Trinity Journal. Jon Scott suggested the resolution also be sent to other Special District in the area. Mike added it will also be sent to the CSDA.

Glen reported that Bill Britton is trying to get the Trinity County Special District Association going again and this may be a way to channel the resolution to other Special Districts in the County.

Communications

Commercial Service Agreement from Trinity County Solid Waste-Jan Bellinger reported a contract from Trinity County Solid Waste was received. There is no money due. It requires the chairman's signature. This allows the County to bill for dump fees instead of having to pay on site. It will be signed and returned.

Public Comment

None

New Business

Approve or reject removal of hydrant on the Greg Amoss property (Amoss)-Greg Amoss explained the reason for his request to remove the hydrant on his newly acquired lot. The hydrant was never moved

after the construction of the building on the corner of Mary and Azalea. The hydrant is in the direct line with the doors of the building and poses a danger when trying to back trailers or equipment into the building. Ken Rieke (assistant Fire Chief) reported that he called Redding to check on the requirement for the hydrants and there must be 1000 feet between hydrants and 500 feet from the hydrant to the building. There are other hydrants within 350 feet which is well under the requirement. Greg is requesting the hydrant be removed or capped. Glen Ahmann read a letter from Roger Chatterton (Fire Chief) stating there is no adverse impact by the removal of the hydrant and it does not violate any ordinance. The only structures affected by the removal are Greg Amoss' and he is the one requesting it. Glen expressed concern about giving up a hydrant even though we would still comply with applicable ordinances and suggested the hydrant be relocated on the property at property owner expense instead of being removed. Lyn Scott reported that the Water Company does not have any concerns either way and has no objection to the hydrant being removed. Ken Rieke looked into moving the hydrant and indicated that it would have to be relocated within the right of way which may pose a hazard with the snow plows. Mike McHugh inquired about the need for a hydrant if the pasture area across the street was ever developed. It was decided that it would be required by the builder at that time if the pasture is developed. Dewey Baird made a motion that the Board approve the request to remove the hydrant, at the property owner's expense. Mike McHugh seconded the motion. Glen abstained from the vote. The motion passed 4 Ayes, 1 Abstention.

2010/2011 budget (Ahmann) –Present the draft budget to the CSD for the upcoming fiscal year – Approval of budget will be action item for June meeting. Glen passed out the proposed budget. Glen explained the spread sheet and how the budget committee arrived at the figures. Glen explained that the CSD came in a little under budget this year and explained some of the forecasts for next year including the need for an increase in vehicle maintenance, the purchase of new pagers if the grant application is awarded and the repair or replacement of two additional hydrants. The revenue is planned with the assumption that the State will not cut money this year as they did last year. Last year the State cut the revenue by \$4000.00 but with Prop 1A Securitization the CSD was able to get the money back through a bond act. Glen explained the policy to present the proposed budget at the May meeting for approval at the June meeting. Mike McHugh will post the proposed budget on the web site.

Discuss/approve TCCSD letter opposing AB 155 of the State Senate (McHugh)-Mike explained briefly Assembly Bill 155 and the reason the CSD should be against the bill. The bill says districts cannot file for bankruptcy unless they first are granted approval by the State. It will make it difficult for a district that is in financial trouble to file for bankruptcy and get the protection and reorganization that it needs without getting the State involved. If a district files for bankruptcy now it goes to Federal court and the State oversight is not relevant. After some discussion Mike inquired whether the Board would like to send the letter opposing the bill. Glen expressed the need to copy the letter to the CSDA since we are members and they represent special districts in the legislature. Mike McHugh made a motion to authorize the chairman to sign the letter and submit it to the State Senate on behalf of the Board as well and a copy to the Senators, Assembly Members and CSDA. Dewey Baird seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Propane usage and cost analysis (Baird)-Per Dewey's requested this topic will be deferred to the June meeting.

Review results of the LAFCo Selection Committee meeting (Ahmann) – non-action discussion-Glen explained that the reason for the meeting was because one of the two Special District representatives term was expiring and the Trinity County Special Districts needed to elect a representative for the commission. Bob Winkler, the incumbent was re-elected by a unanimous vote, with two abstentions, PUD and Weaverville Water District. Bill Britton is the other Special District representative who is 2 years into a 4 year term. The Special District representatives are not representing their own districts they are representing all Special Districts. Glen explained that the function of the LAFCo commission

is to oversee special districts. Glen handed out a sheet he received from LAFCo that describes what LAFCo is, what they do and their purpose. Mike will post the paper on the web site.

Old Business

Dewey Baird had a request regarding the fire department lots. He reported there is a lot of new growth and a need to have the weeds removed. He made a request for volunteers from the residents of Trinity Center to help clean the lots. Wyatt Ribarich, who helped clear the lots last year, offered to help again this year if there were no other volunteers.

Dewey Baird also requested a volunteer to act as a scribe for the Building Project Committee is still looking for someone to volunteer to act as a scribe to take accurate notes of the meetings. There is one 1 to 1 ½ hour meeting per month. If they are not able to find a volunteer they may need to pay someone. Norma Teagarden volunteered to keep a record of the meetings.

Fire Dept. Report

Roger Chatterton- Roger Chatterton was absent-Glen Ahmann read the fire dept. report

Bills for Payment

The list of bills to be paid was passed out. After some discussion a motion was made by Mike McHugh to pay the bills as listed and Jan Bellinger will amend the list that was handed out to correct the errors in the balances. The motion was seconded by Virginia Allin. The motion passed that the following bills be paid:

Corrected

Regular Expenses

Trinity PUD- Electric-Fire Hall	\$130.41
Trinity PUD- Street Lights	\$157.03
TDS Telecom-Telephone	\$50.49
Jan Bellinger-Salary	\$350.00
Roger Chatterton-Travel	\$50.00

Special Expenses

Northwestern Propane-Propane	\$277.20
Trinity County Clerk-Elections Fees	\$66.08
Jaktri-Fuel	\$111.38
Terminix-Annual Pest Control	\$291.00

Total	\$1,483.59
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County Balance as of 4/30/10	\$114,895.18
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Checks for payment	\$1,483.59
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Deposit check from CC VFD-Snow removal	\$100.00
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New Balance

\$113,511.59

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Items for next meeting agenda:

Building Committee report

Annexation Committee report

Propane usage and cost analysis

Approve Budget for 2010/2011

Next Meeting: June 1, 2010

Jan Bellinger – Secretary

TCVFD Report for May 2010

Activity for April

Fire

Trinity Center - 1

Medicals

Coffee Creek - 3

Trinity Center – 3

Trainings – 3

Total responses = 10