

# **CARBONDALE & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **CARBONDALE FIRE HEADQUARTERS**

**MAY 14, 2014**

The Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District met for their regular meeting on May 14, 2014 at the Carbondale Fire Headquarters/Training Building.

President Gene Schilling called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Directors present were Mike Kennedy, Bob Emerson, Louis Eller and Mark Chain. Also present were Ron Leach, Jenny Cutright, Eric Gross, Bill Gavette, Frank Nadell, Carl Smith, Gary McElwee, Vern Holmes, Jeff Wadley, Hank van Berlo and Lynn Burton.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The items on the consent agenda were: Approve Current Bills and Balances.

**MOTION:** made to approve the consent agenda. It carried and passed unanimously.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Task Force Committee Update Gene Schilling that since an update was received recently is there any new information that needs to be reviewed. Ron Leach said there was nothing new to report.

Election Update Jenny Cutright there were no UOCAVA ballots received in the allowable time period. She said that canvassing is scheduled for Friday and the results will be final and the canvassing is complete.

Carl Smith said that he has run for the election and will be on the Board of Directors. He said that he wants to make a verbal commitment that he plans to work with the rest of the Board of Directors. He said that he has served on many committees. He noted that he has been a member of Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District since 2002. He asked the Board of Directors to be patient while he learns the appropriate rules.

Gene Schilling said there is a Special District Association conference every year for elected officials. He suggested Carl Smith attend the conference to learn the rules about being a special district board member. Bob Emerson added that there is one on June 11 in Grand Junction. Gene Schilling said that if Carl Smith had any questions, anyone on the Board of Directors is happy to answer them.

Carl Smith addressed a number of issues he felt came up during the election. They included: the bylaws have not been updated since 1955, the date of canvassing the election, the election official did not allow anyone else to be in the counting room, the time frame the results were posted and that there was an unattended box. He also said that staff members knew the results and he did not. He said that he is raising these issues to make sure everything is done in an appropriate fashion in the future.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Western Slope Health Care Group Update Jenny Cutright said that it was requested in February that she update the Board of Directors with the status of the health plan in May. She said that things are on track and she is confident the plan will stay solvent.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Station 5 Plaque Louis Eller said that he would like to put a plaque on Station 5 honoring Mike Strang for allowing Station 5 to be built on his property. Discussion followed and a plaque to honor Mike and Kit Strang will be made.

Election Comments Carl Smith said that he kept a list of comments that he received while campaigning. He said that he would like to submit the list to the Board of Directors. He added that he will resign from the task force. He said that he would also like to edit the comments he is submitting to the Board of Directors and send them to the task force.

Gary McElwee said that he finds it interesting that none of the members of the Board of Directors had any comments about the meeting that was held during the election. He said the fire chief, election official and district's attorney met behind closed doors for 20-30 minutes. He said that according to the Secretary of State the results must be posted immediately. Gene Schilling said that the Board of Directors will look in to Carl Smith's comments. Discussion regarding election night followed. Gene Schilling said that he has no doubt that the election was done fairly. Gary McElwee said that he agrees but feels things were suspect. Other discussion followed. No action was taken.

Minutes on the Website Jeff Wadley said he would like to see three years' worth of minutes on the website. Louis Eller said that the current policy is to have six months of minutes on the website but the policy can be reviewed.

**MOTION:** made to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting at 5:55 p.m. It carried and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jenny Cutright, Recording Secretary

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Gene Schilling, President