

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

May 13, 2010

1. Mayor Koontz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Those present were Sheila Maki, Marlin McCracken and George Brauneis. Kelley Harper was not present.
2. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Sheila Maki moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Marlin McCracken, with all in favor.
4. **Trustee Appointment**
The four candidates for the two Trustees appointment introduced themselves and stated why they had an interest in a position on the Board.
Attorney Briscoe stated the Trustees would have paper ballots to vote for two of the four and sign the ballot and then the Clerk will report the vote. This vote will be public record and kept at the Town Hall. The Trustees were given paper ballots with the four names on them and they voted for two.
The results were read by the Clerk. The results are as follows;

Susann Brown	1 vote
Lindee Cantrell	2 votes
Dustyn Foster	2 votes
Ralph Sandmann	0 votes

The Town Clerk swore in Lindee Cantrell and Dustyn Foster as Trustees. They will serve until the next election in April 2012.
5. **Donation Request**
Amber Bayles, Hotchkiss Home Plate, requested a \$ 300 donation to help pay for league fees, uniforms and field maintenance fees. Hotchkiss Home Plate is baseball and softball for 5 to 12 years olds. Sheila Maki moved to donate \$ 300, seconded by Marlin McCracken, with all in favor.
6. **Dog Ordinance Amendment Discussion**
Debbie Faulkner, Black Canyon Animal Sanctuary, spoke to the Trustees about the number of dogs per household to allow and rules for keeping of dogs within Town. She stated barking, containment, cleanliness and owner responsibility are the main focus points. She feels limiting the number of dogs is not the answer to dog problems in Town. George Brauneis stated he feels limiting the number of dogs per household is not the answer, but being a good neighbor and being responsible for the animals are the main issues. Sheila Maki stated the ordinance has to be something the Police department can enforce and control.
Mayor Koontz asked the Trustees to postpone this discussion until the June meeting so the new Trustees can study the information. The Trustees agreed.
7. Barbara Gates, 441 E. Main Street, told the Trustees that the trail at the middle school will remove ¼ of her lawn, which is on Town property, but the trail will be very nice when it is complete. Mike Owens and the contractors have been very nice to work with and have kept her informed.
Larry Jakubiak said he wanted to apologize to Ms. Gates and the other neighbors on Main Street for the project. As former Mayor, he said he wished he had looked at the plans better and realized that the project would take some of the Town's property back from the citizens.
Mayor Koontz thanked Ms. Gates and Larry for coming in and speaking with the Board. He stated the project has been ongoing for many years and encouraged the current Trustees to go see the project.
8. Mayor Koontz moved items 11, 12, 13, and 14 up on the agenda so Engineer Fagan could address the Trustees.
Water Plant Update
Engineer Fagan said the power to the new plant was a little behind schedule but is now complete. Pall will be here in about three weeks for start up of the new plant.

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8. Continued
High School Water Line
Engineer Fagan reviewed and updated the Trustees on the high school water line project. At this time the Trustees need to decide how they want to proceed; the options are as follows;
1. wait and see if stimulus funding becomes available and then finish environmental and wetlands studies,
 2. ask the Corp of Engineers to complete the wetland delineation, at no cost, and she will complete the environmental study,
 3. hire a contractor to do the wetlands delineation for approximately \$ 1,500 and she will complete the environmental study for approximately \$ 1,500,
- The Corp of Engineers will put the Town on their list of things to do, but they will not give the Town a time frame for completion.
The Town does not have information on the current water main to the high school.
The Town has a loan for the total project, but is waiting to see if stimulus monies become available for a portion of the project.
The Trustee agreed to ask the Corp to do the wetlands delineation study.
- Wastewater Nutrients
Engineer Fagan reported the State is studying new regulations on the degree of treatment before the water can be released into the river. Engineer Fagan will represent Hotchkiss at the hearings. She is trying to get several communities involved so the cost will be less for all. It will cost Hotchkiss about \$ 3,000; with participation from of other communities.
Marlin McCracken moved to partner with other communities and have Engineer Fagan represent the Town of Hotchkiss at the hearings regarding nutrient criteria, seconded by Sheila Maki, with all in favor.
Engineer Fagan will report to the Trustees when there is an understanding with the other communities.
- Enhancement Project Update
Engineer Fagan reported the middle school project is about ½ complete. She is completing a change order and will present it to Trustees when complete.
Mayor Koontz said he had spoken to Ms. Coats, Hotchkiss K-8 Principal, and set May 26th at 2:45 p.m. for a ribbon cutting.
Mayor Koontz thanked Engineer Fagan, Mike Owens, and the Town Clerk for all their work on this project.
9. Medical Marijuana Discussion
Attorney Briscoe reported on the current legislation concerning marijuana dispensaries, now called centers. One of the changes in the legislation is it requires the centers be 1,000 feet from schools, daycares, parks, etc.; which is different than what the Town has been proposing. They are leaving some regulating to the communities. Attorney Briscoe will study the law and report back to the Trustees.
10. Delta -Housing Authority
Sheila Maki will attend the Housing Authority meetings but an alternate is needed. No Trustee volunteered to attend the meetings. Mayor Koontz stated he would ask again in the June meeting.
11. Public Appearance
None
12. Hotchkiss Planning Commission Update
Chairperson George Brauneis said there is still one seat open on the commission. They are discussing a sidewalk plan and bringing all members up to speed. George thanked Tom Wills for all his hard work on the Planning Commission.
13. County Land Use Update
Kelley Harper was not present to give an update on the April meeting. Tom Wills stated there will not be a meeting in May.

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14. Department Reports
Mike Owens reported the standpipe has a broken pipe underneath it and is being repaired. The Public Works crew has been sweeping the streets.

Marshal Miller said assaults are up and he is not sure why. The police department is gearing up for traffic control for events in Town this summer.
15. Mayor Report
He told anyone interested in attending the CML conference to contact the Town Clerk. He reported that Mike Ehredt of Project America Run has started and he should be in Hotchkiss on July 1st. The Police will escort him into Town and the VFW, ELKS Club and the Town will plan something for him when he arrives. Mayor Koontz and his wife Esther will be his host for the night. Mayor Koontz and Mike Owens attended the Delta County Fairgrounds Master plan meeting. Delta County is making plans for the additional 19 acres they acquired.
16. Town Clerk Report
The Clerk asked if the Trustees can view CIRSA videos after the June meeting. Agreed.
17. New Business
Marlin McCracken asked about porta-potties at the Willow Heights Park. After discussion Mayor Koontz asked Marlin to check on pricing and see if anyone has a solution for keeping the porta potties upright and report to the Trustees in June.
18. Mayor Koontz gave the following events schedule;
Hotchkiss Graduation 5/29
Middle School Trail Ribbon Cutting 5/26
Crawford Pioneer Days 6/11 & 6/12
Planning Commission Meeting 5/26
19. Consideration of Bills
Sheila Maki moved to pay all bills, seconded by George Brauneis, with all in favor.
20. George Brauneis moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35, seconded by Marlin McCracken, with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene F. Searle,
Town Clerk