Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

January 13, 2011

- 1. Mayor Koontz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Those present were Sheila Maki, Lindee Cantrell, Dustyn Foster, Marlin McCracken, and Jane Wills.
- 2. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Lindee Cantrell moved to approve the minutes with the following correction to paragraph 8; add the work 'of', seconded by Marlin McCracken, with all in favor.
- 4. Ms. Evans K-8 Science Class

The sixth grade science classes at Hotchkiss K-8 are participating in the Disney Challenge project to replace all the florescent lighting at their school with LED lighting. Lacey Rodriguez and Jared Cantrell, representing the sixth grade class, requested a donation from the Town toward this project. They told the Trustees that 300 lights need to be replaced at a cost of \$ 60.00 per light. They have raised \$ 1,000 to date. They will learn science, math, writing, reading and speaking in public skills while completing this challenge.

Sheila Maki moved to donate \$300 to the sixth grade science class for the Disney Challenge, seconded by Dustyn Foster, the motion passed with Lindee Cantrell abstaining.

Mayor Koontz asked the students to come to a Trustee meeting next year and update them on their progress.

5. Medical Marijuana- Discussion; Action

Mayor Koontz stated the Trustees had held a Public Meeting and received comments from citizens in and out of Town. The Trustees held a work session prior to this meeting to discuss their options concerning marijuana centers and growing operations within the Town limits.

During the work session, Trustee Jane Wills told the Trustees she was in favor of allowing medical marijuana centers within Town and the reasons for her decision. Sheila Maki stated, at the public hearing the citizens of Hotchkiss were against having centers within town. Lindee Cantrell stated she is telling her children to say no to drugs, and voting for marijuana centers would contradict that advice. Attorney Briscoe gave a review of information on the medical marijuana centers and growing operations. The Trustees have also been reviewing this information.

After discussion, Sheila Maki moved to ban medical marijuana centers and growing operations within Hotchkiss Town limits, seconded by Dustyn Foster. Voting for the ban were, Sheila Maki, Dustyn Foster, Marlin McCracken, and Lindee Cantrell. Jane Wills voted against the ban. The motion passed. Mayor Koontz and Attorney Briscoe stated that this subject will probably come up again in the future.

- 6. Marlin McCracken left the meeting at this time.
- Liquor License Renewal Bridge Street, LTD
 Marshal Miller said there have been no problems with the establishment.
 Sheila Maki moved to approve the renewal, seconded by Dustyn Foster, with all in favor.
- 8. Donation Requests

The Trustees discussed the request from the Mental Health Center. Jane Wills moved to donate the budgeted \$500, seconded by Sheila Maki, with all in favor.

Sheila Make spoke about the request from CASA, Voices for Children. They are an organization that works with the 7th Judicial District and appoints advocates for families and children. She said the monetary amount is not as important as the show of support for CASA. CASA will be applying for grants and they need to show that communities support their program. Jane Wills moved to donate \$150, seconded by Lindee Cantrell. The motion passed with Sheila Maki abstaining.

- Building Code Inspector Update Tim Hinz was contracted as of January 1, 2011. He is reviewing the old permits and will be at the February meeting to be introduced.
- 10. Leroux Creek Planning Update No meeting in December or January.

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11. High School Water Line Update

Engineer Fagan reported that all the plans and specifications have been submitted to the health department, CORP and highway department for review. The Town needs approval from all these agencies to award a bid for the project. Engineer Fagan feels we should wait on the request bids until approval is received. The Trustees agreed. She will send the bid notice to the paper as soon as possible. She did receive information that the Town can possibly cut HWY 92 instead of boring, which will save a lot of money. Mayor Koontz asked for a 24"X36" map of the proposed line for the February meeting.

12. Enhancement Project Update

Engineer Fagan reported that the final documents for the middle school trail are about complete and the project will be final. Engineer Fagan and Mike Owens will be doing a class on land acquisition on the computer on January 27th. Attorney Briscoe has requested a map from the County of property owners on Cedar Drive where the proposed trail will be located. Engineer Fagan has met with the railroad and is working with them on the railroad crossing for the trail. Everything is going well.

13. Five Minute Public Appearance

Kathy Browning said she was disappointed the Trustees did not give more money to CASA, with the recent events in Paoina. Mayor Koontz told her CASA could come to the Town at a later date and request more funding, if needed.

Tom Wills reported that the upcoming joint Chambers Symposium would fit in well for the planned Hotchkiss Master Plan update and Trustees are welcome to attend.

- Hotchkiss Planning Commission Update Mayor Koontz reported there was not a meeting in December. He reported George Brauneis has resigned as a Trustee and a Planning Commission member due to family demands. The next planning meeting is on January 26th.
- 15. Department Reports Mike Owens was not present he is o

Mike Owens was not present, he is on vacation.

Marshal Miller asked if there were questions on his written report. There were none. He said there was nothing new to report.

16. Hotchkiss Chamber Update Marshal Miller did not attend the meeting.

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17. Mayor's Report

Mayor Koontz reported the Town is doing a logo contest for the Town's website. The Town will be asking Hotchkiss citizens and school students to participate.

Mayor Koontz asked the Trustees if the Town/Mayor can send a letter of support for the Delta County 4-H, in support of an indoor shooting facility at the Delta County Fairgrounds. The Trustees agreed. Marshal Miller said he will look at Title 17 to insure the shooting range is allowed within the Town limits and change as needed.

Mayor Koontz said the Town will advertize one more week for the Trustee vacancy. Carrie Wingfield has turned in a letter of interest. The Trustees will appoint someone at the February meeting.

18. Town Clerk Report

The Town newsletter is almost complete and will be sent out in February.

The Clerk said Dan and herself will be participating in the MDA fund raiser on February 17th. If anyone would like to donate to the "Bail" it would be appreciated.

The Town Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Public Works and Marshal's office will be participating in the emergency management training at the Fire Department on January 27th and 28th; Sheila Maki will be covering in the Town Hall office.

The Clerk also reported the standpipe/bulk water dispensary is continuing to create problems. Mike Owens will have information at the February meeting about upgrading the station.

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19. Upcoming Events Creamery Arts Open Reception on January 14th, and Wine and Chocolate Affair on February 11th, Senior Benefit at Senior Center on January 23rd at 1:00 p.m., Memorial Hall Congress meeting on January 17th, Jane Wills will attend for the Trustees, Joint Chambers Symposium in Paoina on January 22nd.

- 20. Consideration of Bills Sheila Maki moved to pay all bills, seconded by Jane Wills, with all in favor.
- 21. Adjournment Lindee Cantrell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m., seconded by Sheila Maki, with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Marlene F. Searle, Town Clerk