

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

March 13, 2014

1. Mayor Koontz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Those present were Carrie Wingfield, Marlin McCracken, James Roberts, Lindee Cantrell and Dustyn Foster. Georgia Hopper was not present.
2. Mayor Koontz welcomed everyone to the Hotchkiss Board of Trustee meeting held at Hotchkiss High School. He thanked the HHS Student Government for participating at this meeting. Jenny Celis, HHS Student Government President, conducted the meeting with Mayor Koontz.
3. The National Anthem was song by HHS student Gratia Fisher.
4. February 13, 2014 Minutes
Sophia Schelle (HHS) (Lindee Cantrell) moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Carrie Wingfield, with all in favor.
5. Special Events Liquor License
Teri Commander told the Trustees this is the 5th annual fund raiser for Outdoor Life, INC. They promote safe outdoor activities for the Wounded Warrior Project and their families. The event will be at Heritage Hall on April 12th starting at 3:00 p.m. They will have educational booths and information about Outdoor Life, INC.
They will have members posted at all doors and monitoring the alcohol closely.
Lindee Cantrell moved to approve the Special Events Liquor License for Outdoor Life, INC., seconded by James Roberts, with all in favor.
6. HHS Good News
Principal Beard thanked the Trustees for holding the March meeting at HHS and including student government. Mr. Beard reported the winter sports are complete and spring sports have begun. The annual Hotchkiss Track Invitational is next weekend and they can always use volunteers.
Mr. Beard said the doors to HHS are always open for anyone wanting to talk to staff or tour the building.
7. Mayor Koontz presented letters of congratulations to seniors Natalie Anderson and Jake Hubbell, recipients of the 2014 Town of Hotchkiss and Community Scholarship. He thanked them and all of the applicants for their volunteerism to the community.
8. Donation Request
Tammy Smith could not attend the meeting. This donation request was tabled until the April meeting.
9. Don Suppes – Senatorial Candidate
Don Suppes stated he is Mayor of Orchard City and will be running for Senator of District 5, which includes Delta County. Mr. Suppes reported there has not been a representative from Delta County in 30 years and feels we need that representation.
10. Hotchkiss K-8 5th Graders – Community Garden
Mrs. Stein's 5th grade class would like to start a community garden on the school grounds where the old tennis courts were on Lorah Avenue. They want to make a change in our community and help citizens that cannot grow their own garden. They have received donations for the project, but are asking the Town to help with water for the garden. Mayor Koontz asked them to meet with Mike Owens and bring their plans to the Trustees at the April meeting.
11. Ms. Carrie Coats, Principal K-8 - News and Updates
Ms. Coats congratulated the 5th graders for their work on the community garden idea. The K-8 school is also working on trails and a basketball court in that area. She will keep in contact with the Town as the projects progress.
There a 408 students at K-8. K-8 will have three days of TCAP testing next week. Destination Imagination students are attending Regional's. 82% of K-8 students have a grade point average of 3.0 or above. The K-8 Library will be holding a "Battle of the Books" in April and in need of judges, if anyone is interested.
K-8 will have the first "Spring Fling" on March 28th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This will be the only fund raiser for the school. They would like permission to close Orchard Avenue at 4th Street, next to the

11. (continued) school. They will hold a dance on the school paved lot along Orchard Avenue. They will also have an Art Auction in the gym, carnival booths and a pie throwing on the lawn. Mike Owens said that Public Works will supply cones and needed supplies for the street closure. Carrie Wingfield moved to approve the closing of Orchard Avenue at 4th Street, seconded by Dustyn Foster, with all in favor.
12. Support Letter for Grant Application for Invasive Weed Removal
David Carey, Delta Conservation District Manager, requested a letter of support for a grant application to GOCO for removal of Russian Olive and Tamarisk along the North Fork of the Gunnison River. Lindee Cantrell moved to approve the support letter, seconded by Carrie Wingfield, with all in favor.
13. Delta County Economic Development – Support Letter Request
Clerk Searle spoke for Sarah Carlquist, who could not attend the meeting. The support letter is for a grant request to DOLA for Big B’s. Big B’s is planning to renovate and upgrade their fruit making processing facility.
Natalie Anderson (HHS) (James Roberts) moved to approve the support letter for Big B’s, seconded by Alex Smith (HHS) (Carrie Wingfield), with all in favor.
14. Mr. Beard presented Deputy Lloyd with a plaque for “Going the Extra Mile”. This is in appreciation of his help and work with the students at HHS.
15. Enhancement Trails Project Update
Engineer Fagan reported there is nothing new on the trails project.
16. Town Engineer Report
Engineer Fagan reported that the grant from CDOT will not pay for videoing the sewer lines. She will be applying to DOLA for those funds. The DOLA application is near completion and will be sent next week.
Mike reported the public works crew will be monitoring the sewer main flows next week, between midnight and 4:00 a.m.
17. Irrigation Water Leases
The Town’s 300 shares of Overland Ditch and Reservoir Company that has been leased to Kuntz Ranch, LLC in the past. Kuntz Ranch, LLC would like to continue with the two year lease extension.
Carrie Wingfield moved to renew the two year lease with Kuntz Ranch, LLC, seconded by Marlin McCracken, with all in favor.

The Town owns 848 shares of Fire Mountain Canal and Reservoir Company water that has been leased to Stan Baker in the past. Stan Baker would like to continue with the two year lease extension.
Marlin McCracken said he would like some of the water for his property on Barrow Mesa. Mayor Koontz asked Marlin to speak with Mr. Baker and the Trustees will discuss this at the April meeting.
18. North Fork Creative Coalition – Appointment of Representative
Mayor Koontz reported Carrie Wingfield has been the Town’s representative. She would like to have someone else be the representative. Amy Foster is interested.
Lindee Cantrell moved to appoint Amy Foster as the Town’s representative to the board, seconded by Jake Hubbell, (HHS) with all in favor.
19. Cancellation of April 1, 2014 Election
Clerk Searle reported there were not enough candidates for the April 1st election, so the election will be canceled. Wendell A. Koontz will be elected Mayor for a four year term and Lindee Cantrell and Tom Wills will be elected Trustees for four year terms. The Trustees will need to appoint a Trustee, at or after the April meeting, for a two year term.

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20. BLM Resource Management Plan Update
Mayor Koontz reported that the revised RMP will go to public hearings in late summer.
21. Downtown Improvements Discussion
Mary Hockenbery reported she is working with High Country Gardens for flower again this year. She is working on planter adoption and a voucher program this year. She purchased a wagon for watering planters. She is also working with the library's seed program.
The planting day will be May 7th and/or 8th. HHS students helped last year and she is hoping for their help again this year. Mr. Beard told Mary to contact Mr. Suppes and maybe he can get HHS students involved again this year.
22. Delta County Housing Task Force – Georgia Hopper
Georgia Hopper was not present.
23. Hotchkiss Planning Update
Tom Wills reported the committee talked about the sign code and the Town Attorney's memo and made some changes. They talked about the marijuana issue and how it pertains to zoning. Tom reported the planning commission is short two citizen positions currently and will be short another member after the April election.
24. Leroux Creek Planning Update
Carrie Wingfield reported that they had a meeting and considered a request for subdividing property on 2900 Rd.
25. Five Minute Public Appearance
Marlin McCracken told the Trustees he had been looking into the property next to the Town Hall to purchase and build assisted living units. After research, he found it is too big of a project for him and he thought the Trustees should continue to research this idea. Mayor Koontz stated the Town's Master Plan states the Town should promote assisted living units within Town. The Trustees will discuss this at the April meeting.
26. Department Reports
There were no questions on Mike Owens written report. Mayor Koontz asked Mike if the clarifiers have been used yet. Mike said not yet, they are watching the water quality and will use them when needed.

There were no questions on Marshal Miller's written report. Marshal Miller said there was nothing new in his department. Deputy Lloyd said his week of schooling was intense and he learned a lot.
27. Hotchkiss Chamber of Commerce
Tom Wills reported there are 65 Chamber members. The area Chambers are working with Colorado Life Magazine to do articles on the North Fork Valley. The Hotchkiss Chambers is working on signs to place on the planters on a rotation basis. Dustyn Foster is working on the bulletin board for the Barney/Fair alley project. The bulletin board should be complete by Sheep Dog Trials.
The Chamber is working on new post cards; they are asking the citizens of the area to donate area photos to be put on the post cards.
28. Mayor's Report
Mayor Koontz reported the annual 5K Run will be on May 10th during Sheep Dog Trials.
Mayor Koontz said that the street alignment of High Street came to light when Big B's was constructing their new building. Brodel Trailer Court encroaches on High Street. The Trustees will need to discuss abandonment or an encroachment permit of High Street in this area for the Brodel's at the April meeting.
29. Town Clerk Report
None

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30. Upcoming Events
HHS School Play 3/26 & 27
Jenny Celis reported all of the sports activities for the month
Seed Library Grand Opening 4/1 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hotchkiss Library
Creamery Arts Open Reception 3/14
Memorial Hall Benefit and Auction 3/23
Hotchkiss K-8 Spring Fling Fund Raiser 3/28
HHS Graduation and Grad Night Party 5/24
31. Consideration of Bills
Carrie Wingfield moved to approve the bills, seconded by Lindee Cantrell, with all in favor.
32. Adjournment
Lindee Cantrell and Sophia Schelle (HHS) moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Jake Hubbell (HHS), with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene F. Searle, Town Clerk