

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

March 24, 2020
Special Meeting

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Wilkening called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Roll call was taken and those present were Esther Koontz, Mary Hockenbery, Pat Medina, Patrick Webb and Sheila Maki. Absent was John Marta. Attorney Nerlin called in to the meeting and all Trustees present practiced Social Distancing.

Those present said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. NEW BUSINESS

TOWN OF HOTCHKISS DECLARATION OF DISASTER-POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF EXTENSION

Mayor Wilkening explained to the Board that he signed the Declaration of Disaster on March 19, 2020 following the lead of Delta County. Attorney Nerlin explained the Declaration and that this was good for only seven (7) days. Once signed the Board needed to ratify it and possibly extend the date of the declaration. Attorney Nerlin also stated that Homeland Security needs this declaration and State and Federal funding depend upon an Emergency Declaration being signed.

Esther Koontz moved to ratify the Declaration of the Town of Hotchkiss, Colorado order declaring a local disaster in and for the Town of Hotchkiss and extending the date of the disaster declaration to May 15, 2020 with the understanding that the Board can revisit this item and give a further extension if needed at the Board Meeting on May 14, 2020. Seconded by Patrick Webb, motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2020-02-EMERGENCY AND VIRTUAL MEETINGS DUE TO CORONAVIRUS-POSSIBLE ADOPTION

Attorney Bo Nerlin explained this Resolution to the Board. If adopted, this Resolution will encourage social distancing while still allowing public involvement in the Town Meetings. It will also limit the Town business discussed to matters that need immediate attention.

Mary Hockenbery moved to approve Resolution 2020-02, a resolution of the Town of Hotchkiss, Colorado on Emergency and/or virtual meetings due to CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) disaster declaration. Seconded by Sheila Maki, motion passed.

TOWN OF HOTCHKISS CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESPONSE PLAN-POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION

Attorney Nerlin, Town Clerk Marlene Searle and Mayor Wilkening explained the Response Plan and the need to have a plan in place in the event of emergencies/disasters and the different steps that are involved if the emergency/disaster escalates.

Esther Koontz moved to approve the authorization and implementation of the CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) response plan. Seconded by Patrick Webb, motion passed.

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3. ADJOURNMENT

Pat Medina moved to adjourn at 5:58 p.m. Seconded by Esther Koontz, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginger R Redden, Deputy Town Clerk