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Present: Mike Thompson, Rod Sale, Joe Vrbas, George Davis, Rob Firth, Tom Baumgarten

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

Approval of Minutes: *Rod Sale made a motion to approve the minutes, George Davis seconded. Motion carried.*

Treasurer's Report- The board reviewed the Treasurer's report for the month. Last month a check was signed that was missed after the BOD meeting (water bill). Mike and Rob had a question about the IRS payments. Chief will clarify with the accountant about it. *Mike Thompson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Rob Firth seconded. Motion carried*

Chiefs Report- Very busy month and year for our department on calls this far. 47 calls currently. Did quite a few smoke reports when the smoke came into the state from the western US wildfires. Amtrak passenger emergency, seizure patient, unattended campfires, Thompsons old shop, rope rescue. EMS decided to carry him up instead which was not as easy as a rope rescue would have been. All kinds of different calls. Firefighter Keane has officially moved out of state. Conger has decided to come back since he is no longer working in Denver. KFD Firefighter, Travis Bagley's daughter wants to join our cadet program when she turns 16. Chiefs meeting 21st of July. Met the new BLM rep. GCTO are working on some wildland certification classes. IE. Ignitions/Sawyer. GCWFC is offering free chipping. Captain Waldorf finally received his certification to program all the county radios so they will all be uniform. We did get the AFG grant and will be purchasing 20 new packs, 40 bottles, new compressor and 2 RIT bags. The amount awarded by FEMA was a less then requested. Meeting with Bauer for the compressor information. Our 4 gas meter has stopped working completely. Will be replacing it.

END CHIEFS REPORT

Old Business: AFG Grant. BOD agreed that since this grant won't be given again for quite some time, that we should find a way to get the built in TICS on more than 2 packs. Chief would like 5. Will get the numbers to the BOD at the next meeting to discuss/motion.

Water Storage grant is submitted. Had a snafu due to MAC/grant software. Tom took it back over and submitted it. Rob Firth brought up having a paid grant writer as discussed earlier in the year. Board members agreed. If the grant is approved, then we move forward in Copper Creek or Aspen Canyon. If we don't get the grant, can we move forward? The decision would be Toms. Chief did put some monies in the budget if we don't get the grant.

Rod was concerned about how far back we can go back on the matching monies. Joe said that the match would be the 10% period. Board decided to continue the conversation and see if we get the grant. Budget will need to be started relatively soon.

Chief will make sure there are monies put in the budget that can be allocated to some of the projects next fiscal year as he did this fiscal year.

Meeting date change. George wanted to move the meeting to the 3d Tuesday. Mike Thompson did talk to HR Block and submitted the proposal from them as far as doing our books. Joe thought we should solicit bids if we are going to change accountants. Rod wanted to know how we would solicit the bids. Joe asked the board if we had a need to change the meeting date. Board decided that they would not need to change the meeting date. Rod liked the idea of signing up the new HR Block book keeping for 3-6-9 months while getting bids. Joe wanted to read the proposal and call some references. This conversation will be on the next month's agenda to discuss. Will discuss Coca Cola using our parking lot. Will be on new business next month. Will try to get the new management to attend our next board meeting. Chief will try and arrange it.

New Business: none

Adjournment at 8:37PM

Attested by: _____ Joe Vrbas, Chairman

_____ Mike Thompson, Secretary
