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**Minutes from May 2010  
Regular Fire Board Meeting  
Black Canyon Fire District**

**ITEM I:** *Call to Order:* The monthly Board Meeting was called to order on Thursday May 27th, 2010 at 6:03 PM.

**ITEM II:** *Roll Call of Board Members:* Present: Chairperson Marilyn Forsythe, Clerk R. Pendergast, and S. McMahon. Absent: D. Kenson and J. Coslett. Also present: Chief Birch and E. Caldwell.

**ITEM III:** *Minutes from April 29<sup>th</sup> Regular Fire Board Meeting, the Special Board Meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and May 10th Executive Session.* S. McMahon motions to approve the Minutes from the Regular Fire Board Meeting, the Special Board Meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and May 10th Executive Session as written, R. Pendergast seconds the motion.

**D. Kenson in attendance by speaker phone at 6:05 PM.**

**J. Coslett in attendance at 6:09 PM.**

**Motion to approve minutes carries with a 5-0 unanimous vote.**

**ITEM IV:** *Bookkeeping report from April 2010:* R. Pendergast motions to accept the Bookkeeping Report for April 2010, D. Kenson seconds the motion. **Motion carries with a 5-0 unanimous vote.**

**ITEM V:** *Ambulance bookkeeping and Insurance Billing Report for April 2010:* D. Kenson motions to approve the Ambulance Bookkeeping and Insurance Billing Report for April 2010, J. Coslett seconds the motion. **Motion carries with a 5-0 vote.**

**ITEM VI:** *Chief's Report:* Department Anniversaries this Month: A. Beren – 28 years; we appreciate him hanging around for that long. Incidents for April were 101 vs. 94 for April of 2009. Total transports for April this year were 40 vs. 36 in April of 2009. Year-to-Date we are at 142 transports vs. 118 Year-to-Date in 2009. There were 907 Combined Training hours for the month of April. The carburetor on the power unit of the extrication equipment had to be replaced and one of the hose fittings was broken off during training and has been repaired. The annual PM was done on the Chiefs truck .

**Items to be Discussed, Considered, or Decided:**

**ITEM VII:** *Discuss status of the new Fire Station.* The meeting with Surety Company, the architect and everyone's attorneys was the most progressive and productive thus far; we wanted the Surety to pay for an additional, more detailed analysis of the cement floor which they agreed to do but they did **not** agree to use Western Technologies so they're looking for another "unbiased" company to do it. They are going to test the depth of the floor so that they can determine exactly where the floor is less than the 6 inches thick; then they are going to study the weight of our trucks on the floor and the depth issues and determine how long it will take for the floor to crumble if it will crumble. The Surety wants to find out the source of what's happening so they will get sub-grade sample, analyze the septic system and the grading throughout the whole property. There were hints from the Surety of "who can we pin this on?" Chief believes that if we hear back from them within a week that they have found someone who will do this project, we'll know that they are serious about the project. We got an e-mail through our attorney yesterday that they have prepared a draft letter of the items that are to be done in the new testing and they

are actively looking for a company to do it. We will be very watchful because there were those insinuations that it was not their responsibility. The potential buyers of this building had a meeting with the County regarding changing the zoning and that went well but it's going to take 3-4 months for that process.

**ITEM VIII:** *Discuss proposed budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 and forecasted five year budget.* Chief reviews this years budget process for the public present stating that it all depends on what happens with the economy and what happens with the assessed valuations. He explains that there was a miscalculation of the assessed valuation of the pipeline so we went from an initial 18% decrease to a 1.2% increase. We have presented to the board budget proposals with a 3 dollar tax rate and a 3.25 dollar tax rate; we have recommended a new fulltime receptionist position for Administration and we have requested another fulltime firefighter position so we can have 2 shifts where there is someone fulltime on the engine. Both of these positions have been in the plans for many years but we have not been able to afford to do it. The community will see a decrease in taxes next year because the economy is now catching up and the assessed valuations are starting to come down. We will bring in the new office position when we get in to the new building hopefully in 6-months, and Chief wants to bring in the new firefighter position in January. If we raise the tax rate to \$3.25 which is the maximum we are allowed to do we'll be able to get through the 5-year period without a deficit. Discussion regarding the new positions and increasing the tax rate; consensus being that the majority of the Board wants to maintain the \$3.00 tax rate and with the new administrative and firefighter positions.

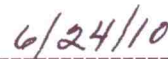
**ITEM IX:** *Discuss and/or vote on accounting service proposal from H & S Accounting LLC.* J. Coslett motions to discuss and or vote on accounting service proposal from H & S Accounting LLC, S. McMahon seconds the motion. Elaine advises that she did not get any other bids because it made sense to bring in our former accountant who is familiar with our books and we already have an independent auditor. The audit from last year recommended that we have someone independent of the department close out the books and then the auditor will come in and follow up making sure that we are in line with the Revised Statutes., etc. Motion carries with a 5-0 unanimous vote.

**ITEM X** *Public Call.* G. Fischer doesn't see any reason to raise the tax rate at this time.

**ITEM XI:** *Adjournment* S. McMahon motions to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM, D. Kenson seconds the motion; **motion carries with a 5-0 unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM**



Authorized Signature



Date