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Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, February 5, 2010

The next meeting of the CSFCA Board of Directors will be held Friday, February 5, 2010 from 09:30 AM – 13:00 PM, in the 1st floor west conference room at the CSFCA offices, 9195 East Mineral Avenue, Centennial, CO.

If you are unable to join the meeting in person, please use the following information to teleconference in:

TeleConference Details:

Dial direct to: 720-989-2520
Please announce your arrival

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Action Item</u>
Call to Order by CSFCA President Riley	
1. Review of Minutes of January 8, 2010/ Action on Approval	√
2. Financial Report / Action on Approval of Financial Report	√
3. President's Report	
a) FLC Linked to Strategic Plan	
b) Mentor Program/Accreditation/CFOD	
c) Leadership Workshops	
d) MVFCA 2 nd VP Candidacy – CSFCA Endorsement	
e) Other Issues	
4. Legislative Report (Legislative Committee Chair Pischke)	
a) HB10-1241, Register Fire Suppression Sprinkler Fitters (Rep. Casso, Sen. Tochtrop)	√
b) HB10-1054, School Safety Info at Higher Ed Institutions (Rep. S. King, Sen. M. Carroll)	√
c) HB10-1136, Emergency Safety Procedures in K-12 Schools (Rep. S. King)	√
d) SB10-120, Prepaid Wireless Telephone 911 Surcharge (Sen. White, Rep. Rice)	√
e) HB10-1107, Urban Renewal Area Ag Lands (Fischer) - See memo dated 2/3/10	√
f) HB10-1018, Reduce Waste Tire Stockpile Risks (Rep. Looper and Primavera, Sen. Gibbs)	√
g) HB10-1123, No Arson in Controlled Agricultural Burns (Rep. Sonnenberg, Sen. Renfroe)	√
h) SB10-102, Certification of Users of Prescribed Fire (Sen. Gibbs, Rep. Fischer)	√
i) HB10-1095, Fire Protection District Motor Vehicle Accident Fees (Rep. Gerou)	√
j) SB10-120, Primary Seat Belt Law (Sen. Williams, Rep. Ryden)	√

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- k) SB10-084, Colorado Peace Officers' Bill of Rights (Sen. Tochtrop, Rep. Gagliardi) ✓
 - l) Proposed CBI Arson Legislation (Cooke)
 - m) Other Legislative Issues
5. Executive Directors Report
- a) CSFCA/CSOC Meeting re: CSFS Indirect Cost Assessment
 - b) 2010 CFSI Dinner (April 28 and 29th) ✓
 - c) MSEC Wage & Benefit Survey
 - d) 2010 Dues Notices
 - e) Joint Public Safety Meetings – 2010 Meeting Dates (February 18, May 20, August 19)
 - f) Other Issues
6. Old Business
- a) 2009 FLC Wrap Up / 2010 FLC Planning (Dave Parmley)
 - b) CSFCA/CACP Joint Public Safety Day – Traffic Safety Initiative (Appointment of Committee Members) – Chris Riley ✓
 - c) Strategic Plan Update (Steve Pischke)
 - d) Firefighter Safety Working Group Report/ Fire Department Safety Certification (Riley/Klein)
 - e) Appointment of Individual as Alternate Representative to State All-Hazards Advisory Committee.
 - f) Other Old Business
7. New Business
- a) Nomination of Individual to Represent CSFCA on WUI Training Advisory Board (Training of Directors of Fire Protection Districts) – See Message From DFS Director Kevin Klein below ✓
 - b) Other New Business
8. Division, Region and Section Reports
- a) Section Reports
 - 1) Fire Marshals (Rob Geislinger)
 - 2) Training Officers (Kevin Milan)
 - 3) Fire Safety Educators (Tracey Taylor)
 - 4) Combination Chiefs (Bruce Mygatt)
 - 5) Volunteer Chiefs (Don Chapman)
 - 6) Metro Chiefs (Don Lombardi)
 - 7) Wildland Fire Section (Jeff Berino for Jamey Bumgarner)
 - 8) Chaplains (Ken Rice) - See attached Executive Summary
 - 9) Mechanics
 - b) Regional Reports
 - 1) North Central Region (Don Lombardi)
 - 2) Northeast Region (Warren Jones)
 - 3) Northwest Region (Bob Struble)
 - 4) San Luis Valley Region (Don Chapman)
 - 5) South Central Region (Dave Ury)
 - 6) South Region (Chris Riley)
 - 7) Southwest Region (Larry Behrens)
 - 8) West Region (Bob Pistor)
 - 9) Southeast Region (Aaron Eveatt)
 - c) Missouri Valley, IAFC (John Bales, John Mullin)

- d) USAR Task Force (Doug McBee)
 - e) Division of Fire Safety Report (Kevin Klein)
 - f) Other Reports
9. Committee Reports
- a) Committee Reports
 - 1) Colorado Resource Mobilization Working Group (Steve Pischke, Jerry Rhodes, Dan Qualman)
 - 2) Type 3 Incident Management Team Subcommittee (Dan Qualman)
 - 3) Colorado All-Hazard Incident Management Team Training and Certifications Advisory Committee (Doug McBee)
 - 4) School Safety Resource Center (John Mullin, Jerry Rhodes)
 - 5) State All Hazards Advisory Committee (Dan Qualman)
 - 6) Emergency Fire Fund (Dave Parmley, Dave Ury)
 - 7) Metro State Bachelors Degree Program (Andy Marsh)
 - b) Other Committee Reports
10. Other Business/Announcements
11. Next Board of Directors Meeting
- a) April 2, 2010 at 9:30 am at SMFR
12. Next General Membership Meeting
- a) March 5, 2010 at 9:30 am at West Metro Fire Rescue Training Facility, 3535 South Kipling Parkway (southwest corner of Hampden and Kipling) Lakewood, CO

Message From DFS Director Kevin Klein

CSFCA Board:

We finally received funding for the pilot program established by SB08-039. The program is designed to train directors of fire protection districts in the wildland-urban interface (WUI) on strategic planning and community outreach on wildland-urban interface issues. The bill directs the formation of a WUI Training Advisory Board that includes one representative from each of the following:

- The Colorado State Forest Service
- The County Sheriffs of Colorado
- The Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association
- The Special District Association of Colorado
- The Colorado Division of Emergency Management

Members of the Advisory Board will provide direction on course content and implementation.

Please let me know who you would like to represent your organization. We have a very short window to develop the curricula for the training program, so I would like your nominations as soon as possible. The statute prohibits us from compensating the members of the Advisory Board or reimbursing their expenses; please keep that in mind when making your selection.

Thanks!

Kevin R. Klein, Director
Colorado Division of Fire Safety

Division, Region & Section Reports

Combination Chiefs Section (Bruce Mygatt, Chairman)

The minutes of the meeting of December 3, 2009 are posted on the CSFCA Website at:
http://www.colofirechiefs.org/combo/Combo_Minutes_120309.pdf

Paul L. Cooke

From: Paul L. Cooke [plcooke@colofirechiefs.org]
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 10:41 AM
To: 'CSFCA Legislative Committee'
Cc: 'CSFCA Board of Directors'
Subject: HB 1107, Urban Renewal Area Ag Lands (Fischer)
Attachments: _Certification_.txt

CSFCA Legislative Committee,

House Bill 10-1107, Concerning Limitations on the Inclusion of Agricultural Lands within Urban Renewal Areas, was heard by House Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources Committee yesterday (February 2, 2010). Note: The bill was rescheduled to yesterday to allow for a Joint House and Senate Agriculture Committee meeting today. The bill was amended and passed to the House Committee of the Whole for 2nd reading.

HB 10-1107 would prohibit the inclusion of agricultural lands within URAs with the following exceptions: (1) is a brownfield site; (2) is at least two-thirds contiguous to urban level development and one half of the area is urban level development; (3) is an enclave surrounded by urban level development; (4) there is agreement to inclusion by all affected taxing entities; or (5) it was included in URA as of effective date of bill. The bill also would replace the current agricultural assessed value of land for tax increment purposes to its market value, which would increase the TIF base.

The bill sponsor, Rep. Randy Fischer (D-Larimer) presented the bill, discussing the impacts created when agricultural lands are included in an Urban Renewal Area. He indicated that the bill was just as much about maintaining pristine agricultural areas as it is about addressing the impacts when URA and TIF are used to develop these areas. According to Rep. Fischer, the bill will also “level the playing field” between downtown areas that need redevelopment that can be more costly than building new developments on vacant land.

The Colorado State Fire Chiefs Association supports this bill as it begins to address one of the impacts of Tax Increment Financing on fire protection districts, but made clear that it did not represent an “end-all” solution. The CSFCA information sheet on this bill, that served as the basis of the Association’s testimony can be found at: http://www.colofirechiefs.org/10Legislature/Support_HB1107.pdf. The CSFCA also expressed support for the bill on behalf of the Special District’s Association (with their permission).

CML (Mark Radtke) testified in support of the bill, but indicated that CML would be seeking amendments to strike the provision that the valuation of ag land increases to the fair market value for determining the TIF base; that ag land can be included if jobs would be created; and that clarifies the provisions of the bill cannot be applied retroactively.

Michael Tedesco, Executive Director for the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority and Larry Atencio, Pueblo City Council President testified in support of the bill, indicating that it was a reasonable approach. Both testified on the need to allow ag lands be included in URAs as they would not have been able to attract new industries, such as Vestas without this ability. They testified that they would like the bill amended to allow ag land to be included in a URA if but expressed the desire that the bill be amended to allow ag land to be included in URAs if it would result in the creation of primary jobs.

Rep. Fischer and other members of the committee questioned how you would define “primary jobs” and how you would determine if the URA was creating them (versus transferring jobs from a neighboring community).

Larimer County Commissioner Steve Johnson and Larimer County Manager Frank Lancaster both testified in support of the bill. Commissioner Johnson discussed the problems of including ag land in a URA and expressed that it stretches the URA statutes beyond their intent. He said that development of ag land is generally neither “urban” or “renewal”; it is

new development on vacant land. One issue raised by Commissioner Johnson is how long the land would have to be zoned as agricultural.

Others that testified in support of the bill were Mayor Doug Hutchinson of Fort Collins, Stephanie Thomas of the Colorado Environmental Coalition, and a representative of the Colorado Farm Bureau.

Carolynne White, an attorney with Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, who represents a number of URAs, testified in opposition to the bill due to the chilling effect it would have on the creation of URA's. She expressed that the bill could be improved with some of the amendments that had been discussed.

Dick McLean, Mayor of the City of Brighton; Manuel Esquibel, City Manager; and a representative of the Brighton Chamber of Commerce all testified against the bill. Mayor McLean expressed that they would not have been able to bring Vestas to their community, with all the jobs they bring, if this law had been in place. He expressed that Brighton brought all affected taxing entities together to determine how to go forward with this URA and share revenue. Rep. Fischer indicated that reaching agreement with all taxing entities was one of the ways his bill would allow ag land be included in a URA.

The committee also heard from the bill drafter that the requirements of the bill would not apply retroactively to URAs that existed prior to enactment, unless the Urban Renewal plan is substantially modified.

An amendment to require agricultural land be assessed as such for five years before it has the ag designation for the purposes of inclusion in a URA was passed. Another amendment that deletes the requirement for cities to submit the URA plan to counties, in cases where the entity is a city and county, was also passed. An amendment that would have allowed ag land to be included in the URA when the only TIF revenue to be used is sales tax, failed.

The bill, as amended, was passed unanimously to the House Committee of the Whole, for 2nd reading. It is anticipated that an amendment to allow ag land to be included in URAs if it would result in the creation of primary jobs will be offered on 2nd reading. The preamended version of the bill will be posted when it is available.

For more information on the impacts of Tax Increment Financing on fire protection districts, see the CSFCA issue brief: http://www.colofirechiefs.org/10Legislature/Issue_Brief_URA_&_TIF_v4.pdf.

In other action at the Capitol yesterday, HB10-1018, Concerning Increased Authority to Regulate Waste Tires (Rep. Looper and Primavera, Sen. Gibbs) was heard by House Transportation and Energy Committee. The bill had significant amendments, including those proposed by the CSFCA, and the hearing lasted until 6 p.m. The bill, as amended, was ultimately passed unanimously to House Appropriations Committee. There will be more on this bill later.

Please watch the CSFCA legislative page at <http://www.colofirechiefs.org/legislative.htm> for updates and status sheets and let me or Steve Pischke, Legislative Committee Chair, know if you have any questions.

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COLORADO FIRE CHAPLAINS ASSOCIATION (CFCA)

Executive Summary

Chaplains provide a valuable service to firefighters and those they serve.

About CFCA

As of January 14, 2010

- *Founded June 15, 2006
- *501(a) exempt organization
- *Chaplain members: 22
- *Non-chaplain members: 8

Mission Statement

To offer the best of hope in the worst of times.

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ADDED VALUE OF CHAPLAINS

For your department:

While there is a historic spiritual foundation, what a chaplain does is primarily secular: encouragement, stress management, helping a good firefighter survive career burnout, confidential counseling, weddings, funerals, death notifications, grief support for families of victims, hospital visits, invocations, and pastoral crisis interventions when requested.

For those you serve:

When notified of incidents involving things like “Not breathing,” “CPR in progress,” or a fatal highway accident, a chaplain’s response to provide support and helpful information to survivors is appreciated, and it bodes well for your department.

Chaplains do not push religion and are sensitive to religious pluralism.

A RESOURCE AT VERY LITTLE COST

Most fire chaplains are volunteers. Expenses might include training, a cell phone and/or radio, uniforms, and a chaplain’s badge. This is a bargain for value received. Departments might consider sharing a chaplain.

INTERESTED IN HAVING A CHAPLAIN?

You may have gotten along fine without a chaplain, just like some of us did with cars before they had seatbelts.... We can provide a Standard Operating Guide template at no charge and help you screen, recruit, and train a chaplain. A chaplain could be a firefighter, a local pastor, or any other *qualified* person. The CFCA can provide a list of suggested qualifications.

READY TO TAKE THAT FIRST STEP?

Give us a call or contact us by email. It generally takes a year or two for a new chaplain to earn respect, trust, and an established camaraderie with firefighters. There’s more to chaplaincy than just showing up at death scenes. Chiefs can set a good example of support for a chaplain program.