

**Colorado State Fire Chiefs Association
Board of Directors Meeting
February 1, 2008**

This is an unofficial draft of the meeting minutes to be acted on by the Board of Directors at the Regular Meeting of April 11, 2008.

- I. Members Present:** Bob Pistor, Andy Marsh, Paul Cooke, Doug Forsman, Warren Jones, Mike Morgan, Tom Montoya, Chris Reilly, Clair Brown, Rich Homman, Steve Pischke, Scott Pribble, Dave Parmley, Jerry Rhodes, Dave Ury, Aaron Eveatt, Rob Geislinger, Dan Qualman, Kevin Klein – Jamie Bruce (DRI), Mike Dell Orfano, Doug McBee
- II. Cooperative Resource Rates Background Rich Holman – CSU Forest Service**
- a. **Review of Feedback from the Fire Service**
- i. Fire Service did not have adequate time to respond and prepare to the draft proposal.
 - ii. Forest Service had feedback that some fire departments would prefer standardized rates to speed up billing process and reduce confuse.
 - iii. January 14th, CSU sent a letter stating that they would delay the implementation of the new rates and extend the rates in the current agreements through 2008.
 - iv. CSU will spend the next few months collecting data and developing a new proposal.
 - v. They will also present at the General Meeting on March 14th.
- b. **Discussion Comments**
- i. Q. Can we extend the agreements to all risk? A.No, their authority only extends to Wildland fire suppression. There is no agency in the state with this authority. It would proper to give this authority to DEM. There is a risk that if we pursue all risk it may bog down the completion of the County Annual Operating Plan. Their plan is to continue to develop new rates and getting new agreements signed by October 2008.
 - ii. The deadline set by CSU may speed-up policy time table for implementing all-risk based rates by DEM.
 - iii. Parmley suggested that CSU should include EFF representatives in future discussions. Holman agreed
 - iv. Mike Morgan – Garfield County accounts for many EFF fires – but many occur on private land. The EFF should not be treated as a revenue source – it is an expenditure item.
 - v. In-direct cost assessments by CSU seem exorbitant – 23%. Homman – the in-direct cost policy is set by the university. The State Forest Service no longer has decision making authority in this area. They report to a Dean and must follow CSU business practices. The Forest Service needs to communicate what constitutes in-direct costs to the cooperators. The rates are consistent with other departments in the

University – actually they are lower than the rates charged for grants – 45%.

- vi. Summary – Wildland fire protection is a cooperative endeavor. Sheriffs, Forest Service, and fire districts work together. CSU is not required to provide initial attack, but they have done this in the past to fill-in holes in the system.

III. Joint Training Center Proposal – Jerry Rhodes

a. Proposed \$100 million facility for fire, law enforcement, and EMS

- i. Large scale driving range
- ii. Mock-up buildings
- iii. Possible NFA West Campus

b. Location

- i. Near old Rocky Mountain Arsenal
- ii. In area where there will be no urban development

c. Chief Nuanes' desired commitment from the CSFCA

- i. Letter from area chiefs supporting the concept.
- ii. The letters will be used to support grant proposals.
- iii. Governance through a separate Authority – not fully developed as yet.

d. Comments

- i. This is a badly needed facility for all disciplines
- ii. We keeping skirting the issues of governance and regional commitments
- iii. The group consensus is to support the concept.
- iv. Would including DRCOG be worthwhile?
- v. Action Item – Letter of Commitment to support concept and request inclusion of multi-disciplinary regional agencies and other stakeholders in the planning process and to request more information on the governance model. **Motion by Pischke/2nd Morgan to support action item. Motion carries.**

IV. Presentation by General Mason Whitney on Homeland Security

Reorganization

a. 2006 Audit Response

- i. Fix the grants administration process
- ii. Fix the Homeland Security Strategy – alignment with Federal Strategy
- iii. Recommend structural changes in the department to make it effective.

b. Restructuring Proposal

- i. There are many participants that share the program mission – they often don't communicate well.
- ii. DOLA is the State Administering Agency
- iii. State Homeland Security Coordinator works directly for the Governor.
- iv. DHS Grants Quality Assurance Office
- v. Most homeland security funding and grants are embedded in DOLA/DEM
- vi. New Office of Homeland Security Director with Staffing
- vii. Office will stand-up February 4, 2008 and become fully operational in July.

- c. **PROs and CONs**
 - i. Single point of responsibility for the entire Homeland Security Program.
 - ii. Authority of the Governor's office allows cross department tasking
 - iii. Con – may be funded past 2010.
 - iv. Executive order does not require legislation.
 - d. **Comments**
 - i. What commitment does the Governor want from the CSFCA?
 - ii. Strategy based on 37 basic capabilities – each capability has a goal leader to implement its objectives.
 - iii. Future capabilities assessment in the future.
 - iv. CSFCA will serve as advisory group and participate in assessments
 - v. Strategy Focus is to improve coordination and communication.
 - vi. The program will provide better information to policy makers based on risk assessment and risk acceptance.
 - vii. Where will the proposed office live? A space study is on-going. It would be good to keep it in close proximity to the MAC.
 - viii. Where will staffing come from to manage the capabilities? The agencies should already be doing this. Will require more coordination of current resources.
- V. Approval of January 4 Minutes – Motion by Pischke/2nd Jones Approved**
- a. Special Meeting January 22 – Motion by Riley/2nd Morgan Approved**
- VI. Financial Report – Cooke**
- a. Profit and Loss Statement
 - b. Fund Balances – the organization had an increase of \$39,959.
 - c. Motion to approve Marsh/2nd Parmley – Approved**
 - d. Current bills – Motion to pay bills Riley/2nd Pischke Approved.**
- VII. President's Report**
- a. Meeting with Mamet and CML**
 - i. Tax Increment Financing discussed
 - ii. Potential Collective Bargaining Bill – State and Federal
 - b. Meeting with the CPFFA**
 - i. They are not running a collective bargaining bill this year.
 - ii. Governor will veto any bill due to timing
 - iii. They will run next year.
 - iv. Federal Bill will pass and reach president's desk. Bill will be attached to a larger bill that needs to pass.
 - v. Their bill will give city's a choice – kinder and gentler bill.
 - vi. They have a strong interest in a Fire Marshall Bill – they are willing to work with CSFCA.
- VIII. Executive Director's Report**
- a. The CSFCA is negatively impacted by the fact that we represent a small portion of the state's fire departments.**
 - b. Paul is available to attend any regional meeting – schedule permitting.**

- c. Need to get regional representatives more directly connected to their departments.
- d. We provide information to all irrespective of their membership.
- e. Discussion – no resolution
- f. Corporate Sponsors update – one new member

IX. Legislative Issues

- a. **HB-1097 Civil Air Patrol Bill Amendment** – tacks on emergency services volunteers for disasters. Recognized member of recognized agency. Current language is not acceptable
- b. **Proposed bill to give job protections if a volunteer leaves a job to respond to a call. Would be able to exclude essential personnel and it must be within the jurisdiction.**
- c. **HB-1259 – Special Districts can not provide services outside their boundaries.** We will oppose and send letter to the sponsor on the ramifications of the bill.
- d. **HB – 1267 Requires mapping for first responder of school systems** – This has a huge fiscal impact. Discussion
- e. **Fire Safe Cigarettes** – passed out of committee – penalty fees will go to Certification Program.
- f. **Copp Bill on Training Programs for board members** – bill amended to make fiscal note cash funded. SDA is opposed to Strategic Planning requirement until it is better defined.
- g. **Tax Incremental Financing Bill** – SDA is recommending an amendment to allow districts to negotiate participation at their discretion.
- h. **School Inspection bill is going to appropriations** – fiscal note is a problem.
- i. **HB – 1110** – Tax Deduction for costs related to mitigation.
- j. **Group Health Insurance for emergency services volunteers**

X. Old Business

- a. **Fire Service Training and Advisory Board Appointment**
 - i. Departments < 15,000 – 2 applicants
 - ii. CSFCA nominees
 - 1. Ken Watkins
 - 2. Mike Chard
 - 3. Allen Clay
 - 4. Dan Durkee
 - 5. Can CMBC departments participate?
 - 6. **Motion to nominate Bob Lee by Qualman/2nd Pischke**
 - a. **Additional nomination of Allen Clay as second nominee. Motion Approved.**
 - 7. **Recommend Scott Dorman as volunteer representative**
 - a. **Motion by Parmley/2nd Qualman – Motion approved.**
- b. **Safety Education Conference – Scott Pribble**
 - i. Trying to market conference and revamp curriculum
 - ii. Registrations are already coming in

- XIII. Next Meeting General – March 14th – South Metro in the basement Parking may be an issue.**
- XIV. Next E-Board Meeting April 11th**

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