

# The Rancho Tehama Association (RTA) Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

## Saturday, March 21, 2009

**The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.** Quorum: President Sharon Easton, Vice President Alan Mills, Treasurer Penny McGee, Secretary Sheri Schultz and Officer At Large William (Bill) Westin Jr. Guests: Managers Gary Taylor and Chuck Prehoda of Hignell. The Pledge to the Flag followed.

**Guests:** CALFIRE Representative Dave Harp explained the new Tehama County Code 100 foot firebreak requirements adopted to protect homes in residential woodland areas. CALFIRE will be enforcing the law this spring, and informational brochures are in the office.

**Announcements:** The Autumn BBQ will be held September 19, 2009 and chaired by the RT Community Foundation for the benefit of the Community Foundation, Inc., the Old Timers Fire Fighters, Inc., and the Dollars For Kids group.

**Open Forum:** A member announced he is withdrawing his fiscal and knowledgeable support from the board; he is also withdrawing a request for a graffiti-free neighborhood watch sign, upgrading the Rancho Tehama Fire Rating Status, and new microwave oven for the Rec Hall. Another member renewed the microwave oven request because dues money should be spent on projects the people on the ranch request—not just on the roads. Another member requested that “no skateboarding” signs be put up in the common areas. A member requested waiver of the \$100 deposit for a weekly dance class, and presented a hat dance performed by Ballet Folklorico members to demonstrate what will be learned. The member also requested access to Association archives to write a college history paper.

**The Agenda was adopted as published** (Schultz—Motion seconded and passed).

**The Tuesday March 3, 2009 Minutes were adopted** (McGee--Motion seconded and passed).

**The Treasurer presented** February interim financial reports prepared by Hignell showing a cash balance of \$376,610.35 (attached). Manager Prehoda pointed out a 30% reduction in overdue accounts receivable since September 2008. ~~The~~ A draft of the annual audit should be completed on March 31.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- Voted to continue the policy of accepting rimless tires at the transfer station (McGee—Motion seconded and passed).
- Voted to purchase an emulsion sprayer to add to road equipment inventory and train personnel in its application (Mills—Motion seconded and passed).
- Voted to hire John Powell Associates at \$950 to be Independent Inspector for this year's election (Schultz—Motion seconded and passed).

### **New Business:**

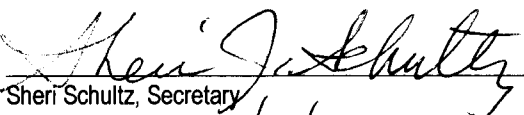
- Voted to invest reserve funds of \$100,000 in 5 month certificates; \$100,000 in 9 month certificates; and the balance in the savings account (Schultz—Motion seconded and passed).
- Voted to establish a new part-time office/utility position, the job description to be posted immediately (Schultz—Motion seconded and passed, 4 ayes and 1 no by Westin).
- Voted to waive the \$100 deposit for a member wishing to hold a weekly Ballet Folklorico Class at the Recreation Hall (Schultz—Motion seconded and passed).
- Voted to grant Sonia Montes access to historical documents, in order to write a Rancho Tehama History college term paper (McGee—Motion seconded and passed).
- Voted to conduct a 5-year traffic survey for enforcement of the vehicle code on Rancho Tehama roads (Schultz—Motion seconded and passed).

**Items postponed until next meeting:** Whether to replace tables at the Recreation Hall

**There being no further business, the Board adjourned to executive session at 11:30 a.m.**

### **In executive session the Board:**

- Selected a vendor to perform the 5-year traffic survey.
- Approved 2 employee reviews and raises.
- Selected a vendor to provide new emulsion sprayer.
- Approved cleanup of an RTA lot acquired in a former year by non-judicial foreclosure action.

  
Sheri Schultz, Secretary

Date Approved: 4/7/09

Date: 4/3/09

Date Corrected: 4/7/09