

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

## Tuesday, May 5, 2009

**The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am in the Recreation Hall.** Quorum: President Sharon Easton, Vice President Alan Mills, Secretary Sheri Schultz and Officer At Large William (Bill) Westin Jr. Guest Treasurer Penny McGee arrived late at 9:06 am: Managers Chuck Prehoda and Gary Taylor of Hignell. The Pledge to the Flag followed.

**Announcements:** 1) Easton announced that there are new owners of the Black Ranch who have requested use of our Airport. Easton also read a letter of appreciation from Cal Fire. 2) Friends of the Airport invited all to join them at their meeting from 2:00-4:00 pm Saturday May 16 directly after the Ducky Derby. 3) Community Foundation reminded everyone to buy a wooden duck now on sale for \$1.00 for Saturday's May 16 "Red Neck Ducky Derby" from 11Am to 2PM at the beach park. 4) On May17 an organic gardener will be presenting a seminar at a member's home. Cost is \$50.00 per individuals and \$60.00 per couple.

**Open Forum:** 1) A member gave thanks to the Board for a quick response to the culvert repair on Alpine Dr. 2) Transfer Fee: a member addressed Hignell as to why the transfer fee was raised to \$185.00 and if this charge was legal 3) Hignell's duties: a member wanted to know what the contract with Hignell covers. 4) In response to a question, Easton said that the board is still working on forming committees.

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

**The Tuesday April 20, 2009 Minutes were adopted with changes.** (McGee-Motion seconded and passed).

**Treasurer Report:** Financial Statements attached.

**Airport Report:** The report was read by Easton and is attached.

**Operations Report:** Abandon tires were picked up on and coming to the Ranch for a free tire pick up. We have interviewed and hired new employees and they are now beginning their training, A contractor was hired to start the clean up on the Stagecoach property. Tehama County Public Works has begun the road survey, placing several counters out on the roads. The weeds and brush located on lot 441-2, Fawn Lane and Pebble Beach properties were cleared in compliance with Cal Fire. Road repairs consist of patching, grading and base rock; and re-striping of the entrance to the ranch. We replaced a damaged culvert and answered work request that were turned into the office. A section of fence was removed and new post installed at Fawn Meadows as well as repairing street signs and the window at the Fire House all due to vandalism. Please remember the \$500.00 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for the vandalism.

**Blanket Liens to Record:** Voted to authorize recording of Blanket Notice of Delinquent Assessments on member accounts 2118321, 2044823, 1045911, 101914, 2132821, 1028411, 2078523, 2125521, 2120022, 2018824, 203621, 1040411, 2130921, 2142322, 2072221, 2128221, 2142422, 2005622, 1053711 and 1005512.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- Voted to establish a line item in the 2010 budget to include funding for the Old Timers Fire Fighters. (Westin-Motion- passed 4 years, 1 nay {Schultz})
- Voted to donate \$2,000.00 to cover Old Timers insurance and charge to Wells, Ponds and Fire Protection account. (Westin-Motion-seconded and passed)

### **New Business:**

#### **The Board**

- Voted to add to the ballot, 1) Question on whether the churches are allowed exemption from paying dues, and 2) Question on whether RTA defers excess income to the following year. (Shultz-Motion seconded and passed)
- Voted to write off 13 uncollectible accounts receivable totaling \$4443.11 and charge to bad debt account. (Schultz-Motion -seconded and passed)
- Voted to hire a firm to perform a preliminary investigation into acceptable alternatives for replacement on the Humboldt Bridge not to exceed \$25,000.00 and charged to Reserve Funds expense. (Schultz-Motion seconded and passed)

### **Items postponed until next meeting:**

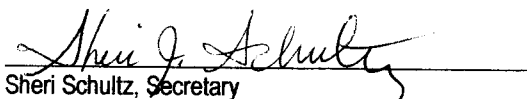
- Discuss and Vote on whether to approve the request of the Autumn BBQ sponsors to install poles at the entrance of the Ranch and at Fawn Meadows for the purpose of hanging banners by Rancho Tehama Clubs and Committees.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned to executive session at 9:59 a.m.

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

- Selected a vendor to perform the Humboldt Bridge Replacement Initial Investigation
- Approved an employee annual evaluation.
- Approved two new temporary employees.
- Approved a fence variance.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the Recreation Hall**

  
Sheri Schultz, Secretary

Date Approved: May 20, 2009

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Corrected: \_\_\_\_\_