

# TRINITY CENTER COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Regular Meeting

Feb. 3, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Glen Ahmann at 6:30 p.m. Other members present: Hal Pflueger, Mike McHugh, and Dewey Baird and Virginia Allin. 38 members of the public were also present.

Guests included: Judy Pflueger, County Supervisor, David Nelson, Auditor Controller, Susan Price, LAFCO Executive Director, Dero Forslund, County Administrator as well as Pat Frost and Alex Cousins from the TC Resource Conservation District. Barbara & Danny from AmeriCorps came with Pat & Alex.

CSD Chairman and Vice Chairman Election-Glen Ahmann explained the requirement for the CSD to hold an annual election for the Chairman and Vice Chairman positions. It should have been done last month, however it was inadvertently omitted from the agenda. After some brief discussion Virginia Allin nominated Glen Ahmann for Chairman. The motion was seconded by Dewey Baird. Glen Ahmann abstained and the motion passed unanimously. Virginia Allin nominated Mike McHugh for Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by Hal Pflueger. Mike McHugh abstained and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes-Glen Ahmann explained how the minutes are posted on the website prior to the meeting and passed out at the meeting for the public and Board members to read. It was moved by Hal Pflueger to adopt the minutes from the February meeting as written and it was seconded by Dewey Baird. The minutes were accepted.

CSD Financial report was handed out and the balances were read.  
TCVFD Financial reports were handed out and the balances were read.

Glen Ahmann had a mid year expense review to show how the CSD is doing compared to the budget. There was some discussion. Overall the CSD is well within its budget and there are no line items that raise significant concern. The budget/expense comparison sheet is available at [northtrinitylake.com](http://northtrinitylake.com) or through the secretary.

### Unfinished Business

New Fire House Building-Roger Chatterton reported the committee has come up with some preliminary plans for the direction they want to go in. The first issue deals with the County. They made two inquiries to the County. The first was about merging the two lots. The second was what the required set backs are to determine the foot print of the new building and the maximum square footage of the building. The lots can be merged, however the new lot is zoned commercial and a public facility can not be built on the parcel with that zoning. It was suggested the committee work through Judy Pflueger to get the lot re-zoned. The committee will also be requesting fee waivers on the merging of the two lots and on any permits that may be needed. Information on the set backs is that if the front of the building faces Mary St. there is no set back required. If the building faces Trinity Vista a 10 foot set back is required on each side. Looking at the requirements for the square footage for the new building it will probably need to be a two story building. Members of the committee will be meeting

with Hayfork Fire Dept. to gain experience from their new firehouse building project. Wyatt Paxton recommends the committee also have one person as a chairman. There are two ways to approach this. The Board can assign someone to act as the chairman or the committee can choose their own chairman. The new committee has the CSD approval to complete the necessary paperwork to merge the two lots. The committee will report back to the Board prior to presenting the merger paperwork so it can be added to the agenda. The committee is looking for another member with architecture expertise. Roger invited members of the public to join future meetings on the first Tuesday of the month before the CSD meeting. The next meeting will be on March 3, 2009 at 5:00pm at the Fire Hall. There was general discussion. Glen Ahmann inquired as to how the Board would like to handle the selection of a project manager/chairman for the new committee. The item will be placed on next months agenda.

Resolution to support the North Lake/Trinity Center Trail Group—A copy of the resolution was passed out. Virginia Allin read the resolution. There was brief discussion. Virginia Allin moved to approve the Resolution. It was seconded by Mike McHugh. The motion passed. The Resolution will be sent to the Trails Committee.

Annexation of communities south of TC—Glen Ahmann introduced the County representatives and thanked them for coming. A brief list of questions was passed out with issues related to annexation.

General Issues: Susan Price explained that one reason LAFCO is in existence is to encourage orderly development and to prevent urban sprawl. LAFCO is the approving agency for actions such as expanding an existing district. What areas should be included is a community issue. Requirements are that the areas need to be included in the Sphere of Influence. Dero Forslund said LAFCO looks at the financial viability of annexation and the ability to support the services. The other communities can form their own district however, they must get it approved through LAFCO showing a plan of service and they also must show financial viability. LAFCO also wants districts to include contiguous areas, they do not want islands of covered or uncovered areas to exist in a district.

Monetary: David Nelson explained how the district was formed by a resolution in 1961. At that time the district received a percentage of the \$1.00 per \$1000.00 assessed value parcel tax. In 1978, due to Proposition 13, the way the taxes are distributed to the districts changed. 1% of the property taxes across the county, with or without Community Service Districts, goes into one fund and a portion of that tax is then redistributed to the districts based on an appropriation factor; a percentage based on what the district received the year prior to Prop 13. This amount will not change if more area is annexed into the district. A new taxation would require a 2/3 vote by all communities affected by the tax. This new tax can be approved in one of two ways, depending on how the tax assessment is set up. It can be by voter election, meaning anyone registered to vote in the area can vote on it. This type would be an equal amount for everyone based on parcels or improved parcels. Or it can be by landowner vote meaning only people who own property can vote. This assessment would be based on something about the property such as acreage or assessed value. There are 6-8 election days in the California statutes on which you can call an election. The CSD can call for an election on one of the set election days however, the CSD would have to pay for the entire cost of the election (thousands of dollars) if it is not held on a County Election Day with other county initiatives on the ballot. The item must be submitted 88 days prior to the election to get on the ballot. The next County election with other county initiatives will probably be June 2010.

Process: Susan Price said there are many items needed to start the annexation process: an application form, updated Sphere of Influence, Municipal Services Review, public hearing, maps, etc. There are also fees required for the application, studies, etc. that could be at least \$3000.00 to \$4000.00. The new boundaries would have to be defined by a licensed surveyor.

There are two ways to annex areas outside the district. The Board can make a resolution to annex an area without a vote if no taxes are involved. LAFCO would oversee the process, has approval authority

and can dictate terms as they see appropriate. Also the property owners can have a petition signed by 25% or more of the registered voters to annex their area, but it would still require a resolution by the board. The current district constituency does not need to vote on the issue (assuming no additional taxation), but they could deliver a petition for or against the plan.

There was much general discussion. Dero informed everyone that there are significant efforts at the State level to limit the development of rural property that is not inside a fire district so without annexation, development of the outlying areas may get difficult. Several citizens from outside of the district expressed a clear desire to become part of the district even if it meant special taxation.

Glen Ahmann suggested there is a need to move forward and help Kelli Gant update the Sphere of Influence whether or not annexation occurs. Mike McHugh suggested the Board start a working committee to look into annexation. Virginia Allin and Mike McHugh will start the committee with members of the public and report back at the next meeting. Anyone wanting to join the committee can call Mike or Virginia.

### Communications

Planning Dept. request for comment on improvements at the County Yard -Glen Ahmann read the request for comment letter from the Planning Dept. After some general discussion a motion was made by Mike McHugh to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Virginia Allin. The motion passed.

PUD Rate Discount Letter-Jan Bellinger read the letter from PUD regarding the discount rate. PUD voted to increase the discount rate from 24.2% to 25% for 2009.

The letter to Todd Thomson of the State Water Resource Control Board regarding the Proposed regulations for septic systems (Legislation AB 885) has been mailed.

Glen Ahmann reported last month that the CSD has received another renewal form from the CSDA. It was decided at the last meeting to renew the membership because of the lowered rate. Glen spoke with the CSDA regarding the membership fees and informed them that the Board would not be continuing membership next year if the fee remained the at the higher rate.

A letter from the Grand Jury was received with a copy of the Brown act included. A copy will be made for each Board member.

### Public Comment

Glen Ahmann has drafted a letter that the public can use as a sample to send letters to Todd Thompson voicing their concerns about the proposed regulations for septic systems (Legislation AB 885). People can contact Glen directly for a copy of the letter or they can paraphrase the letter sent by the TCCSD (located on northtrinitylake.com)

Judy Pflueger was happy to report that Legislation AB 885 has been put on hold until it can be reviewed and possibly re-written. The hearing scheduled for Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. She encouraged everyone to continue writing letters. Dewey Baird thanked Judy for all of her work.

### New Business

None

### Fire Dept. Report

Roger Chatterton- Read the Fire Dept report. Roger reported the Fire Dept now has three different bank accounts to help insure money donated is being used properly. The newest account is for the new building fund. Linda Zeppa has volunteered to take over the Fire Dept finances. She read the financial reports and said there are some fund raisers coming up. The first will be the sale of Pepper spray. This will be available at the Concealed Weapons class on Friday. If you would like to purchase some spray and will not be attending the class you can contact Virginia Allin to purchase some. Linda said there are still recipes needed for the cookbook that will be sold as a fund raiser at the annual BBQ in June.

#### Bills for Payment

After general discussion a motion was made by Mike McHugh to pay the bills as stated and seconded by Dewey Baird. The motion passed that the following bills be paid:

#### **Regular Expenses**

Trinity PUD- Electric	\$301.63
TDS Telecom-Telephone	\$53.12
Jan Bellinger- Salary & Office Supplies	\$350.00
Roger Chatterton-Travel & Expense	\$50.00

#### **Special Expenses**

LN Curtis & Sons-Fire Equip	\$204.79
Jaktri Market-Fuel	\$40.47
Fred Maddox-Equip Repair	\$520.61
Campora-Propane	\$703.77
Dick Eyman-Office Supplies	\$31.08
NTLIA-Utilities March-Aug.	\$108.00
Sierra Pacific Ind.-Rent (repeater)	\$1.00
Total	\$2,364.47
County Balance as of 1/31/09	\$99,962.23
Checks for payment	\$2,364.47
New Balance	\$97,597.76

#### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

#### Items for next meeting agenda:

Selection of Chairman for the New Fire House Building Committee  
Form new committee to discuss annexing to expand the CSD boundaries

Next Meeting: March. 3, 2009

Jan Bellinger - Secretary