## FRIENDS OF TWIN LAKES November 1, 2014 MEEETING

Board of directors in attendance: President John Kester, Vice President/Treasurer Anita Mason, Secretary Kelly Sweeney and at Large Representative Joan Weber.

## THANKS TO LAKE COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE FOR ALLOWING US TO MEET IN THEIR BUILDING!

**Minutes**: Kelly provided an explanation for why the contents of the letter sent by the board to the Lake County Commissioners was not identical to the motion passed at the prior August meeting. The process was flawed in that it was a very close 10 to 8 vote and there were at least 3 people who were not members that voted. Because of the confusion, flawed process and time being of the essence, the board sent a letter that contained much, but not all of the items from the August motion. Going forward, on close votes, the process will be slowed down to confirm that those voting have a single vote and not just a family vote or are members and we will read and reread any motions to eliminate confusion.

Kelly moved the August minutes be approved as submitted, Wes Duran seconded the motion and it passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have \$13,589 in the bank; \$2,171.52 is dedicated for use in the Historic District.

Kelly made a motion that the "due" year run from June 1 to May 31<sup>st</sup> to ease the accounting nightmare of tracking for a year when contributions were made. There was discussion, Wes seconded the motion and it passed.

High Country Internet represented by Bill Jones and Jack Saunders explained their proposal to provide high speed internet to Southern Lake County. The business plan calls for abundant speed, redundant lines to ensure speed and affordability. Presently, they are seeking a place, ideally on the ridge in Pan Ark that would be in sight line with the airport for a tower and would use smaller transmitters from there. Due to winter accessibility issues, they are not interested in the Quail Mountain repeater station. Their goal is to also provide VOIP phone service. The tower would be 60 feet tall, although they could start with 40. The receivers on homes would range in size, but be smaller than the Hughesnet. Anticipated cost will be \$60-100 monthly excluding VOIP.

**Fire Station:** Bruce Hix provided a Fire Planning Board update on the administrative grant that is being sought from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) that is being drafted with the assistance of Judy Leaming and will be submitted December 1, 2014. The award could be up to \$1 million and will be awarded in March to start construction of the fire station to be located near the intersection of CR 10 and CR 24 about ½ mile from where the old recycling drop off was. In the grant, it will outline the monetary support being made from community groups for the project. The County is matching 25% with \$250,000 earmarked in the 2015 budget.

Following a discussion including points about improved fire protection being one of FOTL's founding organizational objectives, the need to put our money where our mouth is and lead others to contribute too and the importance of DOLA seeing our buy in, the following motion was made by Anita and seconded by Larry Marcum/Wes Duran/Carolyn Abbott and a host of others and passed unanimously: The Friends of Twin Lakes will commit to contributing \$5000 to the funding; \$2500 will come directly from our accounts and we will account for an anticipated additional \$2500 in donations to FOTL from those residents and supporters of this project to fund the remainder. Any tax deductible contributions beyond the additional \$2500 will go to the FOTL general fund for projects. Donations are due before 12/1 and can be made out to Friends of Twin Lakes, mailed c/o Anita Mason, 968 Reva Ridge Road, Twin Lakes, 81251.

**School House:** The propane tank has been checked and will be filled, the furnace has been repaired and is operational. In addition, almost all items to be disposed are out of the main building. All walls, floors, cabinets and the small room ceilings have been sprayed with Clorox. Once we have dumpster space, the rotten dry wall from the small rooms will be removed, things will

be sprayed down again and those rooms will be sealed off for the time being. There will be a community clean up inside the main room (similar to what we have done at the Red Rooster) on November 22, 2014 at 10:00.

**Clarion Hotel:** There will be a meeting with the archeologist at 10:00 on November 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss prioritization of projects for the rehabilitation efforts.

**Curling:** John will meet with the recreation department to arrange a training date/demonstration for those interested from Twin Lakes, then, he would like to bring it to Twin Lakes if the interest is there.

**Tourism panel:** John and Carl and some others have attended the meetings sporadically. John sought additional representation from southern Lake County so that we are seen, heard and in the know about their plans. Lexie Palmor volunteered and we will provide her with certain meeting information. It is thought that the meetings are every month on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM.

JANUARY MEETING IS SATURDAY THE 17<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:30 AM, LOCATION TO BE SEARCH AND RESCUE OR THE SCHOOL HOUSE.