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# Gold Ridge Forest Fire Safe Council

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## Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2023 – 6:00 pm  
GRF Clubhouse and Zoom

- 1. Roll Call & Sign-In:** Sherry Hawk, Dominique Smith, Rich Wade, Pat Schoggins, Alex North  
Online: Marie and Joan Scheppelmann, Karin Ryan  
Meeting commenced at 6:04.
- 2. Approval of Agenda: Board Action Item** - Sherry: Proposal to an addition to the agenda to vote in Alex North as Secretary. Pat motion, Rich second, all in favor.
- 3. Consent to Minutes: Board Action Item** - Rich Wade motion, Pat Scoggins approved.
- 4. Vote in new Secretary Ales North** - Pat motion to appoint Alex as sec to board, Rich seconded. All in favor.
- 5. Treasurer' Report:** Pat Schoggins  
Community Economic Development Association of Pollock Pines (CEDAPP) \$500 donation for education (evacuation event) and Dumpster day (coming up in September) \$50 from Larry Nataro  
\$244.56 spent for postcards & stamps for evacuation event.  
GRF POA Title III – should not be included in the tax report sent into EDCFSC (they are already keeping track of what they refunded out, so it would be considered double counting if we submitted back to them). Numbers will remain on our internal financial statement.  
  
Ending balance: \$2,153.56
- 6. Greenbelt Report:** Dominique Smith  
Cleaning up USDA greenbelts complete Friday 6/23.  
Mark Egbert- RCD - trying to set up time to meet with us to secure more funds.  
50 acres added to the fire break south of Upper Gold Ridge Trail.  
Asking for funds to clean up the area around the POA Lodge Along Sly Park Road/the disc golf park.  
C18 is complete (was 3 days of work).  
C6 is complete.  
Ended up paying \$32,000. Total \$204,000.  
We need to plan budgeting for Maintenance until 2026.



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Thank You to Dominique for all his hard work and contributions.

A transition plan is ready, just waiting for a new Greenbelt Director to be appointed.

Dominique will be double checking the budget with Karen.

Concern about tree falling on solar system. Anticipating ~8 trees to be removed, to be taken out of the Greenbelt money.

## 7. Other reports: Rich Wade

- Same officers re-elected, Ken, Ken, Karen and Paul
- New board members
- Defensible space inspections: continuing to develop a standardized form which will be used to report back to the state fire marshal determining defensible space adherence
- Note about Title III funding which is going to be requested.
  - o Sherry: We shall request funding up to. We need to describe what it will be used for.
  - o Rich: EDCFSC meeting indicated these funds have to be limited to Green Waste day usage
  - o GRF does green waste already. Possibility of expanding our scope, with more funds.
- Title II funding for 2020/2021 have just been spent. Significant lag in spending funds.
- \$11M funding overall for the various fire safe councils under EDCFSC EIN tax number.
- BLM and Cal Fire may be preparing to do some prescribed burning locally
- Office of Wildfire Preparation & Resilience: Tom Myers.
- Senior Defensible Space Officer – hire is pending.
- Wildfire Strategy – open for comment, ratification expected late summer/early fall
- Weber Creek home hardening grant is in place – they procured \$50k/house to harden 525 homes in [that] area
- National fire service – building crews up in El Dorado area
- Tamara Johnston is new grants co-ordinator
  - o \$500k California FSC, defensible space assistance
  - o Anticipated new grant cycle in August (we can check online)
  - o Grant training class, 6pm Wednesday night (Jun 28)
  - o Weber Creek highway 50 project - Roadside clearing from Camino to Pollock Pines
- Jessica scheduling the programs for chipping, defensible space for the county
- Bob Hess (NRW) road clearing project, ideas can be shared for submitting new grants.
- Question from Sherry: email for GIS program. Do we have any mapping needs? Not at this time.
- Wildfire preparedness workbook; available for anyone who is interested, but particularly when undergoing a defensible space inspection.
- 7,000 copies (*Question for Rich: Are we allowed to scan and share via a link?*)



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## 8. Chairman Report: Sherry Hawk

Burn Ban starts tonight: June 26

Residents are permitted to have camp fires/"warming" fires, but no burn piles.

June 12 Board Meeting:

- Get ready for new Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience
- \$25k grant available through California Fire Foundation for roadside cleanup. Needs to get on the agenda for the POA to get permission to request grant.
- Additional evidence required to show costs (DOT traffic control)
- Sherry will do a drive around and evaluate which roads need most attention. Rich would like to join and evaluate at the same time.
  - o Known: Upper Onyx, Jade, Gold Ridge Trail
- Grant submission due Friday 6/30.

Roadside Clearing:

Concept of "Street Ambassador". Help bridge the gap for the "Manager" (better relationships). The idea of sharing information/ongoing work, talking about rights of entry; what are the rules around infringing on private property.

Anticipating "just" be county right of way, based on property markers.

Check the time limit on the funds – is it a year or 3 months. Timing the pitch is important for engagement of the community.

Hazardous Tree Removal Program is in motion. EDCFSC website. Email going out June 27. Up to \$4,000. Anyone can apply. Require at least 1 picture, and the Parcel Number (look on tax bill or assessor website).

Chipping program – free program and can be used twice per year.

## 2023 Events

- Shortage of volunteers at last Hands Across Pollock Pines cleanup day
- Is it worth doing whole weekend (23/24 Sept) if we can get enough volunteers?
  - o Sherry will email folks and gauge interest
- July 22, 9am evacuation event
  - o Pat proposing a meeting pre-event. Sherry needs to check in with Mark.
  - o Office emergency services
  - o Neighborhood Radio Watch



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- Animal Control
- New insurance scheme (Heather) – per home points evaluation information (insurance commission regulation 2944)

Emails:

Courtesy Inspections available -  
Address signs  
Clearing streets – raise awareness

**9. New Business – TBD**

**10. Public Input**

**11. Good of the Order:** The next meeting will August 22 Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.