



Gold Ridge Forest Fire Safe Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 14, 2020, 7:00 pm
Gold Ridge Forest Club House

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. **Roll Call & Sign In:**
 - Sherry Hawk, Pat Schoggins, Rich Wade, Richard Jukes, and 10 attendees.
3. **Approval of Agenda: Board Action Item** - Pat moved, Rich seconded
4. **Consent Minutes: Board Action Item** - Pat moved, Rich seconded , approved
5. **Chairman Report:** Sherry Hawk
 - Resource Conservation District C-20 Vegetation Management Plan (VMP)
 - CWPP Meeting on-line Meeting set for 7-20 at 10 a.m.
 - Defensible space inspections are ongoing. Sherry is available to do a preliminary inspection with individuals. Maps on table showing areas where CalFire and County Fire will be doing inspections
 - EDCFSC – Sherry was voted in to be a member of the board and she is a member of its grants committee. This is a good asset for our FSC. EDCFSC has a very good web site full of great information for property owners. They got a grant for \$75,000 to add to the current efforts...6 hours of chipping for free per resident this year. It will be good for our fall clean up
 - Dumpster Day Results: we had 35 loads to the dumpsters and chipping from 24 property owners. This was because of the grant we received from DECFSC. We are pleased with the results
 - National Nite out, Aug. 4th, has been cancelled
6. **Treasurer' Report:** Pat Schoggins
 - Donations: Report is attached. We have used all of our 500\$ grant from EDCFSC. We get another \$200 for the second year. Funds must be used for education, publishing, promoting, etc.
 - Reflective sign fundraiser: Everyone needs to spread the word so that first responders can more easily find you. Pat makes and delivers the signs.
 - Financials

7. **Greenbelt Report:** Dominique Smith (Dominique missed the meeting due to illness) Sherry reported that we will work with the Property Owners Association to develop a functioning plan to clear the green belts to meet the 100' good-neighbor requirement.
8. **Rich Wade:** Timber Harvesting: Thinning the canopy...open it up so that crown fires are less and that air drops of fire retardant can reach the ground. A lot of analysis needed because of the diverse sizes, some being small and close to houses. Tree harvesters need space and landings. Our greenbelts need to be looked at by a forester and a harvester for advice and also we would need a clean-up plan for the slash that would be left from the logging. We would want it to be nice and clean. We would probably have to bring in a large grinder and scatter the grindings on the ground. Our forest is mostly Douglas fir and incense cedar which have the highest dollar value and proceeds could be applied to the clean up. 2 concerns: Access and dealing with slash.
9. **Richard Jukes:** GMRS plan update had significant Audience input.
10. **EDC Vegetation Management Program inspections**
 - 2-3 year plan needed. We will keep working on the plan.
11. **USDA** Our grant request is in the process and it is probable that our grant will not be approved in this batch, but will be reconsidered in the next batch in September. **Sherry will try to post the pages of photos and information on our web site.**
12. **Seniors/Disabled/Veteran - Low Income:** Funds are being sought in various places. Sherry has sent out survey to try to find who the needy are and who the volunteers are. Lots of the seniors don't do email. We need the rest of our residents to look around their area to see who the needy may be.
13. **GRF Community Appreciation Event Sept. 2020**
 - Sponsored by CEDAPP
 - Date and Time: Sunday, Sep. 13 to start about noon.
 - DJ/Karaoke – Free
 - BBQ and /or pot luck - Do we need a permit for this?
 - Fundraiser – Raffle
 - Home Hardening/ Radios for the rest of us presentations
14. Board and audience discussion regarding possibilities of making meetings available on Zoom or other means. Sherry will continue to record meetings and have audio attendance available. Everyone needs to **turn in their hours** for the **Fire Wise** discounts, etc.
15. **Good of the Order:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 11 @ 7:00, GRF Clubhouse Adj. 8:40 Moved by Pat, Second by Rich.