

**Fern Acres Board of Directors
Minutes January 16, 2021**

Members Present: Sara Kritikos, Hank Schultz, Larry Roy Diane Joiner, Scott Snair, Tomek Bilan, Bob Cravalho, Claudia Zirolu,

Members Absent: Patti Pinto,

Visitors: Phil Galon, JR Paikuli.

CTO: 9:07am

Minutes:

Review November minutes: Diane moves that we accept October minutes with the amended portion. Scott seconds. All in favor, Passed.

President's Report: The parking lot permit is in order and signed off. Scott would like to see electric back to the Firehouse. Diane asks that we submit ideas for the proceeds from the Plumeria parcel sale.

Sara thinks there are no updates with the computer link project. Ua should be working on that.

There has been a lot of talk on FB regarding the gunshots and fireworks.. Is that something that we post or should we leave it up to FANW? [Discussion follows] Security patrol.. FANW supports continued use of the patrol. Sara would like to continue to collect funds to pay the patrol on a quarterly basis. Scott thinks that we have about \$1100.00 in the account for 2021. He recommends that we increase that we increase the cost of membership for the FACA to cover the cost. (for 2022) Diane notes that we have had folks set up a monthly payment program for those who cannot pay \$90.00 in a lump sum. Hank asks if there might be grant money available for community security?

****ACTION:** Claudia – check resources.

[Discussion follows regarding change in membership fees] – Maybe as an optional payment? Add 10. 15. 20.00 as an option to FACA membership fees in 2022. JR points out that it is a large sum to spend for the service.. Would this be money better spent by paying our volunteer FD or FANW members to patrol our 26 miles of road? Having a security patrol gas card? Investing in-house to get the job done. Tomek suggests that it would be great to have a FA NW Sec Pat vehicle, painted for the job with orange light etc. Insurance? liability? Reimbursement vs. wage, so it is not an employee of Fern Acres. Independent contractors... Tomek would like to see an option on the pay button on our web site to allow for smaller payments. Let's look into the possibilities.

Larry says that the police department will put up official NW signage. It would have to be an official NW request with maps etc. Julie could maybe do this?

****ACTION:** Sara- contact Julie to discuss.

Treasurer's Report: Diane reads the report for December 2020:

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| Checking/Savings | |
| MRMA – Checking –BoH | 281,002.44 |
| FACA – BoH – Checking | 29,404.15 |
| Petty Purchases | 4,984.53 |
| FACA – BoH – Biz Checking Fire/Coqui | 1,097.07 |
| MRMA – BoH – Biz. Money Market | 30,484.99 |
| TOTAL CHECKING/SAVINGS | \$346,973.99 |

Diane reports that Ua has been taking a lot of payments since the mailing went out. Scott motions to approve the Treasurer's report as read. Larry seconds. All in favor, Passed.2

Scott had a question about December's expenses- with the newsletter and all. We were able to save money by doing most of it in-house.

****ACTION:** Sara- could you check with the office if there is a way to streamline the mailing and save money? Meter mail postage service, tri-folder etc.?

Road Committee: The committee met in December to prioritize what areas of FA should be paved next. They chose three places- and will have three vendors come out to bid on three different applications for re-surfacing.

The Kubota tires now have the latex rebalancing fluid in- which adds weight and stability to the tractor. The fluid is also a puncture seal. We got an extra bucket of the wrong stuff, which could not be returned- which will be used on the front tires. Bacon sent the wrong wheel for the tractor, waiting on a replacement. They are looking for a mower and waiting for availability from several sources- including Bacon and Tractor Supply.

The road committee has decided to hire a third member. Interviews will be held next Thursday.

Albert and Bill are doing a great job on maintenance. Albert is now the lead on the road crew, and is tracking the day to day scheduling of road maintenance.

Scott says that it appears that we have a balance left over from 2020 and collection of MRMA fees for 2021 look good. Scott would like to suggest that we investigate interim financing to see if we could get more paving done in 2021. Money is cheap this year, which might put us ahead of inflation by getting it done this year with a little bridge financing and looking at a loan option, since the covid situation is clearly going to continue into 2021-22. Last time, we arranged with the company to pave the second section while the equipment and materials are here- and we payed it the next year.

[Some discussion follows.]

Fire Department: No report

FANW: 1/27 a6 6:15pm – Covid.

Budget: N/A

Policy: No report

F.A.C.T: No meeting until Covid 19 pau.

Internet Committee:

Old Business:

New Business:

Fundraising and Grants sub-committee: Claudia presented on the grants in process. We are currently seeking two grants, one from Matt Kleinfelder's office for small community education projects and one is from the Hawaii Community Foundation/ Puna Strong. We are asking for \$30,000.00 from the latter for the Upper Puna Resilience Hub. Construction on that project should begin by Spring 2021. Since FACA is a non-profit, the proceeds of the sale of the Plumeria parcel have to be rolled over into projects for the benefit of the Association. Diane motions that we fund the Upper Puna Resilience Hub/Puna Makaukau in the sum of \$10,000.00 for the project. Scott seconds. All in favor, Passed.

Hank would like to electrify the Firehouse, and would like to suggest that we use some of the remaining money for that purpose. Claudia suggests that dozing of the back of the next door lot for the assoc. would be a good use.

Hank wants to enter the record that the recent Newsletter has an incorrect re-election date- transposed from Larry's date. Claudia to change dates for Summer NL.

Adjourn: 10:15am.

Diane moves that we adjourn, Hank seconds. All in favor, passed.