



Alpine Fire Safe Council

Providing community leadership, resources and a forum to improve wildfire preparedness and prevention in eastern Alpine County.

Meeting Minutes Monday, January 17, 2022 5:30 pm, via Zoom

Members Present:

Kris Hartnett – *FSC Chair / Coordinator, Markleeville Resident*
Steve Yonker – *FSC Vice Chair, Woodfords Resident*
Tom Sweeney – *FSC Treasurer, Woodfords Resident*
Mark Quillici – *FSC Member, Woodfords Resident (via phone)*
Matt Tremayne – *FSC Member, Woodfords Resident*
Teresa Wilson – *Markleeville Resident (guest)*

Guests Present:

Teri McAlpin – *Administrator (minutes)*
January Riddle – *BOS Liaison (guest)*
Brian Newman – *Community Member (guest)*
Irvin Jim – *BOS Liaison (guest)*

Members Absent:

John Dion – *FSC Member, Alpine Resident*

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- I. Call to order** – K. Hartnett
Kris Hartnett, Chair, called the meeting of the Alpine Fire Safe Council (AFSC) to order at 5:30 pm
 - II. Introductions**
All present (on Zoom) were introduced as listed above. Process reviewed regarding how community members can become a member of the Alpine Fire Safe Council
 - III. Volunteer Time Sheets**
Timesheets were updated by Teri McAlpin (Administrator) for all members present on Zoom. **Members will verify the entry at the next in-person meeting.**
 - IV. Eastern Alpine Fire & Rescue Report – T. Hughes**
 - A. Status of Volunteer Fire Department
 - a. Mr. Hughes was not present at this meeting, but Mark Quillici stated:
 - i. There has not been training held since mid-December, and there have not been any gatherings due to Covid restrictions.
 - V. Board of Supervisors Report**
 - A. Supervisor January Riddle presented on the following:
 - a. A letter of objection to the State Board of Forestry’s minimum fire regulations; the letter was written by Supervisor Griffith regarding the regulations
 - i. The draft letter is available for view in the Board of Supervisors regular meeting agenda packet as item #10.10, scheduled for tomorrow’s BOS meeting
 - b. Tomorrow’s BOS agenda, item #10.3, is in reference to a survey completed regarding future plans for Turtle Rock Park.

VI. Oral Communication

Each member of the public shall be allotted three minutes to address the AFSC on no more than one topic. The topic cannot be a listed agenda item. *Members agree that public comment may include more than one topic area, at the discretion of the Chair.*

- A. Public comment was solicited by the Chair
 - a. No public comment at this time

VII. Agency Presentation for Projects under CWPP

- A. Brian Newman reported that the crews are still working in Grover's and Shay Creek area
 - a. They will be there over the next few weeks
 - b. Logs are being removed by a company in Minden
 - c. Access to the western part of the park is not currently possible due to the snow
- B. Irv Jim reported the status of the CHIPS program
 - a. The crew is currently being transferred to be under the umbrella of the Washoe Tribe
 - b. They are getting classified as "fallers"
 - c. All transition should be completed by June 2022

VIII. Approve 11/15/2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve 11/15/21 Regular Meeting Minutes: Steven Yonker

Second: Mark Quillici

Ayes: Steve Yonker, Mark Quillici, Tom Sweeney, Kris Hartnett, Matt Tremayne, Teresa Wilson

Motion Carried

IX. Financial Report

Financial reports were provided to members and reviewed. An overview the various funding sources and uses for the money was provided to all attendees.

- A. General Fund
 - a. The AFSC received another anonymous donation of \$500 (a repeat of the annual donation we've received the past 2 years)
- B. CALfire Grant
 - a. No activity in this grant since the last meeting
 - b. A final invoice will be coming in for the final CEQA work that was completed
- C. Title III
 - a. The allocation for FY22-23 has been received from the county

Motion to approve all financial reports: Steve Yonker

Second: Mark Quillici

Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Mark Quillici, Kris Hartnett, Matt Tremayne, Teresa Wilson

Motion carried

X. Review & approval of staff vouchers & invoice statements

Discussion for T. McAlpin voucher: No discussion at this time.

Motion to approve T. McAlpin voucher: Mark Quillici

Second: Steve Yonker

Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Mark Quillici, Kris Hartnett, Matt Tremayne, Teresa Wilson

Motion carried

Discussion for K. Hartnett voucher:

Motion to approve K. Hartnett voucher: Mark Quillici

Second: Tom Sweeney

Ayes: Steve Yonker, Matt Tremayne, Mark Quillici, Matt Tremayne, Teresa Wilson

Abstained: K. Hartnett

** Administration of the meeting was turned over to S. Yonker, while the item of K. Hartnett's Coordinator voucher was on the table. K. Hartnett abstained from vote for this topic.*

Motion carried

XI. Unfinished Business

- A. Continued Discussion with Possible Action: FIREWISE Community Activity
 - a. Kris Hartnett provided an update on the status of various discussions in the community that have occurred.
 - b. Mr. Hartnett asked the members to review the action plan draft and to provide feedback
- B. Review of County responses to "AFSC after the fire inquiries" – questions from Steve Yonker and Mark Quillici

- a. In response to Mark Quillici's question, Mr. Hartnett spoke with JT Chevallier regarding any possible businesses who will respond to the people of Alpine County
- b. In response to Steve Yonkers; question, Mr. Hartnett spoke with JT Chevallier regarding PIO response to the Caldor Fire, and remedies for the future

XII. New Business

- A. Discussion with Possible Action: Forward of Reflective Sign Funds to Fire Department
 - a. This topic was discussed in November, but was added to this agenda for action
Motion to approve the transfer of the balance for the reflective sign fun, excluding \$250 seed money for supplies, to the Fire Department: Mark Quillici
Second: Steve Yonker
Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Mark Quillici, Kris Hartnett, Matt Tremayne
Motion carried
ACTION ITEM: K. Hartnett will confirm with Chief Hughes where the money should be forwarded, and will then instruct T. McAlpin to transfer the funds, minus \$250.
- B. Discussion with Possible Action: Future fuels reduction projects – grant and Title III funded
 - a. Mesa Vista, Washoe properties, Shay Creek, Hot Springs Road, Hawkside Court, Crystal Springs, and Alpine Village
- C. Discussion with Possible Action: Approval for AFSC Membership in Alpine County Chamber of Commerce (cost \$75.00 per year) and AFSC advertisement in the Chamber flyer for an additional \$75.00
Motion to approve payment of annual membership with the Chamber of Commerce, and payment of the fee for advertising space in the Chamber newsletter: Tom Sweeney
Second: Steve Yonker
Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Mark Quillici, Kris Hartnett, Matt Tremayne
Motion carried
ACTION ITEM: T. McAlpin will complete the Chamber form and pay \$150 to the Alpine Chamber of Commerce
- D. Discussion with Possible Action: AFSC 2021 Achievements and planning for the coming year and beyond
 - a. Kris Hartnett distributed a list of achievements from 2021, and topics of focus for 2022
 - i. No discussion about this topic
- E. Discussion with Possible Action: Distribution of donor funds and thank you letter
 - a. Discussion occurred regarding sharing a portion of the generous \$5,000 donation received by the AFSC to partnering entities.
Motion to approve a donation of \$500 each to Alpine County for the burn pile, the Alpine Watershed Group, and the Alpine Trails Association: Steve Yonker
Second: Mark Quillici
Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Mark Quillici, Kris Hartnett, Matt Tremayne
Motion carried
- F. Discussion with Possible Action: AFSC acceptance of CALfire proposal to take on former County Fire Prevention Grant (e-poll completed)
 - a. This grant is worth \$588,000
 - b. K. Hartnett was approached by CALfire regarding taking over a grant that was awarded to Alpine County, but later returned due to a lack of resources to manage the grant.
 - c. CALfire would like this grant to go to Alpine County projects, so members were asked to vote via e-poll
 - d. The AFSC will resubmit the grant application to then have it awarded to the AFSC to manage
- G. Discussion with Possible Action: AFSC return to monthly meetings
 - a. Over the past few months, tasks seem to be happening more rapidly than is easily addressed at bi-monthly meetings
 - b. Members discussed the pros and cons of changing the meeting schedule
 - c. The meeting schedule will not be changed, but members agreed to keep the 3rd Monday of every month open in the event of the need of a special meeting.

XIII. Member Report

- A. None at this time.

XIV. Staff Report – T. McAlpin

- A. 2021 Tax Preparation – Update member roster and paperwork
 - a. The yearly taxes have been started.
 - b. Once complete, T. McAlpin will forward a copy of the documentation to the members for review
- B. Discussion with Possible Action: Zoom account vs. Phone Conference Line – which do we prefer?
Motion to approve establishment of an AFSC Zoom account and to pay the annual fee: Tom Sweeney

Second: Matt Tremayne

Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Mark Quillici, Kris Hartnett, Matt Tremayne, Teresa Wilson

Motion carried

- C. Discussion with Possible Action: Cloud Storage
 - a. Research will continue to identify a cloud storage option that will work with the AFSC

XV. Coordinator Report

- A. Status of 2020-2021 Greens Waste Voucher Program
 - a. Over 80% of the last batch of vouchers were distributed
 - b. Members would like to continue this program
- B. Status of CALfire Grant 2017-18+ extension
 - a. This grant ending date has been extended to mid-2023 to be used on Hawkside Court
- C. Attendance at California Board of Forestry web phone conference
 - a. K. Hartnett reported on the status of this conference
- D. Attendance at California Fire Council regional meeting in December
 - a. K. Hartnett reported on the status of this regional meeting
- E. Attendance at Eastern Sierra Fire Safe Council's meeting
 - a. K. Hartnett reported on the status of this meeting
- F. Continued pursuit of 2nd access/evacuation routes in Eastern Alpine County
 - a. K. Hartnett continues to work on this issue
- G. Status of County Grants Coordinator Grant
 - a. Tomorrow, an RFP will be released looking for someone to fill this position

XVI. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned 7:15pm

Next regular meeting at 5:30 pm – Monday, March 21, 2022

Electronically Signed: Teri McAlpin

Minutes Recorded by: Teri McAlpin
Administrator, AFSC
January 17, 2022