



# Alpine Fire Safe Council

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

## Meeting Minutes

**Monday, November 15, 2021**

**5:30 pm, Markleeville In-Person at Markleeville Fire Station – Hot Springs Road**

### **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)*

### **Members Absent:**

Terry Hughes – *Eastern Alpine Fire and Rescue*  
Matt Tremayne – *FSC Member, Woodfords Resident*  
John Dion – *FSC Member, Alpine Resident*

### **Guests Present:**

Teri McAlpin – *Administrator (minutes)*  
January Riddle – *BOS Liaison (guest)*  
Rusty Eddy – *Shay Creek HOA President (guest)*  
Scott Kizziar – *Forest Services (guest)*  
Angela Franklin – *Markleeville Resident (guest)*  
Teresa Wilson – *Markleeville Resident (guest)*  
Leslie Martinson – *moving to Sunrise (guest)*  
Steve Martinson – *moving to Sunrise (guest)*

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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 phone) 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**

Time sheets were distributed, completed, and returned by all present Council members.

## **IV. Eastern Alpine Fire & Rescue Report – T. Hughes**

- A. Status of Volunteer Fire Department
- a. Mr. Hughes was not present at this meeting

## **V. Board of Supervisors Report**

- A. Supervisor January Riddle presented on the following:
- a. The Alpine County BOS Strategic Plan is almost complete; it will be a 5-year plan
    - i. One of the 5 priorities identified is ongoing education and outreach for residents regarding fire safety regarding wildland fires
    - ii. The draft plan is available on the county website, in the agenda packet for the 11/8/21 BOS meeting.
    - iii. The next public hearing regarding the plan will be on 12/8/21.
  - b. There will be a presentation at tomorrow's BOS meeting by JT Chavalier, CDA Director, focusing on the forest and forest health. It is item 10.6 on tomorrow's agenda.

## **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. Rusty Eddy – Shay Creek HOA President
    - i. The HOA completed a fuels reduction project with the AFSC recently.
    - ii. The HOA would like to be much more involved with the AFSC in the future.
    - iii. Shay Creek would like to establish a FireWise community
  - b. Leslie and Steve Martinson
    - i. Leslie and Steve were instrumental in establishing the Golden Bear FireWise community. and would like to offer their expertise and support in establishing FireWise communities in Alpine County.

## **VII. Agency Presentation for Projects under CWPP**

- A. Scott Kizziar with the Forest Service
  - a. Scott introduced himself; he is the Assistant Fire Management Officer in the Fuels Department in the First Ranger District out of Carson City, NV.
  - b. Scott provided an overview of the current projects in the area.
    - i. There is some work happening on Monitor Pass and the Scott Valley area
    - ii. There will be some burning soon, once there is enough snow on the ground

## **VIII. Approve 9/20/2021 Regular Meeting Minutes**

*Motion to Approve 9/20/21 Regular Meeting Minutes: Steven Yonker*

*Second: Mark Quillici*

*Ayes: Steve Yonker, Mark Quillici, Tom Sweeney, Kris Hartnett*

***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. It has been determined by K. Hartnett and Fire Chief Hughes that the scholarship fund will roll into the general fund as a donation to the AFSC. This transfer has been completed.  
**ACTION ITEM:** A request to move the reflective sign fund over to the Fire Department will be added to the January agenda.
  - b. The taxes for the 2021 Beer Sales has been paid.

B. CALfire Grant

C. Title III

*Motion to approve all financial reports: Steve Yonker*

*Second: Tom Sweeney*

*Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Mark Quillici, Kris Hartnett*

***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: Steve Yonker*

*Second: Tom Sweeney*

*Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Mark Quillici, Kris Hartnett*

***Motion carried***

Discussion for K. Hartnett voucher:

*Motion to approve K. Hartnett voucher: Tom Sweeney*

*Second: Mark Quillici*

*Ayes: Steve Yonker, Matt Tremayne, Mark Quillici*

*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. K. Hartnett provided an overview of the process and status of FireWise.

- b. Six (6) different communities have been identified as possible FireWise communities.
- c. Steve and Leslie Martinson reported on their experience and the procedure to establish and maintain a FireWise community.
  - i. The Golden Bear Firewise is viewable at [www.goldenbearha.org](http://www.goldenbearha.org)
- B. Continued Discussion with Possible Action: AFSC Fire Recovery Plan
  - a. Some responses from AFSC members were received.
  - b. K. Hartnett requested and received the name and address of all county residents who moved to the county within the last 3 years.

## **XII. New Business**

- A. Discussion with Possible Action: California Fire Safe Council Outreach Program – should AFSC participate?
  - a. Members agreed for K. Hartnett to continue to participate and report back with pertinent information.
- B. Discussion with Action Required: Support Letter from AFSC to Kirkwood HOA Firewise
  - a. Kirkwood HOA represents 3 different counties as 3 counties meet in Kirkwood.
  - b. The HOA developed a form letter of support for the AFSC to sign; members agreed to approve and send the letter of support.
- C. Discussion with Action Requested: AFSC pursuit of Washoe Tribal Allotment Lands for Fuels Reduction
  - a. County maps were distributed showing the boundaries of tribal allotment lands
  - b. K. Hartnett met with STPUD regarding this land, which is in need of fuels reduction
    - i. Title III funds cannot be used for this project
  - c. Members agreed to have K. Hartnett continue to pursue providing support in this area with the tribe.
- D. Discussion with Action Requested: AFSC members distribution of Wildland Fire literature
  - a. Members were asked to distribute literature and talk to neighbors.
- E. Discussion with Possible Action: Proposal by CALfire to extend 2017/2018 grant, per request by grantee to 2025
  - a. There is a surplus of roughly \$12,000 in the grant budget
  - b. CALfire has stated that if a project can be identified that fits within the budget and grant stipulations, the grant period can be extended.
    - i. \$4500 of the surplus is committed to Danielle Bradfield for CEQA work already completed
  - c. Members agreed that this funding could be used to work on the Hawkside Court area

## **XIII. Member Report**

- A. None at this time.

## **XIV. Staff Report – T. McAlpin**

- A. None at this time.

## **XV. Coordinator Report**

- A. Fuels Project status:
  - a. Discussed above.
- B. Fall Newsletter
  - a. Still in process of being developed.
- C. Fall Greens Waste Vouchers
  - a. Members still have vouchers available once the burn pile is closed
- D. Alpine Village CEQA study status
  - a. Discussed above.
- E. Invoice to CALfire CEQA study for Alpine Village
  - a. Ms. Bradfield has not yet submitted this invoice; once it is received, it will be processed.
- F. CALfire early fuels reduction grant \$30M awarded; AFSC was not included
  - a. After the fire, a grant was awarded to various California entities, but not the AFSC.
- G. 2021-22 Title III obligation from Alpine County
  - a. Discussed above.
- H. January 2022 meeting AFSC Annual Update
  - a. This will be developed and presented at the January meeting.
- I. September 2021 Grant Progress Report to CALfire
  - a. This report has been submitted.
- J. 3 guests have attended AFSC meetings twice; they would like to become members of the AFSC.
  - Motion to approve AFSC membership for Teresa Wilson, Angela Franklin, and Robert (JR) Nobriga*
  - Motion: Steve Yonker*
  - Second: Tom Sweeney*
  - Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Mark Quillici, Kris Hartnett*
  - Motion carried*

**XVI. Adjournment** – *Meeting adjourned 7:15pm*

Next regular meeting at 5:30 pm – Monday, January 17, 2022

*Electronically Signed: Teri McAlpin*

Minutes Recorded by: Teri McAlpin  
Administrator, AFSC  
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