



Alpine Fire Safe Council

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

Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 30, 2020

5:30 pm, Markleeville **via Conference Line** (in compliance with COVID-19 directive)

Present:

Kris Hartnett – FSC Chair / Coordinator, Markleeville Resident

Mark Quillici – FSC Board Member, Woodfords Resident

Don Jardine – BOS Liaison, Markleeville Resident

Teri McAlpin – Administrator (minutes)

Steve Yonker – FSC Board Member, Woodfords Resident

Scott Kizziar – AFMO for Fuels Department (guest)

Absent:

Tom Sweeney – FSC Board Member, Woodfords Resident

John Dion – FSC Board Member, Alpine Resident

Terry Hughes – Eastern Alpine Fire and Rescue

Matt Tremayne – FSC Board 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 at the Markleeville Fire Station, Markleeville, CA 96120
 - 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 updated by Teri McAlpin (Administrator) for all members present on the phone. **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.
 - V. **Board of Supervisors Report** – D. Jardine
 - A. Looking forward to the Burn Pile
 - B. Looking forward to CALfire inspections
 - C. Monitor Pass should be open Wednesday of this week
 - D. Thank you AFSC for everything you do
 - 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. **Approve 1/20/2020 regular meeting minutes**
 - A. K. Hartnett provided updates on all action items in the minutes.
 - a. Action items from the January meeting were reviewed and updated. The following will remain on the agenda for the May 2020 meeting:

- i. Possible waiver of camping fees for Rubini work crew
- ii. Fire Hazard “Green zones”
- iii. Evacuation Routes/Secondary Exits

Motion to Approve 1/20/20 Meeting Minutes: Steve Yonker

Second: Mark Quillici

Ayes: Steve Yonker, Mark Quillici, Kris Hartnett

Motion Carried

VIII. Financial Report

Financial reports were provided to members and reviewed.

A. General Fund

Motion to approve March 2020 Financial Report: Steve Yonker

Second: Mark Quillici

Ayes: Steve Yonker, Mark Quillici, Kris Hartnett

Motion Carried

B. CALfire Grant

- a. Status update on the CALfire Grant was provided and the spreadsheet was reviewed

C. Title III

- a. Balance Report and Expense Report were provided and reviewed

IX. Review & approval of staff vouchers & invoice statements

Discussion: No discussion at this time.

Motion to approve T. McAlpin voucher/invoice: Steve Yonker

Second: Mark Quillici

Ayes: Steve Yonker, Mark Quillici, Kris Hartnett

Motion Carried

Discussion: No discussion at this time.

Motion to approve K. Hartnett voucher/invoice: Steve Yonker

Second: Mark Quillici

Ayes: Steve Yonker, 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 item.*

Motion carried

X. Unfinished Business

A. Continued Discussion: AFSC Hiring Washoe workers: Attorney is reviewing Hiring Application

- a. K. Hartnett has been working with Davie Prentice (attorney) regarding this topic.

ACTION STEP: leave this topic on the agenda for May 2020

B. Continued Discussion with Possible Action: Update 2019/2020 CALfire Grant Application

- a. A response was received stating the grant was not approved.

ACTION STEP: None. Topic closed.

C. Continued Discussion with Possible Action: Douglas Disposal Greens Vouchers and Distribution to AFSC

- a. Douglas Disposal has provided Alpine County with 50 vouchers
- b. Each member will hold 10 of the vouchers to be given to community members upon request
- c. This item is included in the Spring 2020 newsletter
- d. Emails of Council members will be sent out to community members letting them know how to obtain a voucher. This will be sent on a post card via bulk mail to Eastern Alpine County residents.

ACTION STEP: K. Hartnett will send out information to community members about how to access a voucher and the rules of the program

ACTION STEP: a post card bulk mailing will be created, printed, and sent out to residents

D. Continued Discussion with Possible Action: Update Progress Report for 2017/2018 CALfire Grant

- a. Report was distributed to Council members by K. Hartnett
- b. Report and progress was reviewed

ACTION STEP: None at this time.

E. Continued Discussion with Possible Action: Update County Fire Mitigation and AFSC Involvement

- a. A post card was sent out to all Alpine County residents noting two dates of public meetings
- b. Both meetings were well-attended

ACTION STEP: None at this time.

- F. E-polling Results
 - a. Approved the Spring 2020 newsletter
 - b. Shirley Taylor Reflective Sign Program
 - i. Get a reflective sign made and display it in Alpine County
- ACTION STEP:** K. Hartnett will follow up with the development of a reflective sign
- XI. **New Business**
 - A. Discussion with possible action: Director Renewal
 - ACTION STEP:** This topic will remain on the agenda for the May 2020 meeting
 - B. Free Conference Call Line
 - a. Discussion occurred regarding how the conference line was obtained and the status of their funding
 - b. Mark Quillici offered to donate \$200 to www.freeconferencecall.com as a thank you for the access to the service, and will follow through with the donation
 - XII. **Agency Presentation for Projects under CWPP**
 - A. No presentations provided at this time.
 - XIII. **Member Report**
 - A. No reports provided at this time.
 - XIV. **Staff Report – T. McAlpin**
 - A. \$500 Donation to the AFSC
 - a. Donation has been accepted by the AFSC
 - b. A thank you letter has been drafted and sent to the donor’s family
 - B. Accountant Status
 - a. The suggested accountant was not able to accept a new client, so this year’s taxes will be completed by the accountant the AFSC has used for the past few years.
 - b. The search for a new accountant will continue
 - XV. **Coordinator Report**
 - A. Meeting with new Carson Ranger
 - a. K. Hartnett informed the Ranger of all activities and projects completed by AFSC
 - b. A good relationship was established during this meeting
 - B. Meeting with CALfire: February 20, 2020 Defensible Space Inspections and Fuels Reduction
 - a. Scott Kizziar and K. Hartnett provided an update of the current status of CALfire, hiring firefighters and future plans
 - C. Status of School Poster Program
 - a. K. Hartnett will meet with the principal at DVS to inquire about continuing the program next year
 - D. Continuing Work on 2017/2018 CALfire Grant fuels projects; Shay Creek and Mesa Vista
 - a. Update provided
 - E. April Clean-Up
 - a. Burn Pile April 18, 2020
 - F. AFSC 2020 Newsletter
 - a. Once the newsletter is completed at the printer, they will be mailed out to residents via bulk mail
 - G. Secure County Health Permit for Death Ride 2020; Prepare for Death Ride Beer Sales
 - a. It is anticipated that the beer sales this year will not be anywhere near as successful this year due to COVID-19 and delays in the planning process on the part of the Chamber of Commerce
 - b. Discussion occurred regarding possible changes this year (e.g. wearing gloves, communication with the Chamber)
 - i. Mark Quillici will follow up with communication with the Chamber of Commerce
 - c. This topic will remain on the agenda for the May 2020 meeting
 - H. Updated AFSC Website CWPP & Reflective Sign Form
 - a. CWPP is completed with signatures and has been distributed
 - I. New Reflective Sign form
 - a. The form has been updated with an increase in the price to \$25 per sign to accommodate for increased costs in development of the signs
 - J. Chipping discussion
 - a. K. Hartnett presented the idea of an all-volunteer program to assist the Dept of Forestry in clearing overgrowth. K. Hartnett will follow up with obtaining further information and possible information.
 - XVI. **Adjournment – Meeting adjourned 6:30pm**

Next regular meeting at Markleeville Fire Station at 5:30 pm – Monday, May 18, 2020