



Alpine Fire Safe Council

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

Meeting Minutes Monday, May 16, 2022 at 5:30 pm Hybrid Meeting In-Person (Turtle Rock Park), and via Zoom

Members Present:

Kris Hartnett – FSC Chair / Coordinator, Markleeville Resident
Steve Yonker – FSC Vice Chair, Woodfords Resident
Tom Sweeney – FSC Treasurer, Woodfords Resident
Matt Tremayne – FSC Member, Woodfords Resident
Teresa Wilson – FSC Member, Markleeville Resident
Angela Franklin – FSC Member, Markleeville Resident

Guests Present:

Teri McAlpin – Administrator (minutes)
January Riddle – BOS Liaison (guest)
Steve Martinson – Future Resident (guest)
Bob Wattles – Shay Creek (guest)
Mark Bissonette – Markleeville resident (guest)
Clint Celio – Alpine Grants Projects Coordinator (guest)
Teola Tremayne – Woodfords Resident (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 (and on Zoom) were introduced as listed above.
 - III. **Volunteer Time Sheets**
Timesheets were updated by each member present in person, and by Teri McAlpin (Administrator) for all members present on Zoom. **Members (on Zoom) 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**
 - A. Supervisor January Riddle presented on the following:
 - a. Item 10.2 on tomorrow’s BOS agenda is regarding hiring a registered professional forester to administer a grant (\$1.8M) recently awarded to Alpine County
 - 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. Mark Bissonette shared that he participated in the recent tree planting project, and intends to attend future events as well. Mark also shared the tree planting events that are coming up.
 - b. Steve Martinson asked if anyone from Alpine county attended the March 28th FireWise community meeting; Kris attempted to attend, but was unable to attend.
 - i. There are more than a dozen FireWise communities
 - ii. Steve offered to share his presentation about turning his community into a FireWise community
 - iii. Kirkwood has also become a FireWise community (as of May 2022)

VII. Agency Presentation for Projects under CWPP

- A. None at this time.

VIII. Approve 3/21/22 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve 3/21/22 Regular Meeting Minutes: Steven Yonker

Second: Tom Sweeney

Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Kris Hartnett, Matt Tremayne, Angela Franklin, 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
- B. CALfire Grant
- C. Title III

Motion to approve all financial reports: Steve Yonker

Second: Tom Sweeney

Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Kris Hartnett, Matt Tremayne, Angela Franklin, 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: Steve Yonker

Second: Tom Sweeney

Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Kris Hartnett, Matt Tremayne, Angela Franklin, Teresa Wilson

Motion carried

Discussion for K. Hartnett voucher:

Motion to approve K. Hartnett voucher: Tom Sweeney

Second: Matt Tremayne

Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Angela Franklin, 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 Action Required: July 16, 2022 Death Ride Beer Sales Fundraiser

- a. Volunteer Sign Up Sheet
 - i. Members signed up to participate (as possible)
- b. Additional Volunteers
 - i. Additional volunteers are needed; family members, etc.
- c. T-Shirt Order
 - i. Kris collected members' shirt sizes to provide them with a Death Ride shirt
- d. Parking Passes
 - i. Parking will be very limited due to burned out areas; ride sharing is preferred

- B. Continued Discussion: Status of establishing a Fire Wise Community

- a. The community area assessments have been completed for 2 areas
- b. The Fire Chief has completed his assessment, but he has been focused on finding a new fire chief, so Kris has not yet received the assessment.
- c. Once all assessments are received, Kris will meet with Steve Martinson and his wife to work on the next step (completing the application)
- d. This process takes a lot of work and a lot of documentation; be prepared
- e. Steve offered to share his presentation to encourage neighbors/communities to participate
- f. Shay Creek will join once the program is up and running

- C. Continued Discussion: Distribution of Greens Waste Vouchers

- a. Kris provided additional vouchers to those who needed them

XII. New Business

- A. Presentation Only: New CALfire Grant #21-CNR-AUE-011 "as revised"

- a. This grant was awarded in April

- b. Kris reviewed the contract and budget before signing it, and noted some revisions were needed for the scope of work and the budget
 - c. The budget is now for \$586,108 for this grant
 - d. CALfire reviewed all projects and once the contract is signed, projects will begin
 - i. The Bennetts have backed out of the project, so their land will not be included
 - ii. Upper Manzanita Rd has been added to this grant
- B. Discussion with Possible Action: Title III Projects
- a. Additional funding may be awarded to the AFSC from the County for the following projects
 - i. Merrill property on Pony Express Road
 - ii. Sierra Pines
 - iii. McClland property
 - iv. Monroe Street to Woodfords Inn
 - b. Note: Title III funds do not require a CEQA study as long as the projects remain on private land and don't spill over onto public land
- C. Presentation Only: Clint Celio, County Wildfire Grants Project Coordinator
- Note: At the Chair's request, this topic was moved to the beginning of the meeting, immediately following Section III above, to allow the presenter the flexibility to leave the meeting early if desired.
- Motion to move the presentation by Clint Celio to the beginning of the meeting: Steven Yonker*
Second: Tom Sweeney
Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Kris Hartnett, Matt Tremayne, Angela Franklin, Teresa Wilson
Motion Carried
- a. Clint Celio provided an overview of his role with the county and explained his position, and the collaboration he's expecting between himself and the AFSC.
 - b. The prioritization of projects noted in Wildfire Risk Mitigation Plan will be reviewed since the recent fires have changed the landscape of Alpine County.

XIII. Member Report

- A. Teresa reported she is continuing to connect with neighbors about FireWise

XIV. Staff Report – T. McAlpin

- A. Liability Insurance Renewal
 - a. Insurance will be renewed 8/2/22.
 - b. Terrorism will not be included in the renewal, same as last year
 - c. There are monthly newsletters and updates from the insurance carrier; Teri will forward
- B. Notice from IRS for 2020 Tax Return: Incorrect TIN for contractor
 - a. Kris will reach out to the provider to obtain the correct information

XV. Coordinator Report

- A. Kris shared some additional publications that advertise the AFSC
- B. CALfire Grant Community Meetings: Shay Creek, Alpine Village, Hawkside Ct, Markleeville (Hot Springs Rd), Rancho Mesa Vista, Mesa Vista Tribal Lange, Upper Manzanita Road
 - a. These are project areas planned under the new CALfire grant
 - b. Kris asked for assistance in arranging community meetings
- C. Vacant Lot Ordinance handout and CALfire Defensible Space handout
 - a. Kris has received many phone calls over the past 2 months asking for assistance with adjacent properties being cleaned to meet defensible space requirements
- D. Attendance at County Grant Coordinator's meeting
 - a. Kris will be attending all meetings to collaborate and communicate projects for fuels reduction
- E. Attended Death Rid Captains' meeting on 4/28/22
 - a. Kris attended to maintain open communication

XVI. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned 7:05pm

Next regular meeting at 5:30 pm – Monday, July 18, 2022

Electronically Signed: Teri McAlpin
 Minutes Recorded by: Teri McAlpin
 Administrator, AFSC
 May 16, 2022