



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 18, 2020

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

Present:

Kris Hartnett – FSC Chair / Coordinator, Markleeville Resident	Teri McAlpin – Administrator (minutes)
Steve Yonker – FSC Board Member, Woodfords Resident	January Riddle – Markleeville Resident (guest)
Tom Sweeney – FSC Board Member, Woodfords Resident	Scott Kizziar – AFMO for Fuels Department (guest)
Mark Quillici – FSC Board Member, Woodfords Resident	Mallory Scoccionoce – CALfire (guest)
Matt Tremayne – FSC Board Member, Alpine Resident	Jerry Andrews – Retired Fire Safe Council (guest)
John Dion – FSC Board Member, Alpine Resident	Mike Deacon – El Dorado Battalion Chief (guest)
Don Jardine – BOS Liaison, Markleeville Resident	Annabelle Monti – Forester, Forest Service (guest)

Absent:

Terry Hughes – Eastern Alpine Fire and Rescue

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. Blood Drive happening – please spread the word and donate if you can
- B. Thank you for the spring newsletter – Don has received many positive comments about the newsletter

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. January Riddle reported on the status of the 2020 Census in Alpine County
 - i. The US Census is still hiring for part-time temporary positions for census takers
 - ii. Field operations will commence in a few weeks

- iii. The process to apply online, as well as the web address was provided
- iv. An overview of how the census relates to the AFSC was provided
- v. The census response rate is only at 14.8%, while California is currently at 60.5%
- vi. Please spread the word to increase the census response
- b. Jerry Andrews
 - i. Jerry wanted to ensure that specific areas that are in need of fuels reduction are noted
 - ii. At this time, projects are focused on areas identified in the CWPP
 - iii. The area identified is BLM property, so Kris Hartnett will follow up with the BLM regarding the status of this area

VII. Approve 3/30/2020 regular meeting minutes

- A. K. Hartnett provided updates on all action items in the minutes.
 - a. Action items from the March meeting were reviewed and updated. The following will remain on the agenda for the July 2020 meeting:
 - i. AFSC Hiring Washoe workers: Attorney is reviewing Hiring Application
 - ii. Vice Chair Term Renewal (expires in 2020)
- Motion to Approve 3/30/20 Meeting Minutes: Steve Yonker*
Second: Mark Quillici
Ayes: Steve Yonker, Mark Quillici, Tom Sweeney, John Dion, Matt Tremayne, Kris Hartnett
Motion Carried

VIII. Financial Report

Financial reports were provided to members and reviewed.

- A. General Fund
 - a. Discussion with Possible Action: AFSC 2020 Financial Status
 - i. The Death Ride fundraiser is the primary source of income for the AFSC General Fund. This Death Ride in 2020 has been cancelled, thus the income will not occur for this year. Discussion occurred regarding possible options to ensure the General Fund is adequate for the coming year. No decisions were made at this time.
- 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: Tom Sweeney

Ayes: Steve Yonker, John Dion, Matt Tremayne, Mark Quillici, Tom Sweeney, Kris Hartnett

Motion Carried

Discussion: No discussion at this time.

Motion to approve K. Hartnett voucher/invoice: Mark Quillici

Second: John Dion

Ayes: Steve Yonker, Mark Quillici, John Dion, Tom Sweeney, Matt Tremayne

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 July 2020
- B. Continued Discussion with Possible Action: Douglas Disposal Greens Vouchers and Distribution to AFSC
 - a. A post card has been developed and will be mailed out this week to Alpine County residents as a reminder that the vouchers are available.
 - b. Residents can receive the vouchers through AFSC members.
ACTION STEP: None at this time.
- C. Continued Discussion with Possible Action: Update on Status of 2017/2018 CALfire Grant
 - a. K. Hartnett has not received a response on the Mesa Vista project from the BIA
- D. Continued Discussion with Possible Action: Alpine Village Fuels Treatment Project

- a. This topic was updated for all members.
- E. Continued Discussion with Possible Action: Hot Springs Road Update
 - a. Update provided
- F. Action Required: Purchase Shirley Taylor Reflective Sign (\$40)
 - a. The members are in support of this action. K. Hartnett will follow up on the sign.
- XI. New Business**
 - A. Discussion with possible action: Vice Chair and Treasurer Term Renewal (expires in 2020)
 - a. Tom Sweeney would like to continue as the Treasurer
 - b. Steve Yonker would like to remain on the Council, but is open to other members who would like to step in as the Vice Chair.
 - ACTION STEP:** Keep this on the agenda for the July 2020 meeting – Vice Chair position only
 - B. Discussion with Possible Action: Smoke Detector Installation Project
 - a. A history was provided of how this program has operated in the past
 - b. The question was posed as to whether or not this is covered under our current liability policy
 - c. The question was posed about the possibility of a waiver for homeowners to sign prior to installation
 - ACTION STEP:** K. Hartnett will inquire with the insurance carrier regarding whether or not this would be covered under the current liability coverage.
 - ACTION STEP:** K. Hartnett will obtain a waiver template from San Diego
 - C. Discussion with Possible Action: AFSC Application for CALfire Grant (2020-2021)
 - a. K. Hartnett will start the process of applying for the grant, but will solicit assistance from other Council members to complete the application and meet deadlines
 - ACTION STEP:** K. Hartnett will start the process and will communicate any assistance needed to other members.
 - D. Discussion with Possible Action: Fuels Reduction for Secondary Homeowners
 - a. The question has been posed to K. Hartnett about whether or not...
- XII. Agency Presentation for Projects under CWPP**
 - A. Annabelle Monti informed the Council of some projects that will be happening in the fall of 2020
 - B. Mike Deacon reported on the status of CALfire projects and inspections
 - a. Fire prevention signs for the highways has been delayed
- XIII. Member Report**
 - A. No reports provided at this time.
- XIV. Staff Report – T. McAlpin**
 - a. Due to COVID-19, the due date for 2019 Taxes to be submitted by 7/12/2020.
 - i. 2019 Tax information has been submitted to Mr. Peters and will be returned to AFSC within the next week. Once the documents are received, the taxes will be submitted to the IRS to close out 2019.
- XV. Coordinator Report**
- XVI. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned 6:30pm**

Next regular meeting at Markleeville Fire Station at 5:30 pm – Monday, July 20, 2020