



Alpine Fire Safe Council

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

Meeting Minutes Monday, July 25, 2022 at 5:30 pm Hybrid Meeting In-Person (Woodfords Station), 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 (via zoom)

Guests Present:

- Teri McAlpin – Administrator (minutes)
- January Riddle – BOS Liaison (guest) (via zoom)
- Bob Wattles – Shay Creek (guest)
- Clint Celio – Alpine Grants Projects Coordinator (guest)
- Mark Bissonette – Markleeville resident (guest)
- Rodney Pryor – Markleeville Resident (guest)
- Ryan Elliot – Bureau of Land Management (guest)
- Jedediah _____ - U.S. Forest Service (guest)

Members Absent:

- John Dion – FSC Member, Alpine Resident
- Angela Franklin – FSC Member, Markleeville Resident

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
NOTE: Alpine County extended the opportunity for the AFSC to hold the May meeting at Turtle Rock Park for better access to the members and community residents. The County acknowledged the work of the AFSC, so they offered this opportunity at no cost, which is greatly appreciated.

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. At the most recent BOS meeting, a document was received regarding clean up of Turtle Rock Park, signifying the clean up of the property. Permits to rebuild and restore can now be applied for.
 - b. The logging in Pleasant Valley continues, but the last logging truck in that area has left.
 - c. Recovery work continues on Saw Mill and Thornburg property
 - i. Please do not hike or walk on the Thornburg Trail until the recovery work is completed

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. Rodney Pryor spoke regarding his cabin and events of the Tamarack Fire
 - i. Rodney is the water master for Shay Creek
 - ii. Rodney's cabin is at the top of Shay Creek, and was most vulnerable to the fire
 - iii. The defensible space around his cabin allowed his cabin to be saved, as well as the old growth trees located on his property
 - iv. Mr. Hartnett commented that the Shay Creek residents have maintained their community's defensible space as a whole, and now can be considered to be a model of how defensible space works. People are encouraged to implement the same practice on other properties around the county.

VII. Agency Presentation for Projects under CWPP

- A. Ryan with the BLM
 - a. If anyone knows of any issues on BLM land, please contact Ryan to deal with the issue
 - b. Ryan provided other updates regarding BLM activities and projects
- B. Jedediah with the Forest Service
 - a. Jedediah provided updates on Forest Service activities and plans, including log removal along Hot Springs Road

VIII. Approve 5/16/22 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve 5/16/22 Regular Meeting Minutes: Steven Yonker

Second: Tom Sweeney

Ayes: Steve Yonker, 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
- B. CALfire Grant
 - a. The remainder of this grant will be utilized for a SEQA study
- C. Title III

ACTION ITEM: for the purpose of upcoming projects, T. McAlpin will request to move \$3,000 from the Chipping Program budget line in Title III to the Defensible Space budget line

Motion to approve all financial reports: Tom Sweeney

Second: Matt Tremayne

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

Motion carried

X. Review & approval of staff vouchers & invoice statements

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

Motion to approve T. McAlpin voucher: Steve Yonker

Second: Teresa Wilson

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

Motion carried

- B. Discussion for K. Hartnett voucher: One error was noted on Kris Hartnett's voucher (two receipts omitted).

Motion to approve K. Hartnett voucher with the identified amendment: Matt Tremayne

Second: Teresa Wilson

Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, 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. Report Only: Status of Greens Waste Vouchers
 - a. K. Hartnett asked members if they need more vouchers; supplies will be replenished

ACTION ITEM: T. McAlpin will revise the Greens Waste Flyer to include districts of each AFSC member, to inform residents of the district in which each AFSC member resides

- B. Continued Discussion: Status of establishing a Fire Wise Community
 - a. K. Hartnett has obtained the drive-by assessment and summary from the fire department, which he will then arrange into a format acceptable by Fire Wise. This step moves the community much closer to completing and submitting an application.
 - i. The summary states there is still a great deal of work required, such as “home hardening”
- C. Continued Discussion with Possible Action: Need someone willing to assume the responsibility of maintaining the AFSC website
 - a. This topic will remain on the agenda for the next AFSC meeting
- D. Continued Discussion with Possible Action: Need someone willing to assume the responsibility of making reflecting signs
 - a. This topic will remain on the agenda for the next AFSC meeting

XII. New Business

- A. Discussion with Action Requires: Approval of New Title III Projects (and other projects)
 - a. Monroe Ranch (Title III Project)
 - i. Battle Born proposal received and reviewed
 - ii. The proposal is a 70/30 proposal (take 70% and leave 30%)
Motion to approve Monroe Project: Steve Yonker
Second: Tom Sweeney
Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Matt Tremayne, Teresa Wilson
Abstained: Kris Hartnett, as Project Manager
Motion carried
 - b. Old Pony Express Road
 - i. This project is on hold at this time
- B. Projects for the new CALfire Grant
 - a. Members agreed to review each project individually
 - b. K. Hartnett provided information/budgets on the various projects planned for the new CALfire grant
 - c. The grant includes time for the Project Coordinator (K. Hartnett), the Admin Staff (T. McAlpin), liability insurance, supplies, contractors, CEQA and overhead and indirect costs
 - d. Projects include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Hawkside Court/STPUD (CALfire Project)
 - 1. Battle Born proposal received and reviewed
 - 2. Discussion occurred regarding activities and areas included in this project
 - 3. M. Tremayne proposed a walk-through of the area to confirm areas included
 - 4. S. Yonker questioned what is included and what is missing from the current proposal from Battle Born for this project (as well as all other projects to be completed by Battle Born)
 - a. Members agreed that all information about each specific project must be included/attached together when filed, or maintained
Motion to approve Hawkside Court Project: Matt Tremayne
Second: Steve Yonker
Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Matt Tremayne, Teresa Wilson
Abstained: Kris Hartnett, as Project Manager
Motion carried
 - ii. Mesa Vista Tribal (CALfire Project)
 - 1. Battle Born proposal received and reviewed
Motion to approve Mesa Vista Tribal Project: Teresa Wilson
Second: Steve Yonker
Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Matt Tremayne, Teresa Wilson
Abstained: Kris Hartnett, as Project Manager
Motion carried

- iii. Rancho Mesa Vista (CALfire Project)
 - 1. Proposal received for this project
 - 2. S. Yonker requested that lot 24 be included in the project
ACTION ITEM: K. Hartnett will speak with Battle Born about revising the project
Motion to approve Rancho Mesa Vista Project (with revision): Steve Yonker
Second: Teresa Wilson
Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Matt Tremayne, Teresa Wilson
Abstained: Kris Hartnett, as Project Manager
Motion carried
- iv. Alpine Village (CALfire Project)
 - 1. Proposal received for this project
Motion to approve Alpine Village Project (not to exceed \$7,500): Matt Tremayne
Second: Steve Yonker
Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Matt Tremayne, Teresa Wilson
Abstained: Kris Hartnett, as Project Manager
Motion carried

- C. Discussion with Action Required: Contract with NV Environmental Consulting for Hot Springs Road Fuels Treatment
 - a. This project covers Hot Springs Rd from the library to the Forest Service sign (1.8 miles)
 - b. Fuels treatment will be 300 feet from the road (parameter of work area)
 - c. Anticipated to begin late September – October
 - d. This project is not a clear cut; it focuses on specific trees in a 70/30 fashion
Motion to approve Contract with NV Environmental Consulting: Steve Yonker
Second: Matt Tremayne
Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Matt Tremayne, Teresa Wilson
Abstained: Kris Hartnett, as Project Manager
Motion carried
- D. Report Only: Preliminary Report of Beer Sales
 - a. Preliminary total is over \$2,000 for fundraising
 - b. Thank you Tom Sweeney for taking care of the money!
 - c. Thank you to everyone for your support and help
 - d. Final report will be sent out after all expenses are paid

XIII. Member Report

- A. S. Yonker requested to include a discussion about the Banning of Biomass on the next AFSC agenda. This will be added.

XIV. Staff Report – T. McAlpin

- A. Staff Roster for 2022
 - a. Bob Wattles is interested in attending AFSC meetings as a member (at times, remotely)
 - i. Bob has attended a few meetings
 - ii. Welcome Bob Wattles to the AFSC!
Motion to approve Bob Wattles as an AFSC member: Steve Yonker
Second: Tom Sweeney
Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Matt Tremayne, Teresa Wilson, Kris Hartnett
Motion carried
 - b. T. Sweeney and S. Yonker agreed to another term with the AFSC
- B. 2nd bank account needed for the new CALfire grant
 - a. Account will be opened at US Bank
 - b. Account will be a checking account for non-profit organizations, same as AFSC's current account
 - c. Account will require 2 signatures, same as AFSC's current account
 - d. Account will include two (2) members as approved signers

- e. Account will be used only for the CALfire grant, as AFSC is the Fiscal Agent for this grant
 - i. Signers will be Tom Sweeney and Matt Tremayne, AFSC members

Motion to approve 2nd bank account for the new CALfire Grant: Steve Yonker
Second: Tom Sweeney
Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Matt Tremayne, Teresa Wilson, Kris Hartnett
Motion carried

- C. Liability Insurance Renewal
 - a. Insurance is being renewed
 - b. An insurance certificate specific to the Tribe's needs for

XV. Coordinator Report

- A. Update on CALfire Prevention Grant: all project areas; grant advance; grant bank account
 - a. Covered above
- B. Tamarack Fire Recovery Meeting June 28th – AFSC participation
- C. Fires: Electra Amador/Calaveras; Truckee airport El Dorado; Yosemite; Mariposa Grove
- D. RAC

XVI. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned 7:35pm

Next regular meeting at 5:30 pm – September 19, 2022

Electronically Signed: Teri McAlpin
Minutes Recorded by: Teri McAlpin
Administrator, AFSC
July 25, 2022