



# Alpine Fire Safe Council

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

## Meeting Minutes Monday, September , 2023 at 5:30 pm In-Person Meeting

Markleeville Firehouse, Hot Springs Road, Markleeville, CA. 96120

### Members Present:

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

### Guests Present:

Teri McAlpin – Administrator (minutes)  
Mark Bissonnette – Markleeville Resident  
Brian Newman – CalFIRE, Assistant Chief

### Members Absent:

Bob Wattles – FSC Member, Shay Creek  
Matt Tremayne – FSC Member, Woodfords 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 were introduced as listed above.
  - III. Volunteer Time Sheets**  
Timesheets updated with attendance at tonight’s meeting for all members present.
  - IV. Eastern Alpine Fire & Rescue Report**
    - A. Kim Jackson is the Interim Fire Chief, but the County has put out an announcement for the position
  - V. Board of Supervisors Report** – Charles Dobson, District 1, BOS Liaison
    - A. Mr. Dobson was not in attendance at this meeting
  - 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 Bissonnette has expressed interest in becoming a member of the AFSC, specifically for the educational aspect
  - VII. Agency Presentations**
    - A. Brian Newman (CalFIRE) reported:
      - a. The fire currently burning should be 100% contained by tomorrow night
      - b. CalFire’s Shay Creek project will be starting this fall; it is finalizing the environmental review
  - VIII. Approve 7/24/23 Regular Meeting Minutes**

*Motion to Approve 3/20/23 Regular Meeting Minutes: Steve Yonker*  
*Second: Angela Franklin*  
*Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Kris Hartnett, Teresa Wilson, Angela Franklin*  
*Motion Carried*

**IX. Financial Report**

Financial reports were provided to members and reviewed

- A. Primary Bank Account – Monthly Ledger/Financial Reports
- B. CalFire Bank Account (Grant #5GA21107) – Monthly Ledger/Financial Reports
- C. CALfire Grant (#5GA21107) Expenditure Summary
- D. Title III Expense Report

*Motion to approve all financial reports: Steve Yonker*

*Second: Teresa Wilson*

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

***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: Angela Franklin*

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

***Motion carried***

- B. Discussion for K. Hartnett voucher: Discussion regarding expenditure total claimed for ink toner.

*Motion to approve K. Hartnett voucher with noted revision: Teresa Wilson*

*Second: Angela Franklin*

*Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Teresa Wilson, Angela Franklin*

*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. Standing Agenda Item(s)**

- A. Information and Discussion with Possible Action: Status of CalFire Grant Projects

- a. Updates were provided on the following:

- i. Project Area #1 – Hot Springs Road – 100% complete and contractor is paid. However, this project is just a preliminary amount of the work that needs to be completed on Hot Springs Road; more work is needed.
- ii. Project Area #2 – Shay Creek – currently in the CEQA study phase; hopefully the work can begin in October
- iii. Project Area #3 – Hawkside Court – CEQA completed; waiting for the sign off from CalFire to get the work started in October
- iv. Project Area #4 – Rancho Mesa Vista – located entirely on tribal land
- v. Project Area #5 – Mesa Vista Tribal Land – done
- vi. Project Area #6 – Alpine Village – done

- B. Information and Discussion with Possible Action: Status of all other projects. Kris presented on the following projects:

- a. Pony Express Road – 5 pictures
- b. Upper Manzanita Road
- c. County property on Hwy 89 in Woodfords

- C. Discuss with Possible Action: FireWise Community Activity

- a. Updates were provided on the following:

- i. Steve Yonker provided an update on Mesa Vista
- ii. Angela Franklin provided an update on Marklee Village / Carson Ridge
- iii. Cal FSC Defensible Space Grant (Teresa Wilson) – was not awarded

**XII. Unfinished Business**

- A. Information Only: Kris provided explanation of the process to choose projects to apply for grants

- a. Kris requested that members look at projects with residents when there is a request for the AFSC to complete an individual project. Then, please bring the project back to the AFSC to be reviewed and to go through the evaluation process to determine whether or not it can be done by the AFSC grant.

- B. Continued Discussion with Possible Action: New fuels projects

- C. Information Only: Presentation of 2023 Beer Sales final tally

*Motion to approve payment to Sierra Nevada: Steve Yonker*

*Second: Angela Franklin*

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

***Motion carried***

- D. Continued Discussion and Update: Greens waste voucher program; provide additional vouchers
- E. Continued Discussion with Possible Action: Venmo availability at future fundraising events
  - a. K. Hartnett will confirm with Clint Celio that there is wifi availability at Turtle Rock Park
  - b. This topic will be finalized at the November meeting

**XIII. New Business**

- A. Information Only: E-Polling completed since the last AFSC meeting (website pictures and county letter of support)
- B. Discussion with Possible Action: Contractor Licenses
  - a. AFSC currently requires a CA/NV Contractor's License to be a contractor with the AFSC
    - i. Current fuels contractors list
    - ii. Should the AFSC accept Licensed Timber Operator's License in lieu of?
- C. AFSC received a new invoice from Les Allert for continued drone work
  - Motion to approve payment to Les Allert: Steve Yonker*
  - Second: Tom Sweeney*
  - Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Kris Hartnett, Teresa Wilson, Angela Franklin*
  - Motion carried***

**XIV. Member Reports**

- A. None at this time.

**XV. Staff Report – T. McAlpin (absent)**

- A. Request for wildfire safety resource to be added to the website (mesothelioma center)

**XVI. Coordinator Report**

- A. Fall burn pile is open 8/26/23-10/29/23
  - a. There is firewood available if people want to go get it
  - b. People will need to cut it up to logs to take home
- B. Invite insurance representatives to the AFSC meetings

**XVII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned 7:10pm**

Next regular meeting at 5:30 pm – November 20, 2023

*Electronically Signed: Teri McAlpin*

Administrator, AFSC

September 18, 2023