



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 16, 2019 5:30 pm, Markleeville Fire Station

Present:

Kris Hartnett – FSC Chair / Coordinator, Markleeville Resident	Teri McAlpin – Administrator (minutes)
Matt Tremayne – FSC Board Member, Alpine Resident	January Riddle – Resident (guest)
John Dion – FSC Board Member, Alpine Resident	Don Jardine – BOS Liaison (guest)
Steve Yonker – FSC Board Member, Woodfords Resident	Scott Kizziar – AFMO for Fuels Department (guest)
Tom Sweeney – FSC Board Member, Woodfords Resident	
Mark Quillici – FSC Board Member, Woodfords Resident	

Absent:

None

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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 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 distributed, completed, and returned by all present board members.
 - IV. **Eastern Alpine Fire & Rescue Report** – T. Hughes
 - A. Status of Volunteer Fire Department
 - a. Mr. Hughes was not in attendance at tonight's meeting
 - V. **Board of Supervisors Report** – D. Jardine
 - A. Mr. Jardine presented on the following topics:
 - a. Biomass Pile opens at Turtle Rock Park Weds, Sat, Sun through 10/20/19
 - b. Alpine Community Blood Drive 10/15/19 1p-5p at the Woodfords Firehouse
 - c. FAA Special Use Airspace – Walker high and low Military Operations Area
 - d. Hwy 50 closure is delayed until next year
 - e. Hwy 4 closure on 9/24-9/25 for paving
 - f. Fall clean up dumpster day is 10/19/19 at Community Development from 7a-3p
 - g. Home Owner insurance providers serving Alpine County – presented list, but cannot recommend one over another
 - h. Leviathan Mine Tour this coming Friday– 2nd tour is being scheduled. Contact Lahontan at 530-542-5400, Scott Ferguson
 - i. The intersection below the flashing light at Woodfords has seen a number of accidents when motorists attempt to turn left off of 88, toward Markleeville. **Mr. Jardine would like input from the Council regarding options for this intersection.**

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 questioned the status of replacement of service poles and trees
 - i. Liberty Utilities will complete this at their convenience. The schedule is very active, so they will be complete this when possible.
 - ii. Suggestion was made to continue to make requests to keep Alpine County's needs in the forefront.
 1. The department to talk to about the poles is Engineering
 2. The department to talk to about the vegetation is Vegetation Management
 - iii. Trees with a white "x" are scheduled to be removed

VII. Approve 7/22/19 regular meeting minutes

A. K. Hartnett provided updates on all action items in the minutes.

Motion to Approve 7/22/19 Meeting Minutes: Tom Sweeney

Second: John Dion

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

Motion Carried

VIII. Financial Report

Financial reports were provided to members and reviewed.

A. General Fund

Motion to approve September 2019 Financial Report: Steve Yonker

Second: Tom Sweeney

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

Motion carried

B. CALfire Grant

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

C. Community Small Grant

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

D. Title III

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

IX. Review & approval of staff vouchers & invoice statements

Discussion: No discussion at this time.

Motion to approve T. McAlpin voucher/invoice: Matt Tramayne

Second: Tom Sweeney

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

Motion carried

Discussion: No discussion at this time.

Motion to approve K. Hartnett voucher/invoice: Tom Sweeney

Second: Matt Tremayne

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

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. Presentation of E-Polling topics

- a. Additional bank signer for checking account
 - i. All members, except for Matt Tramayne, voted unanimously to approve
- b. Senior defensible space project
 - i. All members voted unanimously to approve
- c. Upper Laramie Street project

- i. All members voted unanimously to approve
 - d. Coordinator's July voucher
 - i. All members voted unanimously to approve
 - e. Chamber of Commerce donation
 - i. All members voted unanimously to approve
- B. Continued discussion and Update: Death Ride 2019 Beer Sales
 - a. The coupons were paid on by the Chamber with a check for \$42.00 and has been received from the Chamber of Commerce
 - b. The BOE quarterly tax filing will be completed at the beginning of October, after this quarter is completed
- C. Continued discussion and possible action: Evacuation Routes/Secondary Exits
 - a. K. Hartnett met with the Alpine Village residents and with STPUD
 - b. The STPUD road is accessible to the fire department, but is not available to the general public
 - c. K. Hartnett met with the Shay Creek homeowners association; there is a dirt road available from Shay Creek road to the meadow behind Grover's Hot Springs. The road would have to be graded, but would be an exit if needed.
 - d. The secondary exit out of Marklee Village is not available and cannot be used
 - e. There is a very rough road above Carson Ridge, but it is very difficult to maneuver
ACTION STEP: This item will remain on the agenda for further discussion
- D. Continued discussion: Washoe Tribe MOU
 - a. A 2-month extension was received and expired on 5/31/19
 - b. Recently, a letter was received by K. Hartnett stating the relationship/agreement between the Washoe Tribe and the AFSC is dissolved, per a letter from their attorney
 - i. This leaves the AFSC without a contractor to complete chipping and fuels reduction
 - ii. The Washoe community would like to continue to provide chipping services, but it would have to be provided through CHIPS. They have stated they will only work through CHIPS.
 - c. Discussion occurred regarding finding an alternate contractor to replace CHIPS
 - i. The California Conservation Corps (CCC) is a possibility, but they will only work on contiguous properties
 - ii. Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) is a possibility
ACTION STEP: K. Hartnett will contact the CCC and NDF to inquire about the possibility of them working with Alpine County and whether or not they are able to work on private property
ACTION STEP: This item will remain on the agenda for further discussion
- E. Discussion with possible action: Plaque for Karrie Baker
 - a. A plaque thanking Karrie Baker for her participation and contribution to the AFSC has been obtained and will be presented to Karrie by K. Hartnett
- F. Action required: Confirm new member Mark Quillici
Motion to confirm Mark Quillici as a member of the AFSC: Steve Yonker
Second: Tom Sweeney
Ayes: Tom Sweeney, Steve Yonker, Matt Tremayne, John Dion, Kris Hartnett
Motion carried

XI. New Business

- A. Discussion with possible action: Update with purchase of AFSC Wildfire Literature
 - a. The current literature is distributed at various activities and needs to be replenished
Motion to approve the use of \$200 to update literature: Steve Yonker
Second: Tom Sweeney
Ayes: Tom Sweeney, Steve Yonker, Matt Tremayne, John Dion, Mark Quillici, Kris Hartnett
Motion carried
- B. Discussion with possible action: Adoption of Plan for Eastern Alpine County regarding 2007 Yosemite Vegetation Plan
 - a. The question was posed; "Do we want to pursue a vegetation management plan in Eastern Alpine County?"
 - i. Discussion occurred regarding the possibility and the logistics it would take to develop a plan
 - b. Steve Yonker originally brought this topic to the Council, but the intention at that time was to increase incentive for homeowners to maintain defensible space
ACTION STEP: K. Hartnett will follow up with Terry Hughes regarding this topic

ACTION STEP: This item will remain on the agenda for further discussion

C. Discussion: Continued Fire Awareness 2019

- a. Recent large California fires were discussed. The question was posed about how to keep fire safety in the forefront of people's minds. The following ideas were presented:
 - i. Town hall event – the event in July was effective and well-attended
 - ii. Flyers
 - iii. Literature
 - iv. Banners
 - v. Switching up the biomass pile availability to decrease the amount of time in the summer where a biomass fuel yard is not available; possibly one weekend per month in the summer where it is available so that people don't stockpile brush on their property. Possibly find another location for the pile during the summer so that it doesn't interfere with the Death Ride.

ACTION STEP: This item will remain on the agenda for further discussion

D. Discussion with possible action: Relationship with CHIPS for Fuels Reduction and Chipping

- a. Discussion occurred regarding finding another contractor to provide this service. See discussion above.
- b. The Council made the decision that no further work by AFSC will be done with the Washoe Crew/CHIPS.

E. Discussion with possible action: CALfire 2019-20 Fuels Reduction Grant application

- a. Applications are due by Dec 4, 2019, for the next round of grants available through CALfire
- b. Possible projects were discussed to include in the application
Motion to approve submittal of an application for the next round of CALfire grants: Steve Yonker
Second: Tom Sweeney
Ayes: Tom Sweeney, Steve Yonker, Matt Tremayne, John Dion, Mark Quillici, Kris Hartnett
Motion carried

F. Discussion with Action required: Establish Matt Tremayne as signer on checking account

- a. No discussion occurred at this time.
Motion to establish Matt Tremayne as a signed on the checking account #153754802897: Steve Yonker
Second: John Dion
Ayes: Tom Sweeney, Steve Yonker, Matt Tremayne, John Dion, Kris Hartnett
Motion carried

G. Discussion with Action required: Remove Karrie Baker as signer on checking account

- a. No discussion occurred at this time.
Motion to remove Karrie Baker as a signer on the checking account #153754802897: Steve Yonker
Second: Tom Sweeney
Ayes: Tom Sweeney, Steve Yonker, Matt Tremayne, John Dion, Kris Hartnett
Motion carried

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. Liability Insurance Update
 - a. A copy of the policy was emailed to all members to review
 - b. K. Hartnett noted there are a couple of areas in the new policy that are questionable and require additional information from the insurance representative at Beehive.
 - i. Members were advised to read the policy to confirm they have a full understanding of each component
 - ii. It is questionable about whether or not liability coverage is effective during the Death Ride fundraiser

ACTION ITEM: T. McAlpin and K. Hartnett will follow up with Beehive to inquire about the fundraiser

ACTION ITEM: T. McAlpin will email the policy to new member, Mark Quillici for review

XV. Coordinator Report

- A. Projects Status Update
 - a. Upper Laramie Street project
 - i. This project was completed

- b. Senior Defensible Space
 - i. This project is ongoing
 - c. 575/538 Jackson Ranch Road
 - i. This project was completed
 - B. Fall flyer
 - a.
 - C. Shay Creek Homeowners Association Meeting on 8/31/19
 - a. A number of property owners attended and the project was reviewed
 - D. Shay Creek CALfire Grant project status
 - a. Project was reviewed
 - E. Mesa Vista CALfire Grant project status
 - a. Project was reviewed
 - F. Washoe Tribe letter
 - a. This was discussed earlier in the meeting

XVI. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned 7:45pm

Next regular meeting at Markleeville Fire Station at 5:30 pm – Monday, November 18, 2019