



# 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 , 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

Mark Quillici – FSC Board Member, Woodfords Resident

Tom Sweeney – FSC Board Member, Woodfords Resident

### Absent:

Terry Hughes – Eastern Alpine Fire and Rescue

Kathy Rakow – Board of Supervisors Liaison

Matt Tremayne – FSC Board Member, Alpine Resident

John Dion – FSC Board 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 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**

- A. Ms. Rakow was not present at this meeting.

#### **B. 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. Mike Deacon presented on the status of the fire crew in Lake Tahoe and prescribed fires they are planning to complete through the fall.
    - i. Starting next July, they should have 2 crews available, which means they will be more available to Alpine County at that time.
    - ii. Training is still happening with Eastern Alpine Fire
    - iii. The majority of inspections are complete in Eastern Alpine County

#### **C. Approve 7/20/2020 regular meeting minutes**

- A. K. Hartnett provided updates on all action items in the minutes.
  - a. Action items from the July meeting were reviewed and updated:

- i. K. Hartnett will contact Douglas Disposal to obtain another 50 vouchers for next year
  - 1. This has been completed and the vouchers have been received by K. Hartnett. K. Hartnett will distribute the vouchers to AFSC members for when the burn pile closes (October 2020).
  - 2. The 1<sup>st</sup> set of vouchers are good through 12/31/20, and will be exhausted prior to giving out the new set of vouchers.
- ii. All members will compose a short paragraph as requested by K. Hartnett
  - 1. K. Hartnett will contact FireWise for a description of what exactly is needed to establish a FireWise community. K. Hartnett will distribute that description to each member to help develop a plan for each community.
- iii. K. Hartnett will talk with Beehive Insurance regarding the possibility of volunteers installing smoke detectors in personal homes
  - 1. This task was not completed, and will be carried over to the next agenda. Keep this topic on the agenda.
- iv. T. McAlpin will mail the payment to the accountant for 2019 tax preparation. This action has been completed.

*Motion to Approve 7/20/20 Meeting Minutes: Steve Yonker*

*Second: Mark Quillici*

*Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Matt Tremayne, Kris Hartnett*

***Motion Carried***

#### **D. Financial Report**

Financial reports were provided to members and reviewed.

- A. General Fund
  - a. Status update on the general fund was provided
- 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
  - b. The 45-day period is in progress at this time where the next fiscal year budget is being determined by the Board of Supervisors. The AFSC is slotted to receive \$7000-\$8000 for the next fiscal year, pending approval from the BOS.

*Motion to approve all financial reports: Steve Yonker*

*Second: Mark Quillici*

*Ayes: Steve Yonker, Matt Tremayne, Tom Sweeney, Kris Hartnett*

***Motion carried***

#### **E. Review & approval of staff vouchers & invoice statements**

Discussion: No discussion at this time.

*Motion to approve T. McAlpin voucher/invoice: Steve Yonker*

*Second: Mark Quillici*

*Ayes: Steve Yonker, Matt Tremayne, Tom Sweeney, Kris Hartnett*

***Motion carried***

Discussion: There is a math error on K. Hartnett's voucher;

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

*Second: Tom Sweeney*

*Ayes: Steve Yonker, 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***

#### **F. Unfinished Business**

- A. Continued Discussion: Shirley Taylor Plaque Presentation
  - a. A picture of the plaque was distributed to the members
  - b. The family would like it installed at Station #91, but it is not yet determined exactly where (rock, tree, post, building, etc.)
  - c. The family is making the donation, and the AFSC provided the plaque.
  - d. T. Sweeney will provide a rock for the plaque if that is the desire of the family.
  - e. The suggestion was made to include information about the reflective sign program on a post, near the plaque. Further discussion will occur regarding this.
  - f. Each member will pay a portion of the cost of the sign.

**ACTION STEP:** K. Hartnett will follow up with the family regarding where exactly they would like the plaque at Station #91.

**G. New Business**

**A. Discussion with Possible Action: Commercial Advertising through AFSC Website**

- a. There have been a few inquiries from local business asking if they can have some room on the AFSC website for advertising.
- b. The question was raised about liability; a disclaimer would need to be included with each add stating that the AFSC does not endorse any certain business or individual.
- c. The suggestion was made to look into the possibility of having a link to the AFSC website on the County website.

**ACTION STEP:** K. Hartnett will inquire about the possibility of having a link to the AFSC website on the County website, as long as it does not link the AFSC to the County in any way.

**ACTION STEP:** This topic will remain on the agenda

**H. Agency Presentation for Projects under CWPP**

- A. No reports at this time

**I. Member Report**

- A. No reports provided at this time.

**J. Staff Report – T. McAlpin**

- A. No report at this time.

**B. Coordinator Report**

- a. CALfire CCI Grant Announcement Status of 2020 Fuels Grant
  - i. The CCI grant is not available this year. The Governor may re-fund CCI grants, but in the current pandemic status, the money for grants is not available at this time.
- b. Fuels Project Status
  - i. Alpine Village – contractor has been drafted to fight fires in the Bay Area. Once he is back, he will work on the project.
  - ii. Hot Springs Rd – Sullivan Logging is avidly in pursuit of the Hot Spring corridor up to Pleasant Valley Road.
  - iii. Marklee Village – K. Hartnett provided an update
  - iv. Shay Creek – a CALfire project from 2017. A CEQA study was submitted in November of 2019. The work has not yet been completed. The study was sent back to the CEQA contractor for some formatting errors. The study was then resubmitted to CALfire, and has again been returned to the contractor for further edits. The Shay Creek HOA is on board.
- c. Fall Newsletter
  - i. K. Hartnett is working on a newsletter that should be sent out late September or early October.
- d. Fall Burn Pile
  - i. Has been postponed. A date is not yet set.
- e. Homeowners Fire Insurance
  - i. An email was sent out that due to all of the fires happening around the state, people are looking at moving out of forested areas. K. Hartnett placed a phone call to the insurance providers regarding this topic and is awaiting a response.
- f. Fall Greens Waste Vouchers
  - i. A new set of vouchers has been received. (see notes above).
  - ii. The suggestion was made to provide your voucher upon weighing in at Douglas Disposal as this saves a great deal of time when checking out. The rule sheet will be revised with this suggestion.
- g. Smoke Detector Program
  - i. K. Hartnett is continuing to work on this task.

**C. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned 6:20pm**

Next regular meeting at Markleeville Fire Station at 5:30 pm – Monday, November 16, 2020