



# 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 26, 2022 at 5:30 pm In-Person (Woodfords Fire Station)

### 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*  
Bob Wattles – *FSC Member, Shay Creek*  
Angela Franklin – *FSC Member, Markleeville Resident*

### Guests Present:

Teri McAlpin – *Administrator (minutes)*  
January Riddle – *BOS Liaison (guest) (via zoom)*  
Clint Celio – *Alpine Grants Projects Coordinator (guest)*  
Bob Twiss – *Markleeville Resident (guest)*  
Jim Wilson – *Markleeville Resident (guest)*  
Jedediah Middleback – *U.S. Forest Service (guest)*  
*(Name unknown) - CALfire (guest)*

### Members Absent:

John Dion – *FSC 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
  - II. Introductions**  
All present were introduced as listed above.
  - III. Volunteer Time Sheets**  
Timesheets were updated by each member present in person.
  - 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. The biomass burn pile will be open beginning Wednesday 8a-4p
        - i. It will be open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8a-4p, closed 12p-12:30p for lunch
      - b. An informational panel will be held in person on Measure D at TRP on 10/4/2 at 6pm
        - i. People on the panel are reps from CALfire, Sierra NV Conservancy and the Placer County Air Pollution Control District
        - ii. It will be moderated by Edward James, Executive Director of Carson Water Substance Service District
  - 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. None at this time
  - VII. Agency Presentation for Projects under CWPP**
    - A. Representative of CALfire

- a. CALfire gave a report of current projects and activities
  - b. Some residents thanks CALfire for recent work around their homes and properties
- B. Jedediah Middlebach with the Forest Service
- a. Annabelle is still working on the fire restoration since the fire
  - b. Forest Service will be focusing on Monitor Pass for pile burning, but this will be after the first snow
  - c. K. Hartnett asked that Crystal Springs be added to the focus of the Forest Service as it is in need of fuels reduction. This will passed on to Annabelle.

**VIII. Approve 7/25/22 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, Angela Franklin, Bob Wattles*

***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 (#5GG17113)
  - a. The remainder of this grant will be utilized for a SEQA study
- C. CALfire Grant (#5GA21107)
  - a. K. Hartnett explained the budget of this new grant and how invoices will be billed
- D. Title III

*Motion to approve all financial reports: Steve Yonker*

*Second: Tom Sweeney*

*Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Kris Hartnett, Matt Tremayne, Teresa Wilson, Angela Franklin, Bob Wattles*

***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: Tom Sweeney*

*Second: Matt Tremayne*

*Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Kris Hartnett, Matt Tremayne, Teresa Wilson, Angela Franklin, Bob Wattles*

***Motion carried***

- B. Discussion for K. Hartnett voucher: No discussion at this time.

*Motion to approve K. Hartnett voucher: Matt Tremayne*

*Second: Angela Franklin*

*Ayes: Steve Yonker, Tom Sweeney, Matt Tremayne, Teresa Wilson, Angela Franklin, Bob Wattles*  
*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: Update on FireWise communities
  - a. This continues to be a priority and focus, but there was not any specific progress at this time
- B. Report Only: Final total from beer sales fundraiser
  - a. Chamber donated the beer steins
  - b. Total net profit \$2,039.17
- C. Discussion with Possible Action: Next steps by the AFSC following the Tamarack Fire
  - a. This topic will remain on the agenda for November

- D. Information Only: Use of the AFSC general fund for Community Meetings regarding CALfire grant #5GA21107
  - a. This was approved above under K. Hartnett's voucher discussion
  
- E. Discussion with Action Required: CALfire Grant Bank Account
  - a. K. Hartnett explained the need for a 2<sup>nd</sup> bank account, specific to the new CALfire grant
  - b. K. Hartnett explained the commitment and responsibility of being a signer on this account
  - c. Tom Sweeney, Matt Tremayne and Angela Franklin volunteered to be signers  
*Motion to approve Tom Sweeney, Matt Tremayne and Angela Franklin as signers for a new checking account at US Bank to allow the AFSC to act as the Fiscal Agent for CALfire Grant #5GA21107: Teresa Wilson*  
*Second: Steve Yonker*  
*Ayes: Steve Yonker, Kris Hartnett, Teresa Wilson and Bob Wattles*  
*Abstained: Tom Sweeney, Matt Tremayne and Angela Franklin*  
**Motion carried**  
**ACTION STEP:** Kris Hartnett will arrange a time with the approved signers to meet at U.S. Bank to open the account.
  
- F. Continued Discussion with Possible Action: Maintenance of the AFSC Website
  - a. Kerrie Baker has been the administrator for the AFSC website for many years, but it now needs to be switched over to the AFSC with a new website
  - b. K. Hartnett spoke with a local resident regarding maintaining the website, but there has not been a decision yet
  - c. Members suggested various items to be included on the website
    - i. By-lawws
    - ii. Jurisdiction
    - iii. Structure of the AFSC
    - iv. Instaweb access
    - v. Council member information
    - vi. Agendas
    - vii. Minutes
    - viii. Articles of Incorporation
    - ix. CALfire link to fire information
    - x. Reflective sign program information and request form
    - xi. Information on partners
    - xii. Project(s) status
  
- G. Continued Discussion with Possible Action: Need someone willing to assume the responsibility of making reflective signs
  - a. K. Hartnett asked again for volunteer(s) to continue this program by taking over the task of making the reflective signs
  - b. Steve Yonker and Angela Franklin volunteered to share the responsibility

## **XII. New Business**

- A. Discussion with Action Required: CALfire Grant 2023 grant round; is the AFSC applying?
  - a. Discussion occurred regarding possible grants for the next year
  - b. At this time, a decision was not made regarding applying for additional grants
  
- B. Information Only: Presentation on Title III Criteria
  - a. K. Hartnett presented the structure and history of Title III to help people understand the funding source, the intent/purpose of it, and how it can be used

## **XIII. Member Report**

- A. Steve Yonker (Topic – Measure D)
  - a. Discussion Only: Steve brought this topic to the AFSC to address a concern of the possible misconception of AFSC support for Measure D as three ASFC members participated in the development of the Measure

- b. Steve also presented concern about the wording of Measure D and the need for further information to assist residents to make an informed decision

**XIV. Staff Report – T. McAlpin**

- A. None at this time

**XV. Coordinator Report**

- A. Fuels projects status provided: Alpine Village, Hot Springs Road, Shay Creek, Mesa Vista Tribal, Hawkside Ct/STPUD, Monroe Ranch
- B. Fall Newsletter
  - a. K. Hartnett is working on this and will get it out soon
- C. Fall Burn Pile
  - a. Opens this coming Wednesday (schedule provided above in BOS section)
- D. Fall Greens Waste Vouchers – status and replenish voucher supply
  - a. Additional vouchers have been provided by Douglas Disposal
  - b. Members continue to pass these out upon request to residents
- E. Coordination with County Grants Coordinator
  - a. K. Hartnett is coordinating communication with the County Grants Coordinator (C. Celio)
- F. Hot Springs Road community meeting 9/8/22 at Turtle Rock Park
  - a. Meeting was held with good attendance
- G. Hawkside Court and Alpine Village community meeting 8/31/22
  - a. Meeting was held with fair attendance

**XVI. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned 7:15pm**

Next regular meeting at 5:30 pm – November 21, 2022

*Electronically Signed: Teri McAlpin*

Minutes Recorded by: Teri McAlpin  
Administrator, AFSC  
September 26, 2022