

Alpine Fire Safe Council

Minutes

November 28, 2011

6:00 pm, Woodfords Fire Station

The meeting of the Alpine Fire Safe Council was called to order by Kris Hartnett, Chair, at 6:05 pm at the Woodfords Fire Station, Markleeville, CA 96120.

Present

Kris Hartnett	FSC Board	Markleeville Resident
John Jackson	FSC Board	Markleeville Resident
Dave Mills	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Al Moss	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Shirley Taylor	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
David Griffith	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Steve Yonker	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Jeff Brees	Coordinator	Markleeville Resident
Joanne Oehlerking	Administrator	Markleeville Resident
Terry Hughes	Training Coordinator	Eastern Alpine Fire & Rescue
Steven Harcourt	Consulting Forester	South Lake Tahoe

Absent:

I. Call to order

II. Introductions

Steven Harcourt introduced himself as the consulting forester for the Fire Safe Council Project Phase 1 Markleevillage and Shay Creek Tract.

III. Approve minutes of November 1st meeting.

Shirley Taylor corrected line item h. under New Business to read Angie of Angie signs in Meyers for the art work for the Eastern Alpine Fire and Rescue service.

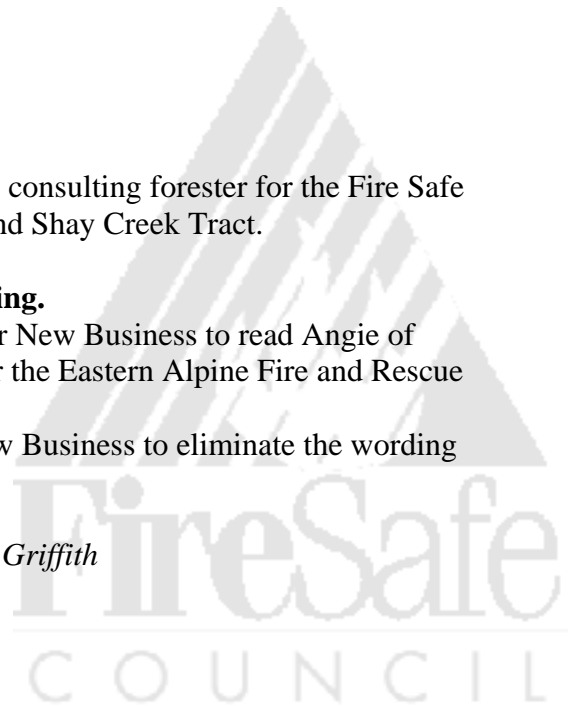
Jeff Brees corrected line item f. under New Business to eliminate the wording contract expires in December.

Motion to approve as corrected.

Motion: Al Moss Second: David Griffith

All ayes. Motion carried.

IV. Volunteer Time Sheets



V. Old Business

- a.** Update on curbside chipping program 2011.
Brees reported that the program was completed on November 1st and he has received an invoice from Lake Valley Fire Protection District. Brees said 202 yards of material was produced this year. When compared to the 2009 program there were the same amount of participants but 1,000 yards of material was produced. This may have been due to the chipper which could not handle certain items like willows and bark. Also residents may be catching up with maintaining their lots. Hartnett suggested thanking all participants of the program. Brees said he will be contacting each participant to receive their feedback.
- b.** Update on Markleeville forest fuels project 2011.
Brees reported that he has taken pictures of some of the marked trees for monitoring and documenting purposes. Harcourt reported as to date there are 27 lots, 24 land owners have been contacted, 817 trees have been marked and 38 hours have been contracted. Brees explained that this is phase one of the project and phase two would involve contacting the participants from phase one to see how many would like to participate in phase two. Hartnett said a private contractor has contacted some of the participants who have had their trees marked and said he will cut the trees down for a price. Hartnett suggested sending out a notice explaining that the AFSC will be applying for another grant which would possibly finance the cutting down of the marked trees and they should not fall prey to contractors. Griffith replied if people would like to take responsibility for their own lot, now that they know which trees would have to go, they should be able to contract with a contractor. Brees replied that phase two may take a few years before it is set into motion and we need to make sure that there is no confusion on who is paying for the removal of the trees.
- c.** Update on Title III invoice submissions.
Brees reported that he is updating the Title III agreement with the County and once he receives the digital version he will revise it and email it to all Board members for approval. Hartnett questioned if the County is satisfied with the submittal of the grant reimbursements. Oehlerking stated she needs a signature from the Chairman and will then submit the grant reimbursements to the County and attached to the submittal will be more than sufficient evidence of proof of claim.
- d.** Review revised matrix for death ride planning.
Brees reported that once he receives the digital version he will revise it and email it to all Board members for approval.
- e.** Fire Dept. volunteer recognition and dinner Dec. 13, 2011.

Taylor presented to the Board a draft of the Resolution expressing appreciation to the Eastern Alpine Fire and Rescue. Taylor explained the procedures when handing out the Resolutions. She said that each volunteer Board member will be given Resolutions to hand out and each of them will have individualized names. Each name will be called, they will be handed the award, handshake, and thanked for their services. Hartnett reported invitations to the Christmas dinner have been sent to all first place winners of the poster program and they have been asked to RSVP by December 3rd.

- f. Continued discussion of contracts for Coordinator and Administrator. Hartnett asked the members of the council to wait until after the meeting so that the evaluation committee could explain the status of the situation. Brees stated that the Coordinator and Administrator position might not be covered under the current insurance unless there is a written agreement with the AFSC and has asked if it could be retro active.
- g. Update on storage of AFSC materials. Brees said he approached the Sheriff Dept. to see if they may have space to store the AFSC material but has not heard back from them. Hughes said it might be possible to store the materials back at the Firehouse.

VI. New Business

- a. Review draft calendar of events for 2012. Brees sent out the AFSC calendar to all Board members which gives a brief outline of upcoming events and projects. This item may be revised as needed.
- b. Planning for 2012 schools poster contest. Taylor detailed the schedule for 2012 and submitted copies to Hartnett and Brees.
- c. Discussion and possible action regarding the Markleeville Christmas faire. Hartnett mentioned that he was asked if the AFSC would like to participate in the Christmas faire and he sent emails to all Board members and four members responded with a "No". Hartnett said that this year sufficient notice was not given in order to prepare but the AFSC should consider participating in next year's event.
- d. Board members report on BOS and VFD meetings. Hughes said that he was requested to send an engine to the Reno fire but declined due to conditions in Alpine County. Around 9:30-10:00 a fire broke out at the WIC and 72 mile an hour gusts were clocked on the fire. Due to quick response the fire was contained. Four to five fires were

reported. Hughes also commended the Sheriffs Dept. for their services. Hughes said that there was a call to a cardiac victim at Blue Lakes and one of the deputies hooked him up to the AED and fibulated him. This has been the second incident in this community. East Fork and Lake Valley have commented on how the EMS side of the Fire Dept. has evolved.

e. Staff reports.

Oehlerking reported that the grant fund reimbursements have been deposited into the Wells Fargo account. Oehlerking said she has contacted the grant specialist, Tina Moynier, and she has resubmitted the change of bank request form. Confirmation of the new change has been sent to all grants and they will be sending all funds to the US Bank. Taylor and Hartnett said they will go to Wells Fargo Bank to request a bank draft and will transfer the funds into the US Bank account.

Brees reported that he has met with the Administrator to talk about the monthly reporting, website and bulk mailing. Brees also met with Al and Kris for his evaluation. Brees reported that he sent the resolution to Prop 40 to complete the application for the chipping program. Brees said the government is surveying 25% of the stewardship projects and that he was contacted. Breese reported to them that this project was a very useful tool and hopes they will continue to reauthorize the program. Brees also reported that a letter was received from the RAC Grants stating that all Forest Service projects have to certify that they are following all the proper financial reporting and cost principles and has been given four months to certify.

VII. Adjournment

- a.** Set next meeting at Markleeville Fire Station at 6:00 pm on Monday, December 26th, 2011.

Motion to approve.

Motion: David Griffith

Second: Steve Yonker

All Ayes. Motion carried.