

Alpine Fire Safe Council

Approved Minutes
February 27, 2006
6:00 pm, Markleeville Fire Station

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

Present:

David Griffith	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Nancy Thornburg	FSC Board	Markleeville Resident
Shirley Taylor	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Kim Chatfield	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Don Jardine (7:05 pm)	FSC Board	Markleeville Resident
Jeff Brees	Coordinator	Markleeville Resident
Kerry Radelfinger	Administrator	Woodfords Resident
Al Moss	Interested Citizen	Woodfords Resident
Phil Torney	Interested Citizen	Woodfords Resident
Steve Yonker	Interested Citizen	Woodfords Resident

Absent:

Stacey James	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
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I. Call to order

II. Introductions

III. Approve minutes of January 30th meeting.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Kim Chatfield

Second: Shirley Taylor

All ayes. Motion carried.

IV. Administrative Committee

- a. Nominations Committee recommendations for new Board Directors to fill four openings: one existing vacancy plus openings resulting from term expirations for Thornburg, James, and Chatfield.

Don Jardine spoke with Kathleen Andrews and she does not have the time to serve on the Board of Directors at this point. Shirley Taylor contacted Stacey James who does not wish to serve on the Board any longer. Kim

Chatfield has agreed to serve two more years. Taylor stated that Al Moss and Steve Yonker are possibly interested in filling some of the vacancies. Kim Chatfield stated that Phil Torney has also shown an interest in joining the Board. Griffith stated that there are four vacancies to fill, but all of them do not have to be filled. One vacancy can remain open. At the annual meeting in March, the existing board will vote on the minutes of this meeting and on the new Directors. The new Directors will then take their seat as Board members.

V. Education Committee

VI. Government Committee

VII. Treasury and Audit Committee

- a. Approval of 2005 financial statements.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Shirley Taylor

Second: Nancy Thornburg

All ayes. Motion carried.

VIII. Old Business

- a. Update on Mesa Vista/River Ranch water study. Discussion of possible need for additional funding.

Jeff Brees stated that Nick Zaninovich hopes to have the final report of the water study on March 15th. Brees discussed the possibility of treating the C-line water, which Zaninovich thought would work, but the costs were too high for it to be feasible at this point. After much discussion, it was agreed that they should keep this idea in mind for future possibilities. Brees stated that a community meeting will be arranged once the final report is completed. It was agreed that the final report will be posted on the website, with a link included on the community meeting notice. Kim Chatfield suggested the Council make one or two recommendations to the public, rather than giving them too many options. Griffith suggested the recommendations be discussed at the next meeting, after everyone has had a chance to review the final report.

- b. Update on Stewardship Projects.

Jeff Brees had discussions with the BLM and the Forest Service about possible fuels projects. The BLM currently does not have any projects. The Forest Service will be maintaining their fuel breaks, which are adjacent to public lands, so there may be a possibility to partner with them in this area. Nancy Thornburg commented that the Markleevillage fuel break includes an area that is heavily infested with mistletoe and beetles. The Thornburg's would be willing to do their part on their property if the Forest Service is willing to clean up their side. David Griffith felt this kind of project would be a good example to others in the community that if you clean up your property, the Forest Service will clean up their

property on their side of the line. Brees will speak further with the Forest Service regarding the issue.

c. Update on Hot Springs Road Project.

Jeff Brees reported that the Hot Springs Road Project is not progressing at this point. Brees is attempting to set up a meeting with Ted Bacon and the other property owners, including the contractor and possibly Mary Huggins of the California Department of Forestry. Shirley Taylor questioned how much of Ted Bacon's property was included in the project. Thornburg stated that most of the property was Bacon's. Griffith commented that if Bacon said no, they could not move forward the project. Thornburg queried if there was another option with the County and Sierra Pacific right-a-ways. Brees stated that the County right-a-way is 20 feet from the centerline, which is only 10 feet off the pavement; the Sierra Pacific follows the power line. It is hoped that it will not progress to that point.

d. Update on Evacuation Plan.

Jeff Brees is currently researching the Evacuation Plan and he hopes to present some examples of graphical material at the next meeting. Shirley Taylor suggested that we identify it as the Hot Springs Road Evacuation Plan, so it is known what area is being discussed.

e. Update on Fire Marshal letter.

Jeff Brees reported that Don Jardine had passed the Fire Marshal letter on to Judy Molnar and it has yet to be put on the Board of Supervisor agenda. Brees will follow up on it to get it on the next agenda. Mary Huggins of CDF sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors as well, supporting the creation of a Fire Marshal position.

IX. New Business

a. Suggestions for "Links" section of AFSC website.

Jeff Brees asked for suggestions for "Links" for the AFSC website. He suggested including the links to California Fire Safe Council, Firewise, California Department of Forestry for the regulations, California Fire Alliance, and possibly contractors websites. David Griffith suggested that contractor links be included on the contractor page. He recommended that the items that we think people might need, such as the California regulations, be posted on our site, so people do not have to search another site to find what they are looking for.

b. Staff reports.

Jeff Brees reported that the RAC meeting has been postponed to an unknown date in April because they did not have a quorum. They are attempting to get Board members together to set another date.

Brees reported that the Alpine County and California Fire Safe Council links to the AFSC website were updated.

Brees spoke with Gene Weatherby, the engineer who Judy Molnar had spoken with regarding the engineering analysis for the Benefit Assessment District. He agreed to give a presentation to the Fire Safe Council.

Brees attended the biomass meeting for the Nevada Conservation Biomass Partners. South Tahoe Refuse is separating biomass at their transfer station and sending it to Full Circle Compost. Griffith questioned if they could do the same for Markleeville and Woodfords. Shirley Taylor stated that the local transfer station had a pile that was going to Full Circle. Brees will follow up on the issue.

Brees stated that we had received a final invoice from the Alpine County Road Department for the burn pile. Taylor questioned whether there will have a burn pile this year. Brees said there will be one in the spring, but the fall burn pile is questionable at this point.

Kerry Radelfinger stated that she had requested the final fund request for the Mesa Vista River Ranch water study grant. Zaninovich came in on budget, with \$550 spent on administration by the Council.

Kim Chatfield asked the Council to stay on top of the funds available through Dr. Harvey and the Department of Homeland Security grant. Brees will follow up on the issue.

Al Moss stated that he would like to see the committee to get the Fire Service Plan implemented set a target date for educating the community about the Benefits Assessment District and Fire Service Plan. Griffith stated that Steve Martin, a contractor in Markleeville, has agreed to be on the committee as well. Griffith will meet with Moss and Martin to brainstorm and create a road map, and then bring other people in to help implement it. After much discussion, Moss and Griffith agreed to meet with Martin and get things started.

X. Adjournment

- a. Set next meeting at Woodfords Fire Station at 6:00 pm on Monday March 27th.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Shirley Taylor

Second: Don Jardine

All ayes.