

Alpine Fire Safe Council

Approved Minutes
March 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 6:11 pm at the Woodfords Fire Station, Woodfords, 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 (6:40 pm)	FSC Board	Markleeville Resident
Steve Yonker	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Jeff Brees (6:20 pm)	Coordinator	Markleeville Resident
Kerry Radelfinger	Administrator	Woodfords Resident
Randy Gibson	Alpine County Building Official	
Kathleen Andrews	Interested Citizen	Markleeville Resident

Absent:

Stacey James	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Al Moss	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident

I. Call to order

II. Introductions

III. Approve minutes of February 27th meeting.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Nancy Thornburg

Second: Shirley Taylor

All ayes. Motion carried.

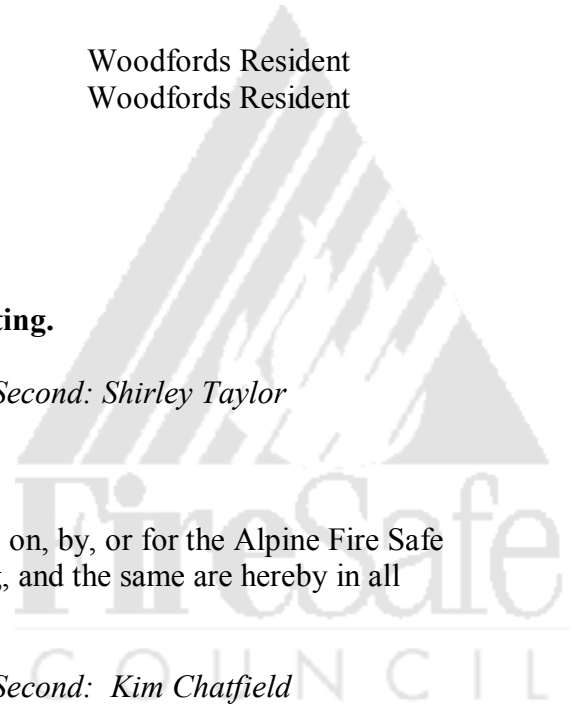
IV. Annual Meeting

- a. Approval of the actions taken or made on, by, or for the Alpine Fire Safe Council since the last Annual Meeting, and the same are hereby in all respects ratified and approved.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Shirley Taylor

Second: Kim Chatfield



All ayes. Motion carried.

b. Election of Directors

- i. Vote to elect Kim Chatfield as a director for a two year term.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Nancy Thornburg Second: Shirley Taylor

All ayes. Motion carried.

- ii. Vote to elect Al Moss as a director for a two year term.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Nancy Thornburg Second: Shirley Taylor

All ayes. Motion carried.

- iii. Vote to elect Steve Yonker for a director for a two year term.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Shirley Taylor Second: Nancy Thornburg

All ayes. Motion carried.

c. Election of Officers for the year

Motion to elect David Griffith as Chairman.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Kim Chatfield

Second: Don Jardine

All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to elect Kim Chatfield as Vice-Chair .

Motion to approve.

Motion: Shirley Taylor

Second: Don Jardine

All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to elect Shirley Taylor as Secretary/Treasurer.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Don Jardine

Second: Steve Yonker

All ayes. Motion carried.

- d. Motion to thank the outgoing directors, Stacey James and Nancy Thornburg, for their service.

Motion to approve.

Motion: David Griffith

Second: Don Jardine

All ayes. Motion carried.

V. Administrative Committee

VI. Education Committee

VII. Government Committee

VIII. Treasury and Audit Committee

IX. Old Business

- a. Discussion of Mesa Vista/River Ranch Water Study Final Report.
David Griffith stated that there is a revision to alternative F on the Mesa Vista/River Ranch Water Study Final Report. This is an alternative for putting in one tank. Kim Chatfield stated that when looking at alternative F-1, it lists a single static water tank, but there is no chart to support that option. Chatfield requested that Nick Zaninovich provide a revised tank only option. Griffith summarized Zaninovich's report which gave six or seven water supply alternatives and what it would cost to build and operate them. Griffith recommended that they begin with a water tank on the Mesa and possibly a water well on the County/STUPD property at the junction of Hwy. 88 and Emigrant Trail or another location. This will give the water trucks two points to fill up. As money becomes available they can connect the two points. Griffith stated that the Council needs to get input on the issue from the Woodfords Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) to find what is reasonable from their viewpoint. Jeff Brees will make sure that Buck McClelland gets a copy of the final report. Chatfield and Brees agreed to attend the next meeting of the WVFD to discuss the issue. After some discussion on possible tank and well locations, it was decided that the community meeting will be held the beginning of May, after the Council has had a chance to get the WVFD input and all of the Board members have had a chance to review the final report. The Council will put together a list of options for the public to consider and mail out a flyer prior to the community meeting.

- b. Discussion of content for Hot Springs Road Evacuation Plan. View sample plans.
Jeff Brees provided samples of various evacuation plans. After review of the plans, it was agreed that Brees would make a presentation to the Disaster Council and the Sheriff and get their input on creating an evacuation plan.

- c. Update on Fire Marshal position.
Jeff Brees reported that at the March 7th Board of Supervisors meeting a committee was formed consisting of himself, Don Jardine, Randy Gibson, and Judy Molnar to determine a scope of work for the Fire Marshal position. The committee met and decided on a work plan that would be specific to the Fire Marshal position, time requirements, and any ordinances or job description changes to be made. Jardine stated that the Board met and discussed the meet and confer process they would need to go through with Gibson. Randy Gibson reported that it was recommended that he be appointed to the Fire Marshal position. He will meet and confer with his liaison Terry Woodrow. He will be presenting a work plan to the Board of Supervisors stating what he has been doing and what he will be adding to the program. Gibson will be implementing an education program for the new Defensible Space regulations. As a Fire Marshal,

Gibson will have the right to give citations. Griffith questioned what happens when property owners fail to comply after the educational program has been implemented. Gibson stated that after warnings and letters fail to work, the county will clean the lots and charge the property owners. Griffith requested that after the education program is begun that individuals are given two weeks to 30 days to comply, not 90-180 days.

- d. Update on siren at Markleeville Volunteer Fire Department.
Jeff Brees reported that Ted Doyal, Building and Grounds Supervisor, will be installing the siren at the Markleeville Volunteer Fire Department. Griffith expressed concern over the effectiveness of the siren in that location during windy conditions. Brees agreed that the siren would need to be tested and stated that it is just one means of getting an emergency warning out to the community.
- e. Update on Burn pile 2006.
Jeff Brees reported that Public Works will be moving forward with the burn pile for the spring and fall. Brees researched other options for future disposal of the burn pile. If there is a site available to collect and load the pile, there are various options available for processing.
- f. Update on Hot Springs Road Fuels Reduction.
Jeff Brees reported that he met with Ted Bacon to discuss the Hot Springs Road Project. Bacon is willing to meet the contractor, the forester, and other landowners. Brees was encouraged by the meeting with Bacon and will move forward with the meeting.
- g. Update on committee to promote the adoption of the Eastern Alpine County Fire Service Plan.
David Griffith reported that the committee met and is making headway on plans for financing the Eastern Alpine County Fire Services Plan. The committee is looking at financing the plan through an increase in the Transient Occupancy Tax, funds raised through a Benefits Assessment District, and support from the Hung-a-lel-ti community. They will continue working on the financing and meet with the supervisors on an individual basis to discuss the educational program. The committee also will be meeting with the Hung-a-lel-ti community and the County Auditor. They will then request funding from the County for an educational program and possibly polling to determine what people are willing to pay for a Benefits Assessment District and Transit Occupancy Tax.

X. New Business

- a. Discussion of Benefit Assessment Engineering Analysis with Gene Weatherby of Weatherby-Fritson Engineering Design.
This item will be continued to the next meeting.

- b. Discussion by Randy Gibson of fire flows for rural areas.
Randy Gibson reported that there have been questions about how fire flows are determined and what is needed for a structure and wildland fire. The California Fire Code requirements for fire flows for single family homes exceed the capabilities for water pressure in suburban areas, like Alpine County. Gibson will be putting together guidelines for fire flows for Alpine County. The National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) fire flow guidelines target rural areas and require 250 gallons per minute for two hours. Gibson asked for feedback from the Fire Safe Council on fire flow standards. Griffith stated that the Fire Safe Council would like to see 250 gallons per minute for two hours, which is an ISO standard.
- c. Discussion and possible action to authorize data gathering for baseline structure inventory on the East Slope.
Jeff Brees reported that he would like to compile a structure inventory on parcels on the East Slope, including type of improvements, type and number of structures, and any defensible space issues. Wayne Tompson, Chief of Markleeville Fire Department, agreed to contribute \$25/hour to the cost of the study which would leave \$30/hour to be paid by the Council. He estimated that the work would likely require about 10 hours. The study could be used as a basis for tracking progress of defensible space programs that the Council implements. Griffith suggested that he notify Randy Gibson on the issue, as it might benefit his Defensible Space reviews. It was agreed that Brees should move forward with this project.
- d. Thornburg Studios presentation of Fredericksburg Fire DVD.
Nancy Thornburg presented the DVD of the Fredericksburg Fire. Thornburg questioned whether the DVD should include a voice over. It was agreed that it would benefit from a narrative.
- e. Staff reports.
Kerry Radelfinger reported that she had met with Richard Peters to get the 2005 taxes under way. The deadline for filing is May 15th, so she will be checking in with Peters at the end of April.

Jeff Brees reported that chipping grant through the State Clearinghouse was funded by the Forest Service. He will be submitting a final application and bring the information back to the Council at the next meeting.

Brees reported that the RAC had still not set a date for their meeting. Griffith questioned Don Jardine about the Board of Supervisors ability to get back some of the Title II money and encourage RAC to meet. Jardine will place the item on the next agenda of the Board of Supervisors. Brees will contact Rob Levy regarding the matter.

Brees reported that he had spoken with Dr. Harvey about the Bio-Terrorism grant. The application is not due until the fall, so Brees will meet with Dr. Harvey this summer and report back to the Board.

Brees reported that he met with Steve Howell, the Forest Service Fuels Specialist regarding maintenance projects they are working on. At this time, they will be working on 25 acres on the Alpine Fuel Break. He did not want to commit to the 35 acres of Musser-Jarvis, but Brees will discuss the issue with him further.

Brees met with Steve Harcourt to discuss the Community Fire Plan update. He agreed to do the forestry work on the project, including any field work and any revisions needed in the prescription. Brees will need to get landowner permission to walk their property. He will also be working with the CDF on the maps.

XI. Adjournment

- a. Set next meeting at Markleeville Fire Station at 6:00 pm on Monday April 24th.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Don Jardine

Second: Kim Chatfield

All ayes.