

Alpine Fire Safe Council

Approved Minutes
April 30, 2007
6:00 pm, Woodfords Fire Station

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

Present:

David Griffith	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Al Moss	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Shirley Taylor	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Steve Yonker	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Kim Chatfield	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Jerry Andrews	FSC Board	Markleeville Resident
Jeff Brees	Coordinator	Markleeville Resident
Kerry Radelfinger	Administrator	Woodfords Resident

Absent:

Don Jardine	FSC Board	Markleeville Resident
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I. Call to order

II. Introductions

III. Approve minutes of January 29th meeting.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Steve Yonker

Second: Al Moss

All ayes. Motion carried.

IV. Annual Meeting

- a. Review and possible approval of the year-end financial statements.

Motion to approve.

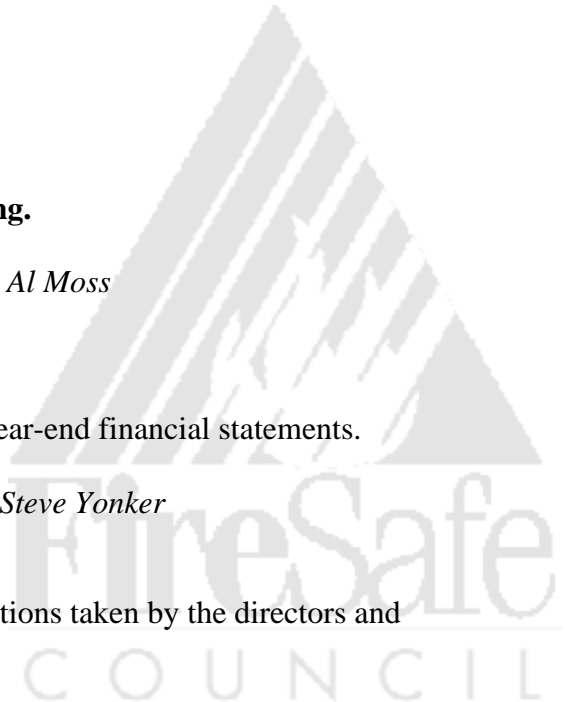
Motion: Al Moss

Second: Steve Yonker

All ayes. Motion carried.

- b. Review and possible approval of all actions taken by the directors and staff during the previous year.

Motion to approve.



part of their training budgets to fund the position. The Board of Supervisors has agreed to include the Fire Chief position in the preliminary budget. Griffith asked those in support of the Fire Chief position to include their name on the letter to be sent to Alpine County residents. After some discussion, Griffith stated that he would get the letter ready for printing and mailing once all the signatures were finalized.

- d. Update on the creation of a county fire marshal position.
Griffith reported that he spoke with Don Jardine and the job description for the county fire marshal position was not completed. Griffith asked Brees to put together a job description so it could go before the Board of Supervisors. Brees asked for help from the Council in determining how broad to write the job description. Griffith said the main duty of the fire marshal would be to enforce defensible space. The job description should also include the hours and weeks per year of work needed for this position. After some discussion, it was agreed that Brees would write a job description for the fire marshal with duties to include enforcement of the SRA Fire Safe regulations.
- e. Update on Mesa Vista/River Ranch fire fighting water supply.
Griffith reported that he spoke with Dennis Cardoza of Public Works regarding the water tank location. Cardoza is moving forward with the preliminary studies and permitting for the River Ranch Road location and hopes to have all the permits in place in eighteen months, with construction pending available funding. The grant funds that were awarded for construction of a water tank in Mesa Vista will reach its deadline before that time, so Public Works hopes to install a water tank on Emigrant Trail in the near future. Griffith reported that Cardoza has a strong commitment to the tank site at River Ranch and Hwy. 88 and once all the permits are completed they can move forward with installing a second tank at that site pending funding.

Griffith stated that Public Works is moving forward in updating the driveway and lane standards. They will be going before the Board of Supervisors Tuesday, May 1st for a public hearing. About six months ago the Council, along with the Fire Departments, agreed to the changes made by Public Works for the new road standards. Griffith asked that Brees review the final standards and discuss any concerns with Mark Demaio, Public Works, and copy the Board of Supervisors.

VII. New Business

- a. Review 1st quarter financial statements for 2007.
Radelfinger distributed a copy of the 1st quarter financial statements for the Council's review. The 2006 taxes were completed by Richard Peters and would be filed by May 15th.

- b. Discussion of California Senate Bill 838 regarding state funding of fire safe councils.

Brees reported that there have been efforts to fund Fire Safe Councils through the California state budget. The Senate Bill 838 is attempting to add two more section under the Public Resources code to allow CDF to take money from their budget to give to the California Fire Safe Council clearinghouse to distribute. The bill made it through the original committee with a recommendation to approve it. Griffith suggested that individuals send letters to their State representatives in support of this bill. Brees will email Board members with key points for the letters to the representatives.

- c. Staff Reports

Radelfinger announced that the Living with Fire mailing will be sent to local residents this week.

Brees reported that the Fire Departments did training on a house in Markleeville. It was a good training opportunity for the fire departments.

Brees reported that the burn pile was burned by the Volunteer Fire Departments on April 22nd. There is a pile from the last weekend, but he did not anticipate being able to burn it due to the dry weather conditions.

Brees reported that BLM burned about 15 acres across from Turtle Rock Park and some volunteers with the Fire Department were able to participate. The USFS is masticating about 75 acres behind Turtle Rock Park. The USFS treated the 20 acres on Pleasant Valley Road last fall.

Brees stated that June will be Fire Safe Council month at the Alpine County Library. There are many good videos available that will be displayed, along with the CWPP final draft and educational material.

Brees attended the Sheridan Volunteer Fire Station meeting to discuss assistance with a portion of Alpine County that is only accessible through Jobs Peak Ranch.

Brees reported that the BLM contractor who was doing mastication work did not finish, so the BLM Type 1 Hand crews were coming in to do some work. The BLM Fuels Specialist offered the County a couple days use of the crew. Brees spoke with Public Works and hopes to have some work done in the campsite at Turtle Rock Park.

Brees checked two applications for variance for zoning setbacks. Brees reported that both of the residences were already out of compliance and they were just asking for a building in the current footprint.

Brees reported that he has the RFP printed up for the chipping program. Lake Valley cannot bid on the RFP as they do not want to compete with the contractors. Brees will put it out to bid and see what happens.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Set next meeting at Markleeville Fire Station at 6:00 pm on Monday May 28th.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Jerry Andrews Second: Steve Yonkers

All ayes. Motion carried.