

# Alpine Fire Safe Council

## Approved Minutes

June 25, 2007

### 6:00 pm, Woodfords Fire Station

The meeting of the Alpine Fire Safe Council was called to order by David Griffith, Chair, at 6:02 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
Kim Chatfield	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Jerry Andrews	FSC Board	Markleeville Resident
Steve Yonker	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Kerry Radelfinger	Administrator	Woodfords Resident

#### Absent:

Don Jardine	FSC Board	Markleeville Resident
Jeff Brees	Coordinator	Markleeville Resident

#### I. Call to order

#### II. Introductions

#### III. Approve minutes of May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Al Moss                      Second: Jerry Andrews*

*All ayes. Motion carried.*

#### IV. Volunteer Time Sheets

#### V. Old Business

- a. Update on committee to promote implementation of the Eastern Alpine County Fire Services Plan.

David Griffith reported that the Record Courier published the Fire Chief letter. Griffith had not heard any feedback on the letter. Shirley Taylor said she had heard comments regarding the lengthiness of the letter. Griffith reported that a shorter version was to be published in the Alpine

Threads publication. Kerry Radelfinger said it would not be published as the Alpine Threads editorial board felt the piece was too political. Griffith will contact those individuals that signed the Fire Chief letter to encourage attendance at the County's budget hearings. The hearings should start in July.

- b. Update on Mesa Vista/River Ranch fire fighting water supply.  
Griffith reported that he spoke with Public Works and the construction of the water tank at the Woodfords Fire Station was scheduled to begin July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Gansberg hydrant is installed, but is not active. The pond needs to be dredged and the filter needs to be installed, but Griffith reported that Dennis Cardoza was hoping to finish this week. Griffith stated that Dennis Cardoza and the Tribe will be meeting tomorrow to work on negotiating an agreement for the water tank at the Emigrant Trail site. If an agreement is not reached, they will move forward with permitting the location at Hwy. 88 and River Ranch Road.
- c. Update on the creation of a county fire marshal position.  
Griffith distributed a draft of the fire marshal job description prepared by Jeff Brees. All of the Council's comments had been incorporated into the draft. The job description will be given to Don Jardine to take to the Board of Supervisors for possible funding.
- d. Update on the Hot Springs Road Evacuation Plan.  
Griffith distributed copies of posters to be displayed at Grover State Park and maps of the evacuation route. The posters have been approved by the County Sheriff Department and County Red Cross. Brees is still awaiting approval by Grover Hot Springs. The total cost for printing and mailing the posters will be about \$3200, which is in the budget.
- e. Update on Chipping 2007.  
Griffith reported that a mailer had been sent to Alpine County property owners and the chipping was set for the beginning of July. A motion was made to allow Brees to sign a contract with Fire Stop to do the chipping.  
*Motion to approve.*  
*Motion: Shirley Taylor      Second: Jerry Andrews*  
*All ayes. Motion carried.*
- f. Update on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP.)  
Griffith reported that the Board of Supervisors voted to approve the CWPP on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The Bear Valley portion of the CWPP will be an addendum once Brees has all the information he needs from Bear Valley to complete that section.

- g. Continued discussion on funding alternatives for the AFSC.

Griffith stated that the RAC has been funded for one more year. In the past the County has received about \$140,000 per year and the Fire Safe Council has applied for and been awarded \$40,000. Griffith did not know how much the County would receive this year. The applications for funding are due by July 12<sup>th</sup>. Griffith recommended that the Council apply for funding for \$40,000. Griffith did not know if Brees had any other projects he would like to get funded. If there are additional projects, Griffith said that Brees could take a phone poll of directors to get approval and a motion would be passed at the next meeting. A motion was made approving the application for a \$40,000 grant for general and administrative costs for the Fire Safe Council.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Jerry Andrews      Second: Steve Yonker*

*All ayes. Motion carried.*

Griffith said the Council needs to consider alternate forms of financing so there is not a dependence on the RAC. Griffith suggested forming a subcommittee or setting a deadline for research of alternate funding sources. After some discussion, it was agreed to continue researching other sources of financing.

## **VI. New Business**

Kim Chatfield questioned whether the Council was aware that the air tanker base at Minden airport is being moved to Stead. Chatfield suggested that a letter of support may help to keep the base in Minden. It was agreed to have Brees confirm the move of the air tanker base and request that the Board of Supervisors write a letter. The Fire Safe Council could also write a letter of support.

### **Staff Reports**

Griffith reported that June has been Fire Safe Council month at the library. Brees created a display with literature and videos.

Radelfinger reported that she had extended the Burn Pile grant to June 30, 2008. The final extension on the funds will be September 30, 2008. There is about \$4000 remaining for the Burn Pile grant. Griffith stated that the Forest Service is building their new base at Turtle Rock Park so, the burn pile will need to be moved to a new location. There has been some talk of a pit on STPUD land. Public Works will need to negotiate with STPUD on the site.

**VII. Adjournment**

- a. Set next meeting at Markleeville Fire Station at 6:00 pm on Monday July 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Jerry Andrews      Second: Steve Yonker*

*All ayes. Motion carried.*