

Alpine Fire Safe Council

Approved Minutes
January 2, 2008
6:00 pm, Markleeville Fire Station

The meeting of the Alpine Fire Safe Council was called to order by David Griffith, Chair, at 6:07 pm at the Markleeville Fire Station, Markleeville, CA 96120.

Present:

David Griffith	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Kim Chatfield	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Shirley Taylor	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Jerry Andrews	FSC Board	Markleeville Resident
Al Moss	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Steve Yonker (6:25)	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Jeff Brees	Coordinator	Markleeville Resident
Buck McClelland (7:45)	Woodfords Fire Chief	Woodfords Resident
Les Allert	Interested Citizen	Woodfords Resident
Jill Allert	Interested Citizen	Woodfords Resident

Absent:

Don Jardine	FSC Board	Markleeville Resident
Kerry Radelfinger	Administrator	Woodfords Resident

I. Call to order

II. Introductions

III. Approve minutes of November 26th meeting.

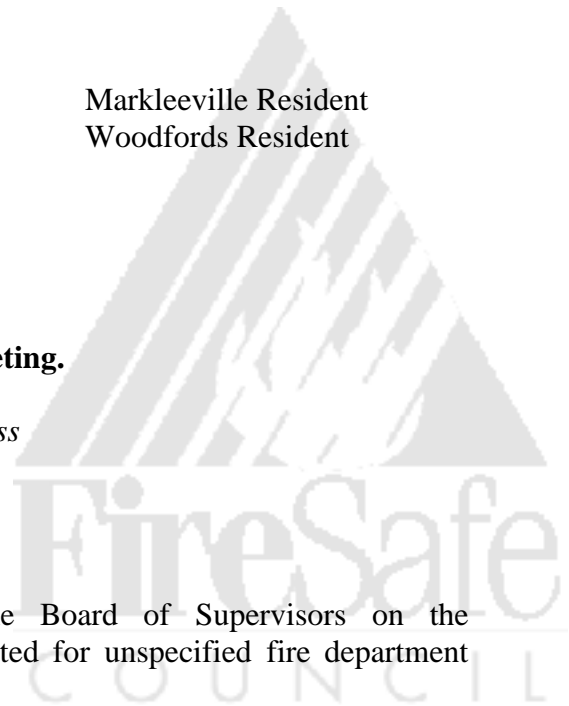
Motion to approve.

Motion: Shirley Taylor Second: Al Moss

IV. Volunteer Time Sheets

V. Old Business

- a. Update on recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on the expenditure of the \$100,000 designated for unspecified fire department projects.



David Griffith asked if there was anything new to report on the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on the funds set forth for fire department projects. Jeff Brees said that there wasn't anything happening at the fire department level, but the EMS committee is looking at the ALS proposal. There is draft brief circulating and another meeting scheduled next week on the issue. Brees said there was discussion on refitting the Woodfords Fire Station for the ambulance. Griffith stated he felt some of the money should go towards fire prevention, such as the Defensible Space Inspector position. Griffith hopes that they can come to a unified recommendation to the Board. Brees said that it will be dependent on the ALS proposal as to how they are going to proceed with the proposal for that money. Al Moss said the Emergency Medical issue should be their first priority. Brees said they need to come up with a list so the funds can be committed. It was agreed that they need to continue to work towards a Defensible Space Inspector and make it a higher priority for the county. Brees said he will email Board members with a copy of the presentation made to the Board of Supervisors by Brian Peters, Planning Department, for the Vacant Lot Ordinance and Defensible Space Inspector position.

- b. Update and possible action to assist the fire departments with pre-planning assessments and notifications.

Griffith spoke with Buck McClelland, Woodfords Fire Chief, and he told Griffith that there are some areas of the County they can't serve as well as they would like to due to access issues. Griffith and Moss prepared draft letters to send to property owners to start the lines of communication. Brees thought it should be a part of a program that the Fire Safe Council is sponsoring to help property owners understand the criteria of the assessment and recommended committing some Title III funds for the program. Moss said it will help draw attention to the problem and make the property owners aware that the Fire Department cannot access their home. Brees will meet with McClelland to discuss the issue and bring it back to the next meeting.

- c. Update and annual report on the Burn Pile.

Brees displayed the 2007 totals for the Burn Pile. Brees said they had a record number of loads this year. Brees met with Dennis Cardoza, Public Works Director, and Charlie Dobson, Forest Service, and it was agreed that it was important to keep this program going at Turtle Rock, as long as the pile was not burned. Brees said that Cardoza is researching chippers and Brees researched hauling the pile to determine the costs for each option and they will meet again to discuss the issue. Brees will email out the Burn Pile Performance Report and History Graph to the Board members.

- d. Update on RAC funding for Coordinator Grant.

Brees spoke with Franklin Pemberton, Forest Service, and Pemberton said that as of September 30th the RAC was dissolved as it was not included in the reauthorization of the funding. There isn't any way to obligate the uncommitted funds. Brees said Pemberton wrote a letter to the Regional Forester for the Forest Service to determine if he could obligate the uncommitted funds, since it was not obligated during the RAC process. The Forest Service has until September 2008 to obligate the funds. Brees will speak with Judy Molnar to ensure the \$20,000 from Title II funds is committed through the County to the Fire Safe Council.

- e. Update on Secure Rural Schools Act.
Brees said the Secure Rural Schools Act was reauthorized for one year, but the RAC terms did not get extended. The Secure Rural Schools Act was attached to the Energy Bill that was passed by Congress, but was taken out because it was linked to eliminating tax breaks for the oil companies. It is currently needs to be attached to a bill to be passed.

VI. New Business

- a. Review of fourth quarter financial statements.
Brees distributed copies of the fourth quarter and year end financial statements for review. It was agreed that they would not pursue a CD account at this time, due to time limitations. Griffith said if there are any questions regarding the financial statements, they can contact Kerry Radelfinger.
- b. Discussion and possible action regarding letter to the Board of Supervisors with a proposed plan of action for water supply in the Mesa Vista/River Ranch area.
Moss distributed a letter from the water supply subcommittee outlining the priorities with a 10 year time frame for water supply solutions in the Mesa Vista/River Ranch area. Moss said the members of the subcommittee would like to see a letter sent to the Board of Supervisors and have the item added to the agenda of a Board meeting for discussion. Moss questioned whether the Alpine Fire Safe Council would be in agreement with the ideas discussed in the letter. Shirley Taylor questioned where Molines \$90,000 will be used. Moss said that the letter outlines the priorities for water supply in the Mesa Vista/River Ranch area, but the Board of Supervisors will be responsible for putting the detail together and determining how to fund the projects. Griffith said it is important that Board of Supervisors understand the urgency to start the process to acquire the well site and work on all the projects outlined in the letter. After much discussion, it was agreed to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors outlining the plans and priorities as outlined in the letter written by the Woodfords Fire Department Water Supply Subcommittee.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Steve Yonker

Second: Shirley Taylor

All ayes. Motion carried.

It was agreed that Jeff Brees will draft a letter to Mesa Vista/River Ranch residents summarizing the current situation and the proposed actions.

- c. Review 2007 year end report: goals versus accomplishments.
Brees distributed a copy of the 2007 Outlook, outlining the status of the current grants and projects completed and pending for 2007. There was some discussion regarding the "Fire Day" event. Brees said some of his goals for a local event would be to get fire extinguisher and smoke detectors checked, meet volunteer firemen, see the fire equipment and provide additional educational material. It was discussed coordinating it with the Emergency Responders Dinner to make it a fundraiser for the Fire Departments, Search and Rescue and Emergency Medical Services.
- d. 2008 Outlook: Discussion of goals, projects, and funding.
Brees displayed the Outlook for 2008 including the grant budget and projects to be completed and initiated in 2008. Brees said the Fire Safe Council isn't putting any money into the Proposition 40 project, but he has been assisting the Public Works Department with adding acreage, which is at about 60 acres at this time. They are looking at approximately \$75,000 worth of Proposition 40 funds for the fuels reduction on County and private lands through the Public Works Department. Most of the projects are educational, as the fuels projects, such as the Burn Pile and the Proposition 40 fuels work, have been transferred to the County. Brees asked the Board to contact him with any additional project ideas for 2008.
- e. Staff Reports
Griffith notified the Board that he will not be available to serve as Chairman after March. Chatfield said that he will not be able to serve on the Board after March.

Brees said they are coming upon grant deadlines in February for the California Fire Safe Council Clearinghouse. He recommended trying for Coordinator grant funding again.

Brees said the Evacuation Plan came up at the Alpine Disaster Council meeting and they will have a table top exercise in February on the Hot Springs Road area and an actual drill in May with the Park, Fire Departments, and Sheriffs Department. Griffith suggested including Social Services in the drill, as they know where the sick and elderly live who are in need of assistance.

Brees said the USFS treated 16 acres of the Alpine Fuel Break and he said they did a great job. Brees said they did a total of 26 acres over the last

two years. Brees said they are done masticating for this year but will do some hand thinning.

Brees said the CALFIRE aides completed the inspections in the Woodfords and Bear Valley. Brees will email out a final report on the defensible space inspections.

VII. Adjournment

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

Motion to approve.

Motion: Al Moss Second: Steve Yonker

All ayes. Motion carried.