

Alpine Fire Safe Council

Approved Minutes
March 31, 2008
6:00 pm, Woodfords Fire Station

The meeting of the Alpine Fire Safe Council was called to order by David Griffith, Chair, at 6:04 pm at the Woodfords Fire Station, Markleeville, CA 96120.

Present:

David Griffith	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Al Moss	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Joyce DeVore	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Shirley Taylor	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Steve Yonker (6:35pm)	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Jeff Brees	Coordinator	Markleeville Resident
Kerry Radelfinger	Administrator	Markleeville Resident

Absent:

Jerry Andrews	FSC Board	Markleeville Resident
Don Jardine	FSC Board	Markleeville Resident

I. Call to order

II. Introductions

III. Approve minutes of February 25th meeting.

This item was continued to the next meeting as there was not a quorum.

IV. Annual Meeting

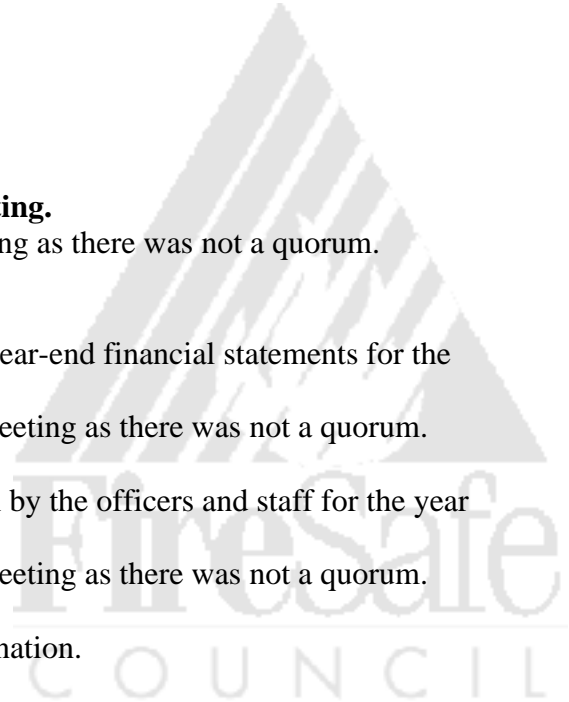
a. Review and possible approval of the year-end financial statements for the year ended 31-Dec-2007.

This item was continued to the next meeting as there was not a quorum.

b. Resolution approving all actions taken by the officers and staff for the year ended 31-Dec-2007.

This item was continued to the next meeting as there was not a quorum.

c. Acceptance of director Jardine's resignation.



Griffith stated that Jardine will be resigning and has agreed to sign the letter of resignation, but was unable to attend the meeting to do so. Radelfinger will meet with Jardine to get his signature on the letter of resignation.

- d. Elections of two new directors to fill the following two positions:
 - i. a two year term to fill the expired term of Chatfield.
 - ii. a one year term to complete the term of Jardine.

A motion was made to elect Joyce Devore to the two year term to fill the expired term of Chatfield and to elect John Super to the one year term to fill the position of Jardine.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Al Moss

Second: Shirley Taylor

All ayes. Motion carried.

- e. Election of officers (Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary-Treasurer) for one year terms.

A motion was made to elect Al Moss as Chair, Steve Yonker as Vice-Chair, and Shirley Taylor as Secretary-Treasurer for a one year term.

Motion to approve.

Motion: David Griffith

Second: Joyce DeVore

All ayes. Motion carried.

V. Volunteer Time Sheets

VI. Old Business

- a. Update on Defensible Space Inspector position.

Taylor attended the Board of Supervisors meeting when the position was approved and questioned the status of the Defensible Space Inspector position. Brees said that funding had been approved for the position, but the details of which department will manage it is yet to be determined. Brees said there is a possible candidate interested in the position from Lake Valley. Moss said there is an attempt to bring in EMS services to Alpine County. This would provide full time personnel and there was a possibility of providing more work responsibility for them by coordinating it with the Defensible Space Inspector position. The EMS services program is still in the works, so they would still need someone to fill the Defensible Space Inspector position this year. Moss emphasized that the position has been temporarily funded so there is a need to continue to push for the Board of Supervisors to establish it as a permanent position. DeVore questioned if they had already established the job description. Brees said he had not seen the final job description, but he believed they were using the AFSC draft description as the basis. Brees said Brian Peters, Planning Department, was meeting with County Counsel and Randy Gibson, Building Official to work out the details.

- b. Update on Title II funds.

Brees said that the Board of Supervisors distributed the remaining \$32,000 in Title II RAC funds for the following projects; \$5000 for Bear Valley fuels reduction, \$5000 for Kirkwood fuels reduction, and \$22,000 to finish the tank at the Woodfords Fire Station. The Fire Safe Council was hoping to shift the \$20,000 in Title III funds to Title II funds, as Title II funds are more flexible and allow for fuels reduction projects. Brees said that they still have \$20,000 from Title III funds from the County. Griffith said that Title III funds are mainly to be used for planning. Brees said that the Fire Safe Council was awarded another Chipping grant through the California Fire Safe Council clearinghouse for \$22,000. Brees said the Title III funds can be used as a grant match for grants where fuels work is being done. Brees will complete the application for the Title III funds and create a budget. Brees said the Sierra Nevada Conservancy has some grants available. They are looking for specific fuels projects. Brees said one possible fuels project that some residents in Upper Manzanita are interested in is the renewal of the fuel break put in during the Acorn Fire. Brees said that the Burn Pile grant will be running out and they are hoping for the County to take over the program. The Council will need to look at other funding sources as Title II and Title III funds have not yet been reauthorized for next year.
- c. Update on Volunteer Fire Department pre-planning and assessment effort.

Brees said some neighborhoods have poor access issues and he has worked with Buck McClelland, Woodfords Fire Department in preparing a letter to send out to property owners in particular neighborhoods. Radelfinger will be sending the letters out this week. Brees said that individuals or neighborhood groups can call their respective fire department to set up a meeting to discuss ways to improve accessibility to their neighborhoods.
- d. Update on Burn Pile program for 2008.

Brees met with Dennis Cardoza, Public Works Director, and it was agreed that they would collect at Turtle Rock Park. Brees said that Cardoza said he had spoken with the Forest Service who agreed to let them burn the pile this spring, pending weather conditions. Brees said the Burn Pile opens this Saturday, April 5th and runs through Memorial weekend. Brees said he told Cardoza the Fire Safe Council does not have enough funds remaining in the Burn Pile grant to cover their portion of manning the site this spring. Brees said Cardoza will factor that in and ask the Board for contingency funds if needed. Brees asked if the Board would like to send a postcard to residents notifying them of the dates of the Burn Pile. It was agreed to include the County's Burn Pile flyer with the Curbside Chipping mailing.

VII. New Business

a. Discussion of the need for alternate directors.

Taylor said there was some discussion on alternate directors at the last meeting. Taylor asked Clint Celio about idea of alternate directors. Taylor said that Celio was concerned that with the IRS implications Board of Directors face that they must participate in the organization. Taylor said Celio said the Board could have an advisory group for projects with recommendations given to the Board for ratification. Griffith voiced concern over individuals making decisions for the Board that don't come to the bulk of the Board meetings and have the historical memory of issues discussed. Griffith felt that if there was more interest, they would be better off expanding the Board. It was agreed to keep the Board at seven members.

Brees said he is on the agenda for the next 50+ Club meeting on April 10th to discuss defensible space and market the chipping program and Fire Safe Council. Brees said they were asked to provide money for the main dish. A motion was made to approve \$100 for the 50+ Club luncheon.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Al Moss

Second: Steve Yonker

All ayes. Motion carried.

b. Staff Reports

Radelfinger said the Jardine had asked her to check with Debbie Burkett at Public Works regarding a possible fuels reduction grant through the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. Radelfinger stated that Burkett said Public Works is applying for \$45,000 to supplement the fuels reduction projects included in the Prop. 40 funding. Brees said the CALFIRE had set aside \$75,000 for Prop. 40 funding for Alpine County, but after the Angora Fire that figure was reduced to \$50,000. Brees said that contractor quotes Public Works had received required additional funding to complete. Next year, there will be additional funding available through Prop. 40.

Brees said he received the information from Terry Woodrow to complete the Bear Valley portion of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Brees will meet with Jennifer Celio to incorporate some map changes and then he will finalize it for Board approval.

Brees said the rates for the chipping crew have increased to \$95/hour, with a 10% senior discount. Brees sent a press release to the Record Courier for the chipping program and the information will be included in the Public Works newsletter and on the Fire Safe Council website.

Brees said that Brian Peters, Planning Department, presented the draft vacant lot ordinance to the Board of Supervisors and there were comments from Brees and Randy Morrison. The Board of Supervisors asked Peters

to meet with Morrison and Brees and come back with a revised ordinance. Brees said the item was on the agenda for the Board meeting on April 1st.

Brees said the Central Sierra Resource Conservation District is meeting in Markleeville in July. Brees said they are a non-profit organization looking for input about things to do in the area. Brees hope to talk to them about potential grant opportunities.

Brees said the Board of Supervisors sent a letter commending the Forest Service for their work on the Alpine Fuel Break.

VIII. Adjournment

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

Motion to approve.

Motion: Steve Yonker

Second: Al Moss

All ayes. Motion carried.