

Alpine Fire Safe Council

Approved Minutes
August 25, 2008
6:00 pm, Woodfords Fire Station

The meeting of the Alpine Fire Safe Council was called to order by Al Moss, Chair, at 6:00 pm at the Woodfords Fire Station, Markleeville, CA 96120.

Present:

Al Moss	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Steve Yonker	FSC Board	Woodfords Residents
Jerry Andrews	FSC Board	Markleeville Resident
Joyce Devore	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
John Super	FSC Board	Markleeville Resident
Shirley Taylor	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Jeff Brees	Coordinator	Markleeville Resident
Kerry Radelfinger	Administrator	Woodfords Resident
Gunter Kaiser	County Supervisor	Woodfords Resident
Tom Sweeney	Incoming County Supervisor	Woodfords Resident
Buck McClelland	Woodfords Fire Chief	Woodfords Resident
Brian Eagen	CalFire Engine Captain	
Mark	CalFire Firefighter	
Corey Hansen	CalFire Firefighter	
Dustin	CalFire Firefighter	

Absent:

David Griffith	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
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I. Call to order

II. Introductions

III. Approve minutes of July 28, 2008 meeting.

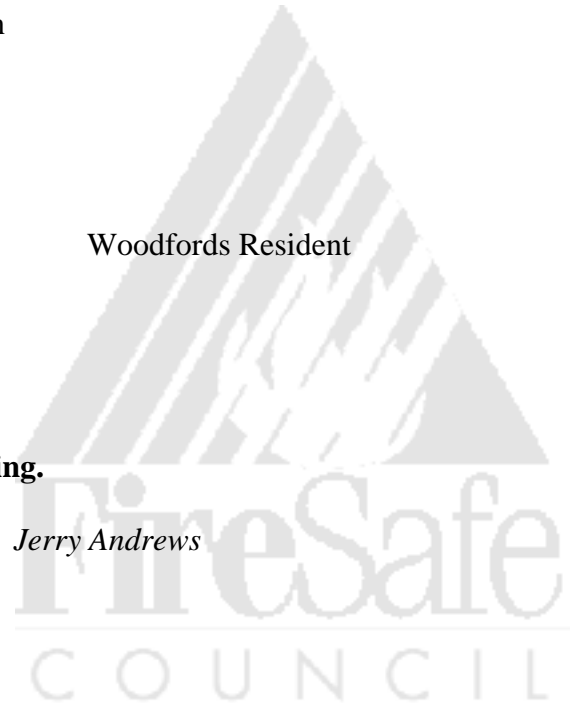
Motion to approve.

Motion: Steve Yonker

Second: Jerry Andrews

IV. Volunteer Time Sheets

V. Old Business



- a. Update on reflective address signs.

Shirley Taylor distributed copies of an order form for the reflective address signs that she put together. Taylor and Sweeney will be attending meetings and promoting the program. Taylor said they will meet or speak with the Senior Center, Shay Creek Homeowner's Associations, Alpine County School District, Friends of Library, Hung-a-lel-ti Community and Historical Society meetings. Taylor said Nancy Thornburg will speak with the Chamber of Commerce and Terry Woodrow will meet with the Bear Valley Homeowner's Association. Taylor said she has spoken with the Sheriff's office and the Markleeville Fire Department, both of whom are in support. McClelland said that the Woodfords Fire Department is also supportive. Taylor spoke with Kirkwood Fire Chief said that they are more concerned with fashion than function. Sweeney spoke with a Kirkwood resident who may be interested in getting involved. Taylor will contact the newspaper to run an article the end of September. Taylor showed an example of a reflective address signs which can be made vertically or horizontally depending on preference. Taylor will be putting the address signs together. If she has a big demand, she may need some assistance. Moss offered himself and Mike Guard to help installation as needed. Brees said the Markleeville Volunteer Fire Department could help as well. Taylor will provide instructions to residents when they get their address signs as to the placement requirements. Taylor said on the back of the form the individuals can choose which organization, such as the fire departments or school, it was purchased from and that organization can receive some money at the end of 6 months. Moss thanked Taylor for taking on the project.
- b. Update on Defensible Space Inspections.

Brees said he spoke with Steve LaClaire, Lake Valley Fire Department, who said he had done about 50 inspections, mainly through appointments. Brees said he has been spending about 45 minutes at each residence. LaClaire is working Friday and Saturday of each week. Brees said the Burn Pile did not get discussed during Budget hearings, Cardoza will come back to the Board with a contingency request to get the funds for the Burn Pile. Brees said the Board designated additional funds for follow-ups for next year. Brees spoke with Mary Huggins and Brees will meet with her this winter to discuss 2nd and 3rd inspections, as there may be a task force available for those inspections. Supervisor Kaiser expressed concern that the inspector did not check for reflective address signs, which was part of their contract. Kaiser said he left a message with Jeff Michael at Lake Valley Fire Department regarding the issue and was waiting to hear back from him.

Moss asked Buck McClelland, Woodfords Fire Chief, for an update on the status of the water tender. McClelland said he had been pricing water

tenders. McClelland had gotten a quote from \$250-280,000 for a truck, so he is searching for other trucks. Supervisor Kaiser said there is \$140,000 available to put towards the water tender and he would like to see Rob Levy and McClelland put together a proposal for the Board of Supervisors. McClelland said he will work on a proposal.

VI. New Business

- a. Discussion and possible action to present the School Education Program during Fire Prevention month, October 2008.

Brees said they had discussed having a fire program at the school this fall. Brees said they have about \$800 left in the school education grant. Brees said fire prevention month is in October and the school has an Emergency Preparedness week in September. Brees said part of the funds will go towards a school program in Bear Valley. Brees suggested contributing some swag during the Emergency Preparedness week and having a wildfire presentation with Lake Valley's trailer in the spring. DeVore suggested having a poster contest for the kids on wildfire safety. Brees said the posters could be displayed in the library. Brees and DeVore will work together on the poster contest. Brees said they could aim for the spring photo contest. A motion was made to hold a spring poster contest at the Diamond Valley School on wildfire safety.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Steve Yonker Second:

All ayes. Motion carried.

- b. Staff Reports

Radelfinger reported that she had added Alpine County as an additional insured on the Fire Safe Council's insurance policy, per the requirements for the Title III grant funding agreement. She dropped a copy of the certificate and the signed funding agreement to Judy Molnar last week.

Brian Eagen, CalFire Engine Captain, said they were there to answer questions and offer their support. McClelland asked how they should contact. CalFire Firefighter recommended calling the Camino office. Moss thanked them for all their support and efforts during the recent California fires.

Brees met with some neighbors on Canyon View and Markleevillage who are interested in putting in a fire break behind their houses. Brees said it is close to surrounding properties, meet with CalFire and Forest Service about putting in a shaded fuel break. Brees said that the Fire Safe Council may be asked for a letter of support for the project. Eagen asked if they had looked into using the CalFire crews for projects in the county. Brees said he has inquired about projects in the past, but they haven't been available. Eagen suggested asking Mary Huggins about the possibility of using the crews for future work.

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VII. Adjournment

- a. Set next meeting at Markleeville Fire Station at 6:00 pm on Monday, September 29, 2008.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Jerry Andrews Second: Steve Yonker

All ayes. Motion carried.