

Alpine Fire Safe Council

Approved Minutes
September 28, 2009
6:00 pm, Markleeville Fire Station

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

Present:

Al Moss	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
David Griffith	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Kris Hartnett	FSC Board	Markleeville Resident
Shirley Taylor	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Steve Yonker	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Jeff Brees	Coordinator	Markleeville Resident
Tom Sweeney	Alpine County Supervisor	Woodfords Resident

Absent:

Jerry Andrews	FSC Board	Markleeville Resident
Dave Mills	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident

I. Call to order

II. Introductions

III. Approve corrected minutes of August 31, 2009 meeting.

Motion to approve.

Motion: David Griffith

Second: Steve Yonker

All ayes. Motion carried.

IV. Volunteer Time Sheets

V. Old Business

- a. Debrief Community Evacuation meeting of September 19th and discuss dates and locations for additional community meetings.
Moss thanked Brees, Radelfinger, Hartnett, Andrews and Taylor for their help at the community meeting on September 19th. Moss went on to say that the event was well attended and well managed by the Markleeville Fire Department with about 45-50 people in attendance. Brees added that both the fire departments, the Sheriff's Department and Grover Hot

Springs State Park had representatives in attendance. Brees said that 144 LED lights and mugs were purchased with a cost of \$513 for the mugs and \$163 for the lights. Brees explained that the food costs totaled \$147.57, with the Markleeville Fire Department purchasing the remaining food and drinks for \$52.00. Brees reported that he received two suggestions for CWPP projects. Brees said that one project was one that had been done in 1991 by CalFire who walked Markleevillage marking trees that needed to be removed for forest health and fire issues. Brees added that the trees were then removed by a logger. Brees said that another project suggested was to mount the siren from the old fire station at the new station in Markleeville and make it operational. Brees mentioned that a wireless PA system would have improved the sound quality in the building during the meeting. Sweeney offered to look into the availability of a portable PA system through Alpine County departments. Hartnett suggested that a Power Point presentation be produced for the next community meeting. Moss asked for discussion in moving the community meetings to the other neighborhoods. Griffith suggested holding a meeting in each of the County Supervisor's districts. After some discussion, it was agreed to host a meeting in Skip Veatch's district on April 17th, Philip Bennett's district on May 1st, and Tom Sweeney's district on May 15th. Hartnett suggested posting a schedule of the community meetings at Dave's store and at Hung-a-Lel-Tei community. Moss suggested that the Woodfords Fire Department could host the community meetings for Veatch and Sweeney's districts, with Bennett's district meeting possibly held at the Hung-a-Lel-Tei Community Center. Griffith suggested speaking with Bennett as to where he would like the meeting held. Hartnett suggested that Verizon may have a staging trailer available for a reverse 911 demonstration. It was agreed to send a letter to the Markleeville Fire Department, Sheriff John Crawford, Dave with the Forest Service, and Dave with Grover Hot Springs for their support of the community meeting. It was decided that the organization of the spring community meetings would begin at the January meeting.

- b. Update on Reflective Address Sign Program.
Taylor reported that she had received five sign orders from the community meeting at the Markleeville Fire Department last week. Taylor added that she had sent a birthday gift to a friend in Whitmore resulting in five additional sign purchases in the Redding and Whitmore areas. Taylor said that she will be attending a meeting at the Hung-a-Lel-Tei Community to speak to the Council about purchasing address signs for the handicap and elders in their community. Taylor also mentioned that she would be attending the artist tour and promoting the program at Yonker's house.
- c. Update on Bear Valley component of CWPP.
Brees presented the draft of the Bear Valley component of the CWPP for review. Brees said that the final copy is very close to being completed; he

is just waiting on feedback on the maps and possibly some text to be updated. Brees added that the project list for the CWPP need to be updated and more community input is needed. Brees added that community support is important with a collaborative effort between the fire departments and the public. After some discussion, Brees said that he would update the Executive Summary to include Bear Valley and wait on the project list until the spring community meetings. Brees explained that the payment for Brees' services to complete the Bear Valley portion of the CWPP was engaged by Judy Molinar and was paid for through Title III for the first portion of his work. Brees said that he approached Randi Makley regarding the final payment and found the County does not have funds dedicated to the project. Brees added that Makley wanted the AFSC to pay it out of Title III funds. Griffith mentioned that there was \$3500 that was originally earmarked for the Bear Valley CWPP and suggested Brees speak with Terry Woodrow, Alpine County Supervisor, who may be able to assist him with the issue.

- d. Update on the funding source for payment of liability insurance. Brees reported that the BOS had approved a request for a loan to pay the AFSC liability insurance. Brees explained that the County would take the funds out of the grants clearinghouse and the AFSC would repay the money with RAC funds when approved. Brees said that the RAC will meet on October 28th and he is anticipating their being a quorum and grants to be awarded. Moss asked that AFSC Board be available to attend. Hartnett reiterated that the Board should be prepared to go to the meeting on Oct. 28th, with an alternate meeting date of December 2nd also on the calendar. Brees said that he gave Marnie with the Forest Service the performance reports two months ago to distribute, but needs to follow up with her to ensure they have been received by the RAC committee. Griffith suggested Brees deliver the performance reports himself if the Forest Service has not done so.

VI. New Business

- a. Discuss details of poster contest at Diamond Valley School. Brees explained they were moving forward with the Diamond Valley School poster contest again this year, details of which were emailed out to the AFSC Board. Brees said that the awards last year were \$15 for 1st and \$10 for 2nd for each grade level and that he directed DeVore to contact Radelfinger as to supply needs for the program. Brees added that there was money budgeted for the school program in Title III for Bear Valley School and possible for the Early Learning Center.
- b. Staff Reports. Brees reported that the chipping flyers were mailed and the press release was sent to the Record Courier. Brees added that sixteen residents were signed up at this time, with a significant amount of material, including

Shay Creek Homeowner's Association. Brees mentioned that he attended the Board of Supervisors meeting to announce the chipping program and community meeting.

Brees said that he has been researching grant opportunities presented at a meeting he attended with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and will keep the Board updated on his progress.

Brees stated that he met with Pamela Knorr, Alpine County CAO regarding AFSC Title II and Title III grants. Brees added that Alpine County is not taking any Title III funds this year.

Brees reported that he met with the two rangers at Grover Hot Springs to determine what they have and what their needs are. Brees said that he attended in part on behalf of the Markleeville Fire Department. Brees said Grover Hot Springs Park will be putting together a fire response plan and distributing it to various county agencies for comment.

Brees said that the educational packets had been updated and distributed by Radelfinger. Brees added that the Alpine County Codes were now available for viewing online and a link will be added on the AFSC website.

Brees reported that the AFSC may need to go back to the Board of Supervisors to shift some Title III funds around to cover operating costs again if the RAC does not meet soon. Brees questioned if the Board wanted to continue with the fall newsletter given the budget concerns. It was agreed to send out the fall newsletter. Brees said that he may include a feature on the AFSC Board of Directors in the fall issue.

Moss thanked Brees for his well written letters of appreciation for Brian Peters, Chris Gansberg, and Buck McClelland in reference to their support for the Gansberg fire hydrant.

Taylor questioned if an update had been given on the defensible space inspections. Brees said that he would contact CalFire to get a report on this year's program. Taylor suggested that the Board of Supervisors be given an update as well.

VII. Adjournment

Set next meeting at the Woodfords Fire Station at 6:00 pm on Monday, October 26, 2009.

Motion to approve.

Motion: David Griffith Second: Steve Yonker

All ayes. Motion carried