

Alpine Fire Safe Council

Approved Minutes
January 25, 2010
6:00 pm, Markleeville Fire Station

The meeting of the Alpine Fire Safe Council was called to order by Al Moss, Chair, at 6:13 pm at the Markleeville Fire Station, Markleeville, CA 96120.

Present:

Al Moss	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Jerry Andrews	FSC Board	Markleeville Resident
Kris Hartnett	FSC Board	Markleeville Resident
Dave Mills	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Shirley Taylor	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Steve Yonker	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Jeff Brees	Coordinator	Markleeville Resident
Kerry Radelfinger	Admin	Woodfords Resident

Absent:

David Griffith	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
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I. Call to order

II. Introductions

III. Approve corrected minutes of December 28, 2009 meeting.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Steve Yonker Second: Kris Hartnett

All ayes. Motion carried.

IV. Volunteer Time Sheets

V. Old Business

- a. Review financial statements for the fourth quarter of 2009.

Radelfinger distributed copies of the fourth quarter financial statements for review. Radelfinger added that the financial statement did not need to be approved. Moss questioned the status of adjusting the Title III budget to allow for additional administrative funding. Brees said that he had submitted the agenda transmittal for the item for the Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting, but Pamela Knorr, Alpine County CAO, felt that the

agreement the FSC has with the county is sufficient to allow Knorr to approve the budget change without going through the BOS. Brees added that he is waiting to hear a final decision from Knorr. Hartnett questioned if Knorr would make a notation in the FSC file on how to handle the grant in the future. Brees explained that there will need to be an understanding with the county regarding the funds and added that there may be an opportunity to request additional Title III funds from the BOS for the 2010 grant period. Moss questioned when they should approach the county about getting additional Title III money. Brees said that the FSC will need to present Knorr with a budget outlining the projects to be funded. Hartnett suggested that with the coming change of personnel for the county auditor position, the FSC should ensure that there is a written funding agreement with the county.

- b. Planning session for the spring community wildfire preparedness meetings.

Brees reviewed the dates previously discussed for the spring community meetings. Brees mentioned that in the fall the FSC had decided to hold the first meeting for District 2, Supervisor Veatch's district, at the Woodfords Fire Department on April 17th. Brees went on to explain that the meeting for District 3, Supervisor Bennett's district, would be at the Hung-a-Lel-Tei Community on May 1st, and finally District 5, Supervisor Sweeney's district, at the Woodfords Fire Department on May 15th. Brees added that it was decided to send out the invites to the speakers by February 15th. Hartnett questioned if Brees would like someone to coordinate with the Hung-a-Lel-Tei community for the meeting in District 3. Hartnett and Moss agreed to speak with Deanne Roberts and Supervisor Bennett to coordinate a location and confirm the date. After some discussion, it was agreed to send out an announcement of the dates in the FSC spring newsletter and follow it up with door to door invitations. Brees reviewed the agenda that was used at the Markleeville community meeting and said that it worked well to have Sheriff John Crawford as the key speaker. It was agreed to use the same format from the September meeting. Brees said that there was an adequate supply of coffee cups and lights available for the spring meetings. Brees added that he would ask the Sheriff to speak again. Brees mentioned that the Forest Service and Grover Hot Springs rangers were also in attendance. It was agreed to add the BLM and CHP to the invite list. Taylor agreed to work on the speaker invites and confirmations. Moss added that he would confirm the dates with the Woodfords Fire Department and see if the volunteers would be available to help with the BBQ as the Markleeville volunteers firemen did in September. Brees suggested that all the food be bought at one time and stored for subsequent meetings. Hartnett suggested inviting Terry Woodrow to attend the community meeting of her choice. Moss mentioned that the FSC could offer to put on a community meeting in Bear Valley. Moss suggested speaking with the Sheriff's Department

about displaying their new county command center at the meetings. Brees said they he would explore the possibility of incorporating fire extinguishers and smoke detectors. Moss said that Brees could delegate duties to the Board members as needed.

VI. New Business

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding the continuation of AFSC day to day operations in the absence of funding.

Hartnett said that he sent an email to Marnie at the Forest Service encouraging them to set a date for the RAC meeting. Hartnett went on to say that currently there is no confirmation of nominees and they are looking at meeting the first week of March, but there have not been any dates set. Taylor explained that she had contacted the Forest Service and was told that the BOS needed to contact their local senators and representatives to move things forward. Taylor suggested that the FSC contact Supervisor Don Jardine about sending the letters. After some discussion, Brees said that he will speak with Jardine to see what would be the best way to proceed. It was agreed to speak with all the County Supervisors regarding the issue. Taylor said that she would speak with Supervisor Sweeney. Hartnett agreed to speak with Supervisors Bennett and Supervisor Woodrow. Moss said that he would contact Supervisor Veatch. Hartnett suggested sending a letter to the Secretary of Agriculture as well as the legislators. Moss questioned how long the FSC could survive with the current funding if RAC funds are not received and all grant applications fall through. Brees estimated that about \$700 was spent each month on administrative costs. Brees went on to say that there is about \$9000 remaining with the county after the insurance premium is repaid and estimated they have about a year of funding remaining. Hartnett questioned if \$700 was a realistic cost for administrative expenses. Brees said that it will depend on what projects he is working on in a given month. Brees said that Radelfinger could average the administrative costs from last year to get an accurate number. Brees reported that he spoke with Lynn Nolan, grant writer with South Tahoe Public Utilities District who does nonprofit grant writing as well, and she offered to do 25 hours of grant research for the FSC at no charge. Brees and Radelfinger distributed their tasking job lists for review. Hartnett asked that this item be left on the agenda for discussion at future FSC meetings.

- b. Staff reports.

Brees reported that there is a meeting regarding stimulus funding and job creation in Alpine County being hosted by the USDA Rural Development and he asked Radelfinger to attend on behalf of the Fire Safe Council. Brees said that Will Richmond provided articles on biomass from a study done for a project at the Justice Center in Kings Beach. Brees added that they are trying to set up a biomass facility to heat the Justice Center and

then sale 5% of the power generated. Yonker said that he spoke with Steve Morales and Morales said that the South Lake Tahoe High School did not have a cogeneration plant as it was too costly to meet the air requirements and they could not ensure a steady supply of fuel. Yonker went on to say that they had received an exemption to burn material that would have gone in a burn pile, but the project was not feasible.

Brees reported that they had spent the last of the RAC School Education funds. Brees said that the grant ended the end of December so they bought some arm bands and tattoos to be used at the next school education event.

c. Board member comments.

Taylor reported that she had sold 172 reflective address signs. Taylor questioned the status of a county grant writer position. Moss said that he had not received any information on the possibility of such a position. Brees said that he can ask Knorr for more information.

VII. Adjournment

Set next meeting at the Woodfords Fire Station at 6:00 pm on Monday, February 22, 2010.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Steve Yonker Second: Kris Hartnett

All ayes. Motion carried