

# Alpine Fire Safe Council

**Approved Minutes**  
April 26, 2010  
**6:00 pm, Woodfords Fire Station**

The meeting of the Alpine Fire Safe Council was called to order by Kris Hartnett, Chair, at 6:08 pm at the Woodfords Fire Station, Markleeville, CA 96120.

**Present:**

Kris Hartnett	FSC Board	Markleeville Resident
David Griffith	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Dave Mills	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Al Moss	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Shirley Taylor	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Steve Yonker	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Jeff Brees	Coordinator	Markleeville Resident
Kerry Radelfinger	Administration	Woodfords Resident
Will Richmond	Alpine District Attorney	Woodfords Resident
Kris Timberlake (6:15pm)	Battalion Chief	CAL FIRE
Buck McClelland (6:40pm)	Woodfords Fire Chief	Woodfords Resident

**Absent:**

Jerry Andrews	FSC Board	Markleeville Resident
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**I. Call to order**

**Motion to approve agenda for April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

*Motion: David Griffith Second: Steve Yonker*  
*All ayes. Motion carried.*

**II. Introductions**

**III. Approve corrected minutes of March 30, 2010 meeting.**

*Motion to approve.*  
*Motion: Al Moss Second: Steve Yonker*  
*Abstain: David Griffith*  
*All ayes. Motion carried.*

**IV. Volunteer Time Sheets**



**V. Old Business**

- a. Update on Death Ride fundraising plan.

Taylor questioned the status of the beer sales during the Death Ride and how many people would be available to help. Mills said that it would be Taylor and himself manning the booth. Taylor questioned the safety in handling the money box. Moss mentioned that there will be other vendors at Turtle Rock Park at the same time. Brees said that the booth will be open Thursday and Friday and that there will be registration going on both days. Brees went on to say that the Fire Safe Council will need to get a permit to sell alcohol from the ABC prior to the event. Richmond said that he may be able to assist in the booth. Mills questioned what price they would be charging for the beer. Brees said that the fire department charges \$3 per cup or 2 for \$5.00. It was agreed to charge the same price as the Markleeville Fire Department. Brees stated that he would get additional detail and information from Teresa Burkhauser at the Chamber of Commerce. Hartnett requested that the item be included on the agenda for the May and June meetings.
  
- b. Follow up on the community meeting of April 17, 2010.

Brees said that there were about 40 people in attendance at the community meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Brees added that this number included FSC members. Brees went on to say that the Woodfords Volunteer Fire Department did a great job with the barbecue and adequate time was set aside for the event. Brees mentioned that CAL FIRE, the CHP, the Forest Service, and the Alpine County Sheriff were in attendance. Hartnett asked for feedback on the meeting. Moss thanked Buck McClelland, Woodfords Fire Chief, and the Woodfords Fire Department for barbecuing for the event. Yonker stated that he felt Brees did a great job on the Power Point presentation. Richmond added that he felt it was good to have the law enforcement personnel speak. Hartnett said that the Power Point presentation was great and that he had people requesting paper copies of the presentation. Hartnett went on to say that he would be attending Supervisor Tom Sweeney's District 5 meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup> to notify them of their meeting and hand out flyers.
  
- c. Continued preparation for the community meetings for Districts 3 & 5.

Hartnett explained that the District 3 meeting was scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Wellness Center at the Woodfords Community. Hartnett went on to say that Deann Roberts, Washoe Tribal Council, was on vacation and would not be back until May 4<sup>th</sup>. Hartnett said that he has had trouble getting the communication flowing with Roberts regarding the meeting details. Hartnett added that the flyers have not yet been distributed and was told they could be handed out with the community's next newsletter on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Hartnett explained that the Washoe Tribal Council was initially receptive to the idea of a meeting, but he has had difficulty in getting any feedback since that time. Griffith and Mills offered to assist

Hartnett in going door to door to distribute the flyers. After some discussion, it was agreed that due to the lack of feedback from the Woodfords Community and concerns over community participation in the event that a strong commitment was needed from Supervisor Phillip Bennett and Roberts before proceeding with the meeting. Yonker suggested combining the District 3 meeting with the District 5 meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Hartnett said that he would contact Bennett and Roberts to discuss the issue then contact the FSC to let them know if the meeting would take place on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

- d. Follow up on the RAC meeting of April 20, 2010.

Hartnett reported that he has not yet received an accounting of how the RAC money was spent. Brees said that the FSC was awarded \$35,000 for the Coordinator grant, but he will need to rewrite the proposal to fit their criteria. Brees explained that the FSC was also awarded \$10,000 for the Biomass grant. Brees suggested that the FSC request additional Title III funds from the county. Brees said that he will first check with the Forest Service Coordinator to determine if the county can allocate funds for Title III projects before presenting a proposal to the county. Hartnett reported that the RAC will be holding regularly scheduled meetings with the next one to be held in June.

## **VI. New Business**

- a. Creation of a budget for the RAC award of \$35,000.

Brees said that he has not had a chance to rework the budget for the RAC award of \$35,000. Brees explained that the FSC was awarded \$10,000 less than what was applied for and recommended pursuing Title III funds to make up for that reduced funding. Griffith suggested that the FSC be ready with grant applications for the next round of RAC grants which should come up in June. Hartnett asked that Brees present upcoming RAC project ideas and a budget for the \$35,000 Coordinator grant at the May meeting for discussion.

- b. Discussion and strategic planning to fund the Biomass pile beyond the fall of 2010.

Hartnett reported that there has been discussion in Markleevillage of filing a petition to get the burn pile as a constant line item on the county budget. Hartnett explained that there is a fear of all the burning by homeowners in the absence of a community burn pile. Hartnett questioned if the FSC could foster a petition. Griffith said that the FSC can support a petition. After some discussion, it was agreed that a proposal should be drafted outlining a community fee-based burn pile. Hartnett suggested that the FSC members open the line of communication with their county supervisor to gain support of the issue. Hartnett added that he will meet with Knorr to discuss the burn pile before moving forward with a

community petition. Moss offered to attend the meeting with Hartnett and Knorr.

- c. Discussion and possible action to pursue Title III funding from Alpine County.  
This item covered with Old Business item d. above.
- d. Review 2010 first quarter financial statements.  
Radelfinger distributed the first quarter financial statements for review and said that she had a meeting with Richard Peters, CPA, for the 2009 tax returns.

Kris Timberlake, CAL FIRE Battalion Chief, said that CAL FIRE will be sending three inspectors to start defensible space inspections the beginning of May. Timberlake went on to say that the inspectors will be working Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Timberlake asked for target areas to begin the inspections and any printed material the FSC would like delivered. Brees said that the FSC would provide a list of contractors that can help with fuels reduction and places to dispose of the fuels. Taylor added that she will provide reflective address sign order forms and leave them at the Woodfords store to be picked up. Radelfinger mentioned that she would also leave the contractors list for CAL FIRE at the Woodfords store. Hartnett questioned if CAL FIRE would be making an announcement to the BOS of the coming inspections. Timberlake explained that they would be making a presentation to the BOS at the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Brees mentioned that there was a paragraph in the spring newsletter of the coming inspections. Griffith suggested emailing or calling the county supervisors to notify them of the coming inspections. Hartnett agreed to send out an email. After some discussion, Timberlake said that he would coordinate with Brees and McClelland on which areas to target for the defensible space inspections. McClelland questioned who the enforcement agency would be. Timberlake said that enforcement would come through CAL FIRE with the assistance of the Alpine County District Attorney. Brees asked Timberlake for comments on the community meeting. Timberlake said that he was impressed with the turnout at the meeting; he felt the formal presentation was excellent and the guest speakers were good. Timberlake added that he will be at the May 15<sup>th</sup> community meeting.

- e. Staff reports.  
Brees said that he met with Randi Makley, Alpine County Auditor regarding setting up an MOU for the FSC's Title III funds. Brees added that he will meet with Makley and Radelfinger in June to discuss the details.
- f. Board member comments.

Hartnett thanked everyone for their help in assisting with the community meeting.

**VII. Adjournment**

Set next meeting at the Markleeville Fire Station at 6:00 pm on Monday, May 31, 2010.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Al Moss Second: Steve Yonker*

*All ayes. Motion carried*