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Board of Directors Meeting
January 27, 2015, 9:30 am
USFS Headquarters, 100 Forni Road, Placerville
Final Minutes as approved 24 February 2015

1. Meeting Call to Order: 9:30 am, Pat Dwyer, Chairperson
2. Roll Call & Sign In: Pat Dwyer, Ken Hasse, Ernie Lory, Steve Willis, Bruce Dickson, Heather Campbell and Ray Griffiths present. Members absent: Bill Brandt, Dylan Thomas, Richard Krek, and Jim Stewart (Approved absence).
3. Approval of Agenda: Agenda was modified to add the approval of the October 2014 minutes in addition to the November 2014 minutes, and Ken Hasse requested the addition of item 10.c. LT 9. Ray Griffiths moved that the agenda be approved as modified, and Ernie Lory second. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Consent Agenda: Approval of October 28, 2014 and November 18, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes. Ernie Lory moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Ray Griffiths second. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Public Comment – None.
6. Information Items:
 - a. Wildfire Mitigation Award – Chairman Dwyer announced that Ken and Nancy Hasse have been nominated for the national Wildfire Mitigation Award. They were invited to be recognized at the Wildland Urban Interface Conference in Reno, but have instead chosen to be recognized by the Board of Supervisors in March, which Chairman Dwyer will arrange.
 - b. Correspondence – None.
 - c. 2015 Objectives – Chairman Dwyer went over the 2015 objectives:
 - i. Obtain SRA grants
 - ii. Obtain Clearinghouse grants
 - iii. Obtain administrative support as well as an office location

- iv. Obtain local accounting services in place of our current accountant, who is in El Dorado Hills
- v. Continue to update the web site
- vi. Recruit new board members
- vii. Assist in the creation of two new councils
- viii. Hold a workshop for communities who have an interest in forming a fire safe council
- ix. Hold a workshop/training session for volunteers willing to become Firewise evaluators
- x. Strengthen our relationship with local fire departments
- xi. Keep the BOS informed by briefing them twice per year on our activities and accomplishments
- xii. Enhance our fund raising efforts
- xiii. Improve our public relations and information communication

7. Program Reports:

- a. Chipper, Dumpster, and GW Pick up – Chairman Dwyer reported that he is still working on the green waste pick up procedures. Ken Hasse said that we had spent most of the PG&E funding that we had received for chipping by using a temporary contractor. He said that currently the contractor has caught up, and that demand is down. Chairman Dwyer reported that we have served two communities with dumpsters: Bear Rock Rd, which used four dumpsters and reported approximately \$1,300 in in-kind work, and Dogwood Mobile Home Park, which also used 4 dumpsters and reported \$6,300 in in-kind work.
- b. Senior Assistance – Chairman Dwyer reported that we've changed contractors for the FOS program, also, the rules have changed to include a \$300 cap on the assistance provided to any single residence. This was necessary to keep the residents from requesting additional work of the contractors once they are on-site. The board has also agreed to continue to support the FOS fundraiser if they have one this year.
- c. GFR Fuel Reduction Projects –Steve Hupner reported that both GF 12 and GF 9 are still active. On GF 9 they are attempting to spend some left-over funds from the Forest Service Grant, and on GF 12 they are working on the CEQA evaluation.

8. Treasurer's Report: Ken Hasse reviewed the financial reports. We have \$193,482.15 in the bank, some of which is for Grizzly Flat. He reviewed the Budget Performance, which shows we've expended 21.5% of the budget to date. There are overages in Postage and Delivery, and Printing and Reproduction, however some of those costs will be transferred to the Grizzly Flat account now that money has been received. Also, the dumpster signs were an unbudgeted expenditure. Still, we are in the black and will schedule an audit. The original auditor has agreed to conduct the audit if we can wait until April, so that is the tentative schedule.

9. Governance Committee Report – Chairman Dwyer explained that in the past the Council didn't pay for any travel, but he now wants to remove the prohibition. Funding for travel will be provided only for travel outside the county, and only with prior approval of the Board. Ray Griffiths moved that we remove Section 7.02 of Article VII, Travel, Lodging, Meals and Professional Association Membership, thereby reinstating the travel allowance. Ernie Lory second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Projects Committee Report:

- a. Georgetown CWPP Update – According to Chairman Dwyer, this CWPP is close to approval. Supervisor Veerkamp inserted a disclaimer to the effect that the existence of a CWPP does not mean there won't be a fire; therefore the signature cycle had to be repeated.
- b. Lakehills CWPP Update – Steve Willis reported that they, too, had to recirculate their signature page, due to the addition of the disclaimer. Steve also reminded the board to include all new projects in Appendix M.
- c. Logtown 9 – Ken Hasse informed the board that the Highway 49 CWPP is part of the Logtown Project list, and it includes roadside clearing on Hwy 49 below Crystal Blvd. The work is estimated at about \$65,000 total, with \$5,000 in in-kind work being done by one of the landowners.

11. New Business:

- a. Approve Reimbursement for an EDCFSC representative to attend the Wildland Urban Interface Conference in Reno, Nevada – Deleted; The Hasses have declined to attend.
- b. Approve Wildland RX 2015 Contract – Chairman Dwyer announced that this contract expired as of January 1, 2015, and that it needs to be renewed. Steve Willis requested that the word "Satellite" be changed to "Associate", so as not to exclude any councils. Ken Hasse moved that the contract be approved as amended by Steve Willis. Heather Campbell second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Dwyer mentioned two other contracts that need to be reviewed: the contract with Steve Swindle for the chipping database, and the contract with Luke for the website.
- c. SRA Grant Application Status: The proposals for the County-Wide CWPP, the Logtown Fuel Reduction Project LT10, Grizzly Flat Fuel Reduction Project GF 13, Lakehills Fuel Reduction Project, and Weber Creek Fuel Reduction Project have all been submitted. We do not know if the Caswell Road Fuel Reduction Project proposal has been submitted.
- d. USFS Grant Opportunities: Chairman Dwyer indicated that he would of course submit a proposal for the chipping and dumpster programs, and suggested that we also submit a proposal as the fiscal sponsor for the Hwy 49 work at Logtown, some additional work in Grizzly Flat, estimated to be about \$135,000, perhaps some work at Lakehills, and possibly a request for funding for the Senior Assistance Program. Grant limitations are

\$200,000, and proposals must be submitted by February 19th, so proposals are requested to be provided to Chairman Dwyer by next week.

- e. Dumpster Scheduling discussion: Ernie Lory stated that Grizzly Flat would like two to three dumpsters at one time, and keep them for two or three days, rather than in accordance with the usual dumpster schedule. Chairman Dwyer agreed that that seems reasonable, as long as El Dorado Disposal can accommodate them.
- f. Administrative Support Discussion – Chairman Dwyer indicated he is working with Diamond Springs Fire to share the services of Lori Tuthill. The option of sharing staff with the RCD turns out to be overly complicated due to Federal requirements regarding building usage, etc.

12. Board Member/Associate Reports:

- a. Grizzly Flat – Ernie Lory reported that the GFFSC met Jan 3. He said that the bark beetles have attacked over 100 trees below the 2,000 foot elevation. The GFFSC is considering making “No Burning” signs for neighbors to put in their yards. They are hosting a neighborhood meeting Jan 31st on defensible space, and in April they are planning to host a table-top exercise to which they will invite local, state, and federal representatives. Lastly he reported that the Amador-El Dorado Forest Forum will be hosting a tour of the King Fire with a BBQ after. The event is scheduled for May 16, 2015. More information can be obtained at www.aeforestforum.org
- b. Bruce Dickson said that the PV Grange had a meeting on Sunday, and they are considering creating a “demo area” right along Pleasant Valley Road, to show people what a Firewise area looks like. In addition they are planning to host a Fire Safe Fair.
- c. Chairman Dwyer informed everyone that Jeff Mussel will be our guest speaker in February, and that our quarterly meeting in March will include Mr. Crabtree from the El Dorado National Forest.

13. Good of the Order: Meeting adjourned at 11:30

Approved by Board Action 2-24-2015



Roger "Pat" Dwyer, Chairman

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