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"Public and Private Partners Working Together to Protect People, Homes, and Natural Resources"

Board of Directors Meeting
February 24, 2015, 9:30 am
USFS Headquarters, 100 Forni Road, Placerville
Approved Minutes

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 Jim Stewart present. Members absent: Bill Brandt, Dylan Thomas, Richard Krek, and Ray Griffiths.
3. Approval of Agenda: Agenda was modified as follows:
 - a. Item 11.f., Administrative Support Discussion, was moved up to the front of the agenda.
 - b. Item 9.a. was made an action item.
 - c. A new item 11.f., LT-9 approval, was added as an action item.Jim Stewart moved that the agenda be approved as amended, and Bruce Dickson second.
Motion passed unanimously.
4. Consent Agenda: Approval of January 28, 2015 minutes. The following changes were made to the January minutes:
 - a. Item 7.a. was corrected to read "Bear Rock Rd" rather than "Ball Rock Rd"
 - b. Item 9 was amended by deleting the words "due to prior abuse" in the first sentence.
 - c. Item 11.f. was corrected to read "Lori Tuthill" rather than "Laurie Cuttle".
 - d. Item 12.a. was corrected to say that the GFFSC is planning to "host", not "hose" a table-top exercise.Ken Hasse moved that the agenda be approved as amended, and Ernie Lory second the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.
5. Public Comment – None.
6. Admin Support Discussion: Chairman Dwyer reported that the Rescue fire department has a part-time administrative support person, Jodi, who would be willing to support the EDCFSC as well. The hope is to employ her for \$30/hr., for a maximum of 80 hours/month. Because we don't currently have adequate funding for a one-year, or longer, contract, it was suggested that

we contract for her services for the remainder of this fiscal year, on a trial basis. Issues discussed included her benefits (Rescue will pay), where our files will be kept so that everyone has access, and who will back her up if she becomes unavailable. Jim Stewart moved that we employ her for a trial period of the remainder of the fiscal year, and revisit this issue next fiscal year. Bruce Dickson second. Steve Willis initiated further discussion by bringing up liability coverage, such as what happens if she has an accident of some sort while she is working for the Council. Chairman Dwyer said that he would contact our lawyer to ask for a referral to another lawyer, as ours also represents Rescue. He also indicated he'd contact our insurance agent, Steve Shortes, and report back to the board prior to March 11, when the Rescue Fire Board meets. Jim Stewart moved that we amend his motion to include the items brought up by the chair, i.e. research on liability, etc., and change the trial period to April 1 through June 30, 2015. Steve Willis second the motion, which then passed unanimously.

7. Information Items:

- a. Correspondence - Chairman Dwyer reported that he wrote a letter of support for the RCD grant application for funds for restoration of the area damaged by the King Fire. He has also written letters to SMUD thanking them for the assistance we've received from Dave Crespo, and inquiring about the possible availability of funding. Chairman Dwyer also wrote a thank you letter to PG&E for their grant money and for the support we get from Jeff Mussel. Then Chairman Dwyer read a very nice email he received from a satisfied chipping customer. Lastly the chair proposed that he write a letter to the EPA, who is considering further restrictions on burning within the county. There was much discussion on this topic until finally Chairman Dwyer offered to draft up a proposed letter which he will distribute to the board, and if a consensus can be achieved, he will send it forward. The deadline for input to the EPA is March 17, 2015.
- b. 2015 Goals – Steve Willis reported that the executive committee had reviewed and updated the 2015 goals. They were supposed to have been provided with the agenda, but some members didn't get them, so they are attached here.

8. Program Reports:

- a. Chipper, Dumpster and GW Pick up – Ken Hasse reported that Jake is no longer our point of contact with Mountain Enterprises; we now deal exclusively with Raul. He said that the chipping program is back on track, with a backlog of about 40 jobs, and should get that down to about a two week wait period within the next week or so. We are running out of funds, so Ken will be asking for more. The quarterly report is ready to go in, except that the Grants Clearinghouse program isn't working properly, so Ken will submit what he can by February 28th. Tom Tinsley of CAL FIRE asked how much we typically spend on chipping and dumpsters per month, because he has received some SRA funding that he may be able to share with us. One of the criteria for the funding is that however we use it, we must make very visible the source of the funding, so the public knows that the fire fees are being put back into the community.

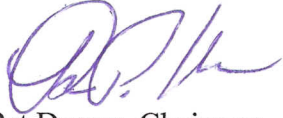
- b. Senior Assistance – Ernie Lory reported that they’ve done two evaluations in 2015, but one of them didn’t need any work. They’re trying to get a list of churches and other organizations will help clear defensible space.
 - c. GF Fuel Reduction Projects – Ernie Lory reported that on GF-9, Phase 2, CCC will be there in mid-March to work on that, GF-12 is in the CEQA phase, and on GF-13 they’re waiting on the CAL FIRE SRA award response.
9. Treasurer’s Report: Ken Hasse reported that he had made two adjustments to the budget, which brought our execution down to 18.5% - some costs were transferred to other accounts. Our P&L is still in the black, and we haven’t yet touched our 2014 funding. The chipping program has about \$12,000 left, and there is about \$2,000 left for dumpsters. Our bank balance is \$182,584.96. Chairman Dwyer reported that the recently disbanded South Fork Weber Creek fire safe council donated \$48.27 in cash, a check for \$16.27, and a Home Depot gift card for \$580.00 to us.
10. Governance Committee Report: Steve Willis announced that Policy and Procedure Article XVIII will actually become Policy and Procedure Addenda XVIII, so that we maintain a record of all changes to the Policy and Procedures. Jim Stewart moved that we add Article XVIII to our Policy and Procedures, Bruce Dickson second, and the motion passed unanimously.
11. Projects Committee Report: Steve Willis reported that he had attended the BOS meeting and the approval of both Georgetown and Lakehills CWPP was on the agenda, however the BOS chose to just sign the CWPPs, without actually “approving” them, as they want to limit their liability.
12. New Business:
 - a. 2015 Event Schedule Education and Outreach
 - i. The FOS Spaghetti Feed will be held on April 12 at the Lyon’s Hall, from 1pm to 5pm. Steve Willis, Dave Crespo, Ernie Lory, and Chairman Dwyer volunteered to help.
 - ii. We will be participating in the Give Where You Live event again this year. Unlike last year, the event will be broken into multiple days, beginning April 23.
 - iii. We have been allotted a 70’ booth at the Home and Garden Show. The CCC may participate with us, and Chairman Dwyer will take to the Fire Chief’s meeting and request their participation. Bruce Dickson stated that the Pleasant Valley Fire Safe Council will participate. Dave Crespo arranged for Mountain Enterprises to bring their rough-terrain vehicle to display, and possibly a chipper to advertise the chipper program.
 - iv. Community Wildfire Preparedness Day is May 2. They’re contributing \$500 to

several fire safe councils, so we agreed this year we'd all vote for the Pollock Pines council, as Heather has applied for one of the grants. It's an on-line vote.

- v. Logtown School Poster - Logtown had arranged to have a school fire safe poster contest, but it has now expanded to all the schools in El Dorado/Diamond Springs/Placerville. The council needs to determine how winners will be selected and what the prizes will be.
 - vi. Printed Material – The council has lots of Ready-Set-Go brochures. Tom Tinsley has indicated that he can provide more if we need them, but not until we need them, please. Heather Campbell will be the council point of contact for advertising material, and will keep a binder of all available hand-outs for people to peruse.
- b. SRA Grant Application Status – The grant award is still on track for early next month. There have been 234 applications received for \$9.5M in grant funds. El Dorado County is third in the list of county contributions, so hopefully we'll receive a proportionate amount of the funding.
 - c. USFS Grant Submission – We've only submitted one grant to the USFS, for the chipper/dumpster program, for \$142,500. El Dorado Disposal has agreed to donate ten dumpsters per year, with a value of about \$7,000. We probably won't hear anything about this one until September.
 - d. WUI Grants – WUI grants are coming up, so be thinking about that.
 - e. Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Opportunity – There will be \$25M in infrastructure improvement funding to be made available in increments. The first increment will be \$10M with a September 1 deadline, and there will be another \$10M in September 2016. Grants can be up to \$500,000 for ground work, and \$75,000 for category II efforts, including environmental review. So be thinking about this and get ready to submit some projects. There does not have to be a CWPP in place to qualify. What's important is that the work will impact a watershed, especially one with storage, and ideally have something to do with biomass. It also helps if you use the CCC.
 - f. Logtown-9 – Logtown-9 would like (up to) \$5,000 from the council for environmental review. There was discussion on whether this is something that should be competed, but the general consensus seemed to be that usually it should be less expensive to utilize someone who is familiar with the area. Steve Willis offered to work on a potential policy for this, or at least compile a list of recommended foresters to add to Appendix M. Ernie Lory moved that we give Logtown-9 up to \$5,000 for their environmental review. Jim Stewart second the motion, and it passed unanimously.
13. Board Member/Associate Reports: Jim Stewart mentioned that the USFS received "Good Neighbor" authority in the 2014 Farm Bill, and he'd like Mr. Crabtree to describe it next month. Chairman Dwyer said he'd pass that along to Mr. Crabtree. Also, Tom Tinsley suggested that March 24th would be a good day for another 4291 refresher, so it will be scheduled for 1:00-3:00pm, after the meeting.

14. Good of the Order: Meeting adjourned at 12:22.

Approved by the Board, March 24, 2015

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Pat Dwyer', written in a cursive style.

Pat Dwyer, Chairman