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

Board of Directors Meeting

July 22, 2014, 9:00 am

USFS Headquarters, 100 Forni Road, Placerville, CA

Minutes – as approved September 23, 2014

1. Meeting Call to Order: 9:05 am, Pat Dwyer, Chairperson
2. Roll Call & Sign In: Pat Dwyer, Ken Hasse, Ernie Lory, Steve Willis, Ray Griffiths, Jim Stewart, Heather Campbell, Bruce Dickson present. Members absent: Bill Brandt, Richard Krek, and Dylan Thomas.
3. Steve Shortes, Mother Lode Insurance, Proposal for Insurance: Steve Shortes provided an in-depth review of our current insurance policy, explaining each type of coverage we currently have, and describing options we may want to consider. He provided packets for everyone which included a proposal from Nonprofits' Own insurance company, as well as a lot of general and specific insurance information. His presentation was very informative and will help us decide our future insurance needs as our policy expires in September.
4. Public Comment: Tom Tinsley from CAL FIRE spoke to us about alternatives to using dumpsters to get rid of pine needles and such. His first recommendation was that property owners should just burn their green waste during appropriate burn periods. He described a program in Alpine County wherein the county provides a specific location where people can bring their green waste for burning, for those people who don't want to do their own burning. He also advised that there are private companies who will provide burning service, and he told us the requirements for carrying out a large scale burn, including the permit and inspection required, as well as the ideal location conditions.
5. Approval of Agenda: Chairman Dwyer added items 4.b. Approve June 24th 2014 General Meeting Minutes, 7.d. Correspondence, and 7.e. Tullis Mine Road Report. Ray Griffiths moved that the agenda be approved as modified, Ernie Lory second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Consent Agenda: Ernie Lory pointed out that in the June 24, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes, item 8.c. should reference the GF12 grant rather than the GF9 grant. Bruce Dickson moved that the

June 24 General Meeting Minutes be approved as submitted, and that the Board Meeting Minutes be approved as changed. Jim Stewart second the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

7. Information Items:

- a. BOS Title III Funding – Chairman Dwyer reported that the BOS passed the resolution to split the Title III funding evenly between EDCFSC and the Sheriff's Department, so we expect to receive approximately \$68,000 in Title III funding this year. This 50/50 split will apply to any future Title III funding as well.
- b. State FSC Meeting in Chico and data request – Chairman Dwyer gave an overview of the meeting that Ken Hasse, Jim Stewart, and he attended in Chico. The thrust of the meeting was identifying ways to pay for Fire Safe Coordinators assuming that Title III funds will be diminishing or disappearing completely. Options considered included utilizing Fire Fee funding, as well as Cap and Trade funding. More investigation is needed to resolve this issue. Chairman Dwyer pointed out that we currently don't have an Executive Coordinator, but acknowledged that it would be good to have one.
- c. Discussions with RCD and Water – We are still looking for a physical location, as one is required by the State of CA. Ideally we'd be able to share office space and support staff with another fire-related organization or non-profit. The Executive Board will meet with the RCD and continue discussions about mutual support. He'll forward a copy of the proposal to the board. Everyone is encouraged to try to come up with possible solutions to this requirement.
- d. Correspondence –
 - i. Friends of Seniors (FOS) Senior Assistances – Chairman Dwyer gave an update of the status of the FOS program. He also distributed a flyer for "Wine in the Vines", a fundraising event scheduled for August 2nd at Sierra Vista Vineyard and Winery from 5:30 – 7:30. Cost is \$25 per person.
 - ii. PG&E – PG&E sent a message asking if we sponsor any lookout towers. We haven't done that in the past, and Chief Tinsley said that even CAL FIRE only does it during significant lightening events.
- e. Tullis Mine Road Report – Steve Willis participated in a meeting with Supervisor Veerkamp at Tullis Mine Road. The issue is limited egress from a large community there. There used to be two roads, but in 1974 the homeowners petitioned to have one of the roads abandoned, so now there are gates across it. That road cannot be made public again, so the recommendation was for the community to create a Fire Safe Council to pursue a secondary exit.

8. Program Reports:

- a. Chipper and Dumpster – Ken Hasse reported that we're nearing the end of the 4th quarter and still haven't received any money. We do have a request in for \$30,000, for whenever funding does become available. Chipper proposals are due the end of this

week. We're expecting three bids. Ken expects the chipper contract to be ready by the time we receive funding.

- b. GF Fuel Reduction- Steve Hupner reported that Phase I of GF9 is done. They had funding left over, so will have a Phase II, which will clear 50 feet onto additional private land along the primary evacuation route, on those properties for which they can obtain property owner approval. Steve also described another effort where they're clearing the county owned right-of-way along some of the roads. They're using the CCC. GF will be paying for the cost of the CCC crew's food and the CCC crew supervisor's OT. Their CWPP is currently left with only 2 projects, but neither of them is ready to be implemented, therefore they'll be updating their CWPP this year. Lastly, he reported that GF12 is waiting for funding.

9. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Financial Status – Ken Hasse reported that we had approximately \$40,000 in the bank at the end of our fiscal year. We currently have \$68,721 in the bank now.
- b. Funding Status – We've received a lot of money already this fiscal year, and have spent it right away, so the expected Title III funding will help out. We're holding \$3,700 for the Lakehills CWPP; Steve Willis doesn't expect to need all of that. The only active project right now is GF9. All the money we've received to date for GF9 has been spent except for \$750 set aside as the fiscal sponsor fee, which we'll use for overhead.
- c. Approval of Budget for 2014/2015- After a lengthy discussion of the budget and what should and shouldn't be included, Ken Hasse explained that the budget represents a concept, not firm numbers, and is subject to continual updates. It was agreed, however that we should add a category "Project Match", so that we could reflect the funding we plan to provide to GF, as well as any other matches that may come up. Ray Griffiths moved that we move \$4,500 from the reserve to the new category of project match. Bruce Dickson second the motion. The motion passed by majority vote (Heather Campbell abstained). Budget was approved as changed. Chairman Dwyer suggested that we send the \$3,725 outlined in the budget for Senior Assistance to Friends of Seniors to allow them to handle the funding of the Senior Assistance Program. Heather Campbell moved that we do so. Jim Stewart second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Discussion and Vote to approve matching funds of \$1,350 for GF CCC contract – Grizzly Flat has asked the Council to subsidize 50% (\$1,350) of the cost for the aforementioned CCC work (item 8.b.). Bruce Dickson moved that we provide the requested funding. Ray Griffiths second. Ernie Lory abstained (since he represents Grizzly Flat). Steve Willis abstained. Motioned passed by majority vote.

10. Governance committee Report:

- a. Policy Update – skipped due to lack of time
- b. New Council Handbook – Heather Campbell requested a deadline for handbook draft. Christine Swenson suggested she provide an update at each meeting of her progress to

date in establishing the Pollock Pines CWPP, and provide draft guidance based on her experience to date along with her update.

- c. Discussion and possible vote to approve Dumpster Policy – skipped due to lack of time. Christine Swenson offered to work on the dumpster policy.

11. Good of the Order: Due to lack of time the remaining items on the agenda were skipped.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25. The August 26th meeting will be held in Grizzly Flat, at the usual time of 9:30. Directions to the August meeting will be sent out via email.

Approved by Board Action, September 23, 2014

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Pat Dwyer', with a stylized, flowing script.

Pat Dwyer, Chair