Board Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2018
USFS Headquarters, 100 Forni Road, Placerville
9:30 am to 12:00

1. Meeting Call to Order:

2. Roll Call: Sign In
   Dwyer, Willis, Stewart, Payne, Tolson, K Campbell, Lory, Brown, H Campbell, Julian, Dickson, Kruse, Pullin and Watkins present

3. Approval of Agenda: 4/24/2018 Board Action Item
   Motion by Tolson to approve agenda adding Item 9e to reinstate policy suspended in Item 9c. Second by Payne. Motion carried.

   Motion by Stewart to approve minutes from 3/27/2018 adding Ricky Shurtz of Jefferson Resource Company to last bullet in Item 10f. Second by Payne. Motion carried.

5. Public Comment –Time limit is 3 minutes per person.
   • Payne - was at BOS meeting this morning and let them know that EDC FSC was meeting this morning in case anyone was interested
   • H Campbell - got draft brochure completed, it is fabulous!

6. Information Items:
   a. Chairman’s report & Communication
      • Addressed Ag Forum on April 6
      • Sent out e-mail regarding funding fix for fire prevention in omnibus prevention bill
      • Received a request to participate in Cops and Rodders, H Campbell will respond yes
   b. Vice Chair report
      • Watching 2018 farm bill, trying to expand good neighbor authority
      • Attended California FSC grant workshop, grants are open, $5.45 million available, two new fire safe councils in Tuolumne County, used our chipping photo from our website for their presentation, EDC FSC got mentioned twice for quality of chipping program, discussed file retention-typically seven years, if you have them they can ask for them even if they are over seven years old, they are pleased with ZOOM grant program, goldspotted oak borer is devastating San Diego County-lost 80,000 oaks, it is in Riverside and Orange counties also
      • ARC flyer - looking at six new planned acquisitions
      • SB 1079 payment advance hearing is today
      • EID is against new water tax which is promoted by same senator as payment advance bill
      • USFS is doing prescribed fire on private lands workshop
• CAL FIRE is updating 2010 strategic fire plan for 2018, in the 2000s shrub land burned more than forest, 2010-2018 has reversed that trend
• Suggestion was made to have an integrated fire plan that includes the CWPPs and the Cohesive Strategy
  • 4291 training was last month, distributed certificates and badges

  c. SNC Meeting – Steve
  • No report

  d. Fire Chiefs Meeting – Pat
  • Attended last meeting, focus was on proposal of tax to fund fire service to replace aid to fire, polling was not favorable for passing tax, will not be pursuing tax
  • Still discussing vacation rental issues

  e. FPO Meeting – Marshall
  • No report

  f. Tree Mortality working group – Jeff T
  • Still haven’t met

  g. USFS SOFAR Project – Heather
  • Landscape working group is working toward defining strategic planning areas

7. Treasurer’s Report: Maureen

  a. Operations
  • Nothing out of the ordinary
  • Have not used most of satellite start-up monies or existing FSC use funds

  b. Grant Funding Status (Projects Report)
  • Received Lakehills and Grizzly Flats money
  • CAL FIRE not doing advances could hurt us financially, USFS grants are slow to fund

  Motion by Tolson to accept Treasurer’s report. Second by Payne. Motion carried.

8. Old Business

  a. Ratification of contract award seniors/veterans
  • Awarded to two contractors Justice Enterprises and Mossy Oaks

  Motion by H Campbell to ratify contracts with Justice Enterprises and Mossy Oaks. Second by Tolson. Motion carried.

  b. South County (Pioneer) “Health and Safety Fair” – Heather
  • Dwyer will send out flyer again, is this Saturday 9:00-3:00 at Mountain Creek Middle School
  • Will be serving breakfast
  • Many diverse booths

  c. County brush ordinance
  • Small Group is meeting right now
  • EDC FSC has been asked to participate but hasn’t been invited to any meetings yet

  d. Wildfire Preparedness Day
  • May 7th
  • Event can be around that date and event can be included on your recertification in November
  • NFPA is changing signs and will be sending out new signs for 5, 10 and 15 years of consecutive recognition
  • Mosquito’s will be May 19th and include a band, property owners’ association matched NFPA grant of $500
  • ALT will be May 12th
  • PP will be June 20th
  • Logtown spring clean-up and Firewise event is May 12th
  • Sierra Springs Firewise event is June 23rd
• Lakehills will be May 6th
• Trestle Forest clean-up event is June 9th
• GF Firewise event will be July 21st

Motion by Stewart to purchase 1,000 Go Bags. Second by Payne. Stewart amended motion to include using Title III funds for purchase. Payne seconded. Motion carried.

e. Logo Pop Up Purchase
   • In process, waiting for final proof of logo

f. “Blanket” Environmental Reviews
   • Discussed previously
   • Willis, Dwyer and Lory met with RCD
   • RCD was concerned that they would need a staff member at all projects for which they have prepared review even if they are not project manager
   • Will be pursuing with CAL FIRE grant funded projects

g. PG&E Grant Award
   • Coloma-Lotus received a $100,000 grant
   • Will finish up all seven roads in red zone

h. SMUD Concept Proposals
   • No updates
   • Hope to have update at next meeting

i. USFS Grant Announcement
   • Only project eligible that we are aware of would be for chipping

j. CAL FIRE Grants Notice
   • Still waiting

9. New Business
   a. Appoint Nominating Committee- Pat
      • Bylaws require nominating committee be appointed in April, slate of candidates due in May and vote in June
      • Vice-Chair is chair of nominating committee, that would be Willis
      • Directors whose terms are ending are Tolson, H Campbell, Dickson, Stewart, Payne, Pullin, K Campbell and Julian
      • H Campbell, Dickson and Pullin volunteered for nominating committee
      • Director renewal forms are on the website, Dickson will have forms to distribute at next month’s meeting for directors and councils, all forms need to be in at June meeting

   b. Project support request and procedures – Steve
      • Willis and Watkins have been working on determining what information is available
      • Passed out information request forms

   c. Invoke Policy 501.01 Unique Qualifications for: Difficulty in finding uniquely qualified individuals
      i. Duane Nelson – Project Manager Contract
         • Introduced Duane Nelson, just retired from El Dorado Forest
         • Is not a registered professional forester, will have to subcontract for that position
      ii. Paul Watkins GIS Contract
         Motion by Stewart to suspend Article 5.01. Second by Tolson.
         Discussion: Does “unless unique requirements” not require suspension of bylaws? Consensus is to err on the side of caution and continue with suspension of Article 5.01.
         Dwyer-yes, Willis-yes, Dickson-yes, Stewart-yes, Tolson-yes, K Campbell-yes, Lory-yes, H Campbell-yes, Kruse-yes, Pullin-yes, Julian-yes, Watkin-abstain
         Motion carried.
d. Ratify contracts  
i. Duane Nelson- Project Management  
ii. Paul Watkins GIS Support  
Motion by H Campbell to ratify contracts with Duane Nelson and Paul Watkins. Second by Lory.  
Dwyer-yes, Willis-yes, Dickson-yes, Stewart-yes, Tolson-yes, K Campbell-yes, Lory-yes, H Campbell-yes, Kruse-yes, Pullin-yes, Julian-yes, Watkin-abstain  
Motion carried.  
Motion by Stewart to reinstate Article 5.01. Second by Tolson.  
Dwyer-yes, Willis-yes, Dickson-yes, Stewart-yes, Tolson-yes, K Campbell-yes, Lory-yes, H Campbell-yes, Kruse-yes, Pullin-yes, Julian-yes, Watkin-abstain  
Motion carried.  

iii. SS-Phase 1 A- Team Tree  
- Had 5 bidders, A-Team Tree is $1,700 per acre  
Motion by Stewart to award contract to A-Team Tree. Second by Tolson. Motion carried  

iv. Seniors/ Veterans Defensible Space  
1. Mossy Oak  
2. Justice Enterprises  
- Done under Item 8a  

10. Program Reports  
a. Senior & Veterans Assistance – Ernie  
- Spaghetti feed is this Saturday 3:00-7:00 at the Lion’s Club  
- Will start assigning jobs to contractors as soon as all insurance requirements are met  
b. EDNF Updates – Teresa  
- Thursday is vision meeting for SOFAR, focus area is Chili Bar/Georgetown  
- Continuing to work with Mule Deer Foundation and RCD for fuel treatments around Jenkinson Lake  
- Up to 7,000 acres prescribed burning on forest, had first helicopter fire start in over 10 years  
- Got grant from SNC for hand work in Grizzly Flats, negotiating more grant possibilities around Grizzly Flats and Trestle projects  
- Farm bill would provide options for getting projects done  
c. Project reports  
i. 2016 SRA New York Creek LH2- Steve  
- Hope to start work in May  
ii. 2016 SRA GF Hazard Tree –Ernie  
- In phase three, starting to drop trees  
iii. 2017 USFS Sierra Springs – Kay  
- Work started yesterday  
- Very impressed with workers  
iv. 2017 ALT Jeff  
- Looking for someone to rewrite CWPP  
- Two grants for vegetation management, ready to award contracts, hope to start late May  
- Spent half of tree mortality grant  
- Got seedings and are distributing them  
v. 2017 USFS Chipper El Dorado – Pat  
- REE chipping day is April 30th, 12 signed up so far  
- Approximately 35 requests in April including the 12 REE  
vi. Logtown  
- Buzz Tail Road on Rat Tail Ridge serves eight parcels  
- Too small for a grant, working with Tribal fire hand crew and chipper to clear road
11. Board member/ Associate Reports

- Tolson: contracts were awarded and ready to start work
- K Campbell: PG&E is coming to drive roads for future projects
- Pullin: needs Ready Set Go brochures and Go Bags
- Nelson: June 8 and 9 will be steep terrain presentation, Title II has been reauthorized so El Dorado National Forest Resource Advisory Committee will have $300,000 in grants coming out

12. Good of the Order

a. Next EDCFSC Board and Stakeholders May 22, 2018

Motion to adjourn by Stewart at 1200. Second by Dickson. Motion carried.