Board Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2019
USFS Headquarters, 100 Forni Road, Placerville
9:30 am to 11:15 Business Meeting + Presentation 11:30 to 12:00

1. Meeting Call to Order

2. Roll Call: Sign In
Willis, Dwyer, Dickson, Stewart, Pesses in for Payne, Atencio, Brown, Lory, K Campbell, Zelinsky, Pullin, Gilchrest, Kruse and Johnston present. Tolson and Julian excused.

3. Approval of Agenda: 5/15/19 Board Action Item
Motion by Stewart to approve agenda adding Item 9 f. Resolution 2019-05-01. Second by Atencio. Motion carried.

4. Consent Agenda: Board Action Item 4/17/19 Board Meeting Minutes
Motion by Dwyer to approve minutes from 4/17/2019. Second by Dickson. Motion carried.

5. Public Comment – Time limit is 3 minutes per person.
   • None

6. Information Items:
   a. State Capital Legislative Day – Jim Stewart + guest Brian Dahle
      • CA FSC asked EDC FSC to participate in Legislative Day
      • CA FSC is looking for funding for FSC executive coordinators
      • Stewart attended to represent EDC FSC, networked with other FSCs to discuss coordinators
      • Met with Frank Bigelow and Brian Dahle, both said they would back a bill to provide funding for executive coordinator
      • Dahle has a long history of working for wildland fire safety, forest management, SB 901-Good Neighbor Authority moving forward, working for sustainable partnerships, working on getting funding for FSCs from greenhouse gas fund
      • Veerkamp just got back from testifying in D.C. about wildfires and forest management, he endorses Dahle
   b. Chairman’s Report & Communication
      • CAL FIRE townhall meetings have started, first one was last night and had 75-80 attendees
      • CA FSC is updating database, affiliate councils will be receiving form to update information, Willis will send out form and it is to be returned to CA FSC
      • Watkins was approached by county to get location of all cell phone towers in county, Watkins will produce map of cell towers in each FSC area and has asked that the locations be verified, added, deleted
      • Chipping ads are running
   c. Vice Chair Report
      • No report
   d. Fire Chiefs Meeting – Did not meet. No report.
e. FPO Meeting – Marshall
   • Willis-going though Title 14 (fire codes), in final draft, updates every several years
   • Tahoe Basin’s has an interesting issue with scooters due to accidents and lithium batteries igniting, estimate it takes 1,000 gallons of water to put out a lithium battery fire and most fire engines carry about 500 gallons of water
f. Tree Mortality / Healthy Forest - Jeff T.
   • No report
g. USFS SOFAR Project – Heather
   • Zelinsky-three main components: Slab Creek to Forebay, Chili Bar to Georgetown and Caples Creek project
h. USFS SOFAR Chili Bar – Tamara
   • No Report
i. Wildfire Technology Summit - Eric
   • This was a two-day workshop put on by the California Public Utilities Commission
   • Many technology-based sponsors
   • Looking at building better predictive modeling for fire threat and equipment life expectancy
   • Many sessions on weather, many of the presentations were videoed and can be viewed
   • Drew an international audience, other countries have developed many forward thinking solutions, for example: developed a sensor to go on electric power line so when it’s broken it disrupts power before line hits the ground
   • Brown will send out link to videos

7. Treasurer’s Report: Maureen Pat
   a. Operations
      • On track with budget
      • Major expenses are admin support, insurance and accountant
      • Received $100 donation from a couple that received services from EDC FSC
      • Gilchrest received $10,000 donation from El Dorado Foundation for startup costs
   b. Grant Funding Status (Projects Report)
      • Currently are working on approximately $2.7 mill in grants
      • Forest Service grant for chipper expires end of July and waiting for advance, there is a CALFIRE grant that will start when the Forest Service grant expires
      • Senior and Veterans programs have approximately 70 applications and only have $430 in the bank currently for these projects, expecting some grant money to come in
      
Motion by Dickson to accept treasurer’s report. Second by Stewart. Motion carried.

8. Old Business
   a. Grants Status
      1. USFS / CFSC
      2. CALFIRE / CCI 2019
         • 2016-2018 grant cycle - all grants have been closed out except chipping
         • 2017 has four grants open
         • 2019 only have one starting-chipping
   b. VM Ordinance
      • EDC BOS passed vegetation management ordinance
      • Veerkamp-vegetation management ordinance made it to D.C. before he arrived, believes has support from D.C.
      • Will roll out in next few weeks, will be complaint driven, working on public education and outreach
      • County will receive complaints, contact is not active yet
      • Testified before house committee about national parks forest and public lands, resiliency, majority believe hardening homes is solution not vegetation management
c. Insurance Review: D&O coverage
   • Still discussing having affiliate council D&O coverage
   • Events needing insurance riders need 60 days for request to be processed

d. Outreach & Education efforts for 2019
   • Ongoing effort

e. Council’s annual renewal
   • All councils must renew annually
   • Before June meeting councils must complete application, agreement and conflict of interest for ASSOCIATE FSC
   • Will be awarding membership certificates to associate councils

f. June Elections Nomination Committee
   • Nine incumbents up for re-election all nine have expressed that they would like to continue
   • May be three additional nominees
   • Board members must complete application, agreement, personal conflict of interest and waiver of liability
   • There will be one vote for election of directors and one vote for officers

9. New Business
   a. CFSC Grant Period Open
      • Submissions due June 5th
      • $2 million available
      • Maximum per group is $100,000
      • Grants requires dollar for dollar match
   b. EDCFSC sponsor of CFSC submittals (3) process
      • EDC FSC is limited to sponsoring three $100,000 grants
      • Currently have four FSCs planning to submit: Oakhill, Georgetown, Pollock Pines and Texas Hill
      • Dwyer will be speaking to the four groups to go over rules and requirements
   c. Ratification of selection of contractor for CWPP
      • Have grant to update CWPP
      • Had two bidders respond, grant is for $139,000, bids were $134,000 and $202,000
      • Committee selected contractor then received some unsolicited proposals so committee is going to re-evaluate their selection
   d. Expanded 4291 Assessments - Review & Discussion
      • In general, want to provide assessments whenever possible
      • CAL FIRE would like copies of assessments but some homeowners don’t want information shared
      • Each council will have to make their own decisions as to how to proceed
      • Tinsley requested that all councils receive expanded 4291 sheet to have additional information collected which would match the additional information collected by the CAL FIRE Collector App
      • Willis has several concerns: would require additional training and expertise not possessed by volunteers, takes volunteers from advisory role to inspector role
      • If one box is not completed data can not be entered into app, estimates will be entered for missing information
      • Consensus is to not use expanded form
   e. EDC Community Foundation S&V grant submittal – Ernie
      • Lory applied for another $3,500 grant
f. Resolution 2019-05-01
   • Grant requires a resolution naming and authorizing the signer (Dwyer) for Logtown grant
   Motion by Zelinsky to approve Resolution 2019-05-01. Second by Dickson.
   * Ayes-12 * Noes-0 * Abstain-1

10. Program Reports - DEFERED
   a. Chipping-Jodi
      • Over 125 requests in April
      • 64 requests as of May 13th
   b. Senior & Veterans Assistance – Ernie
      • 74 requests currently
   c. Countywide CWPP – Process, Timeline, Firewise form – Discussion
      • Contractor selected and notified.
      • Meeting scheduled for June 4, 2019 to clarify procedures and schedule
   d. EDNF Updates – Teresa
      • ENF is very active with project planning
      • Plans for prescribed burning delayed due to weather

11. Good of the Order
   a. Next EDCFSC Board  June 19, 2019

Presentation

Rafael Martinez, Director EDC DOT
Subject: Department fiscal status and future plans.