Board Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2019
USFS Headquarters, 100 Forni Road, Placerville
9:30 am to 11:30 Business Meeting + Social Time 11:30 to 12:00 noon

1. Meeting Call to Order:

2. Roll Call: Sign In:
   Willis, Dwyer, Dickson, Cox, Atencio, Zelinsky, Payne, Brown, Lory, Julian, H Campbell, Stewart, Pullin, Johnston, Kruse, Gilchrest and K Campbell excused

3. Approval of Agenda: 7/17/19 Board Action Item
   Motion by Payne to approve agenda adding 9(b) new council Gold Ridge Forest and 9(c) elect Kristine Beltran to Board. Second by Zelinsky. Payne amended motion to adding 9(d) elect Michelle Wirt to board. Zelinsky seconded amended motion. Motion carried.

4. Consent Agenda: 6/19/19 Board Meeting Minutes Board Action Item
   Motion by Payne approve minutes from June 19, 2019. Second by Dwyer. Motion carried.

5. Public Comment – Time limit is 3 minutes per person.
   • Mike Borghesi, insurance broker: doing community-based insurance seminars, topics include fire line scores, non-renewals, cancellations, etc.
   • Lester Lubetkin Oak Hill Area FSC: DS subcommittee met and has question on how to get communities to work together to be fire safe
   • Kristine Beltran: Pleasant Valley FSC had presentation from County Fire and would like to know EDC FSC’s position on measure B: EDCFSC does not take a stance on political issues as per our bylaws

6. Information Items:
   a. Chairman’s Report & Communication
      • Had an e-mail from homeowners pleased with chipping service
      • California FSC has a new executive director, Tracy Katelman, website has been updated, everyone should go in and update your community council, they are now providing new literature and we have ordered enough for each council
      • Announced last month SMUD donation of $15,000 per year for three years for Senior and Veteran Defensible Space program – thank you to Eric Brown
      • Sacramento Bee article said legislation authorizing $26 billion for wildfire, awaiting governor’s signature, appears to be for future recovery costs, funding for fireproofing homes was removed from bill
      • PG&E will have wildfire safety open house at Best Western Plus in Placerville on July 25th 6:00-8:00, they will also be doing webinars
b. Vice Chair Report
   - No report

c. Fire Chiefs Meeting
   - Renewed membership in EDC Fire Chiefs Association as well as EDC Prevention
   - There has been in increase in water rescues
   - JPA discussing long-haul transport solutions
   - Pilot Peak tower is open
   - Discussed generator purchases and installations has increased, question was brought up as to if emergency responders know where generators are-no, there were a number of generator caused fires during last PG&E shutdown, need to be permitted and installed properly, will ask FPO if there is a fact sheet that can be distributed, also concerns with solar-can’t hear storage batteries vs. gas generators that can be heard

d. FPO Meeting – Marshall
   - Ad hoc committee meeting to discuss wildfire safe plans and qualifications dictated by county, trying to expand qualifications from only allowing Registered Professional Forester
   - Regular meeting tomorrow and will be discussing new code cycle, should be to supervisors in November to be effective January 1, 2020
   - Vegetation management ordinance effective June 30th, complaint based right now, spending most of funding on flyers and information outreach, next year will begin enforcement
   - EDH Fire currently working on vacant lot program, only goes up to 5 acres, looking for contractors, only had three qualified bidders, cost is double what it was last year
   - Suggestion to have building department join FSC-Payne will reach out to them
   - Ratings used to just be ISO protection class, in 1990s started using Fireline scores, insurers are pulling out of state and high-risk market
   - Number one cause of home fire is ember intrusion

e. USFS SOFAR Project – Heather
   - Next meeting September 11
   - Emphasis on “red fire”
   - Landscape committee has not met
   - Will be working in Caples Creek in August
   - Meetings will start taking on a science focus

f. USFS SOFAR Chili Bar – Tamara
   - Dealing with north side of watershed
   - Focus on landscape and forest health
   - Applied for grant to do CEQA and escape routes
   - Next meeting is site walk next Monday

7. Treasurer’s Report: Maureen  Board Action Item
   a. Operations
      - End of year budget is over 5% but that was expected
   b. Grant Funding Status (Projects Report)
      - Finishing up Forest Service grant for chipping, starting with CAL FIRE funding, waiting for initial payment

Motion by Stewart to accept Treasurer’s report. Second by Payne. Motion carried.
8. Old Business
   a. Grants Status (Projects Report)
      • Forest Service chipping grant is finished, last payment is in the mail
      • CAL FIRE chipping grant starting
      • Existing chipping contracts expire end of July, will be selecting new contractors after this meeting
      • CWPP: Barry Callenberger will be working with communities
      • Weber Creek: assigned contract with RCD, ROEs are done
      • Patterson Ranch has almost all ROEs
      • Mosquito has Forest Service grant, working on ROEs and prescription
      • Logtown 10 in early phases, just signed agreement with Mark Egbert
      • Got a memo from CAL FIRE they want us to use California climate investment logo
   b. Insurance Review: D&O coverage **Board Action Item**
      • Liability, accident and officers’ coverages
      • Discovered discrepancy in D&O coverage, EDC FSC understanding is that it covered satellite councils as do other policies, insurance company said it does not
      • Need to name subsidiaries, coverage for satellite councils will result in a cost of $250 per council per year, recommend $5500 for initial 17 councils plus five additional for future growth
      
      Motion by Payne to provide D&O coverage for satellite councils. Second by H. Campbell.
      • Discussion: it has always been the intent of the EDC FSC to provide D&O coverage to the satellite councils
      • Did consult with legal counsel who recommended having coverage
      • Current coverage is $600 to cover only EDC FSC board
      
      Motion carried.
      i. Budget Revision
         Motion by Payne to increase insurance budget by $5,500. Second by Zelinsky.
         Motion carried.
         • 34% of budget is now dedicated to insurance
   c. Council Association Certificates
      • Certificates of membership available for each council
      • Hope to add years of membership on next year’s certificates

9. New Business
   a. EDCFSC Officer Transition Committee – Formation
      • June of each year all councils must renew membership and one half of board members elected and officers elected
      • Forming a leadership committee to form a succession plan
      • Passed out draft plan
      • Would like to have committee formed by August meeting
   b. Gold Ridge Forest FSC
      • Welcome to Gold Ridge Forest FSC
      • They are in Pollock Pines-Camino area but are property owner association, so they have more enforcement authority
      • 627 homesites
      • Board accepted their membership
   c. Kristine Beltran
      • Is with Pleasant Valley FSC and has applied to board
      Motion by Payne to elect Kristine Beltran to board. Second by Zelinsky. Motion carried.
d. Michelle Wirt
   • Has applied to board. Will be shadowing Bruce Dickson.

Motion by Payne to elect Michelle Wirt Applied to board. Second by Zelinsky. Motion carried.

10. Program Reports
   a. Chipping
      • 148 requests and 119 jobs completed in June
      • 73 requests as of July 16
      • Will be selecting contractors for new grant after this meeting
   b. Senior & Veterans Assistance – Ernie
      • Thanks again to SMUD for $15,000 donation
      • Program has grown from the original $3,000 a year raised from spaghetti feed by Friends of Seniors for low income seniors
      • Now have funding from many groups for several thousand dollars
      • Budgeting $600 per property which allows for approximately 40 jobs a year
      • PG&E grant awarded last week for $184,000, must be spent by end of October
      • May have to ask for waiver of bylaws to hire contractors
      • Lory needs help identifying and inspecting homeowners in need
   c. Countywide CWPP – Process, Timeline, Firewise form – Discussion
      • Self-assessment is mandatory this year for Firewise designation
      • Will also help with CWPP development
      • Statement of work has been developed
      • Will be developing map books for each council
   d. EDNF Updates – Teresa
      • All cameras are running
      • CAL FIRE cameras are running too
      • SOPA report is out, lists projects and time frames, available on ENF website

11. Outreach & Education
   a. Disabled Evacuation Planning – Tim Kordes
      • Subject came up at Texas Hill Estates FSC meeting
      • Kordes has handouts
      • Can make community map color-coded for special needs, cannot put any health/disability/medical issues out to public in any way due to HIPAA
      • Kordes is willing to share any information he has
   b. Councils Meeting Activity
      i. What is your annual meeting schedule? (all meetings)
      ii. Who is invited to each meeting?
      iii. What are your community notification/outreach methods?
         • Will reschedule discussion for next month

12. Good of the Order
   a. Next EDCFSC Board August 21, 2019

Motion by Stewart to adjourn at 1155. Second by Zelinsky. Motion carried.