Minutes for Texas Hill Estates Fire Safe Council Board Meeting of 4/24/19

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm

I. Roll call:
   - Tim Chair
   - Nancy: Treasurer
   - Cathey: Member At Large
   - Lisa: Events
   - Sivia: Secretary

II. Approval of agenda as amended: yes

III. Events Report: Membership meeting:
   - 39 people more than expected. Tomorrow is last day to RSVP
   - Cost is 201.48 to date budget is $500.00
   - Bring your own chairs and table for food and sign in and for brochures
   - Agenda: Tim will welcome all, Intro to Board and Steve Willis.
   - Q and A
   - Guest speaker Steve Willis, will give overview speaking at 1:30pm
   - Raffle at 2:30 must be present to win. Sweetie Pies 25.00 gift certificate for tasting at Boeger, and a bottle of wine
   - Food between 12:30 and 1:00
   - Maybe Brandon McKay was invited and waiting to hear back

IV. Minutes approved unanimously

V. Chairs Report:
   A. Regarding the EDFSC meeting of 4/17 Per Steve Willis Correction to MOU. In the past, one can use the property but can’t fund making it defensible space. This has changed and is currently looking at addressing cooperation with land owners. Will work with all FSC in El Dorado to look at cooperation with fuel reduction for neighboring properties. More details to come.

   B. Cal fires grants have been reduced from 2.2 million to $376,000.00. Tom says that CalFire and other interests are working on getting it upped. We should still submit grants.

   C. Vegetation ordinance- Looking at adopting in July but the 4291 def space option may make it a problem regarding 100 foot of clearance requirements between property line and home structure. County is looking at using building permits, in that before permits are pulled the landowner/builder will have to make sure defensible space exists per 4291. May be in effect in Feb 2020

   D. PG and E: In view of lawsuits from the Campfire PG and E has announced that they will shut down grids with very little warning and will keep power out for 2-3 days. Not only during high wind but in extreme hot weather.
E. NFPA-1616: National Fire protection Agency: Prescribes recommendations and requirements. Recommendation is NOT use signs for evac. routes because during the Camp Fire, people were thinking that the fire was beyond them, but the fire itself caused weather and ember storms. The recommendation is to drive the area during different times of day and night to get yourself familiarized and know where routes are.

F. Stakeholders Meeting: Cathey

G. Board Of Sup meeting- Concern over real estate values declining because of inability to get insurance. Veg Management- Less revenue

H. John Hidahl says veg ord should be done by Feb 2020

I. Chipper program:-Once per year per prop owner. More info is available on the EDCFSC website

J. PG and E: Rebecca Daniels Rep, for EDC only. 3 main programs, maintenance to tag tree, Mountain Fire Enterprises, Dead tree program expanded veg program is accelerated and danger trees top 10 species Open house is May 16 Best Western

VI. Treasurer’s Report: We should determine if we should have a bank account through Umpqua Bank and File fictitious name statement. Need physical mailbox.
   Check with Wilkinson about using their property for mailbox or use others,
   Treasurer of EDCFSC suggests a fundraiser to sell green reflective vinyl or bugout bags, or first aid kits.
   Funding grant is 200.00 for the entire year in July 19

   Move to check into opening account- cost 200.00

VII. Old Business:
   Public Meeting where to meet: Lyon’s Park Mark Community Room at Raley’s, Library Meeting Rooms. Plan for monthly meeting of the board 4th Wed of the month
   Public events 2x a year
   Distribution of Minutes on the Website

VIII. New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:53PM Next meeting May 29th at 7:00 at Nancy Smith’s House

Respectfully Submitted,
Sivia Van Gundy Secretary