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

Board Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2020

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: 9:31 a.m.**
2. **Roll Call: Sign In**
Dwyer, Willis, Dickson, Payne, Johnston, Lory, K. Campbell, Zelinsky, Pullin, Kruse, Atencio, and Beltran present. Brown, Tolson, Julien, H Campbell, Wirt and Gilchrest excused
3. **Approval of Agenda: 1/14/20 Board Action Item**
Motion by Dwyer to approve agenda. Second by Dickson. Motion carried.
4. **Consent Agenda: 11/20/19 Board Meeting Minutes Board Action Item**
Motion by Dwyer to approve minutes from November 29, 2019. Second by Atencio. Motion carried.
5. **Public Comment – Time limit is 3 minutes per person.**
 - Self-introductions
6. **Speaker: Pat Dwyer – Special Recognition**
 - Ernie Lory was nominated for and was selected as recipient of international Wildfire Mitigation Award which is given to people who have shown “outstanding dedication to wildfire mitigation across a broad spectrum of activities and among a variety of individuals and organizations”
 - He will be honored at the National Association of State Foresters, National Fire Protection Association and the International Association of Fire Chiefs at their conference in March
 - In addition to Ernie’s work with the Grizzly Flats FSC he has been the driving force behind the defensible space assistance program which helps seniors, veterans and low-income residents of the west slope of El Dorado County
 - Showed video that was made for Womens Fund El Dorado about defensible space assistance program
7. **Information Items:**
 - a. Chairman’s Report & Communication
 - Three thank you letters for defensible space service
 - Received \$100 donation from Chris Daley
 - January 22 is Forest Forum in Placerville
 - CA FSC has updated their website, all community councils should be listed
 - 4291-first 5’ of 30’ defensible space zone should be completely non-flammable material has been adopted, waiting for CAL FIRE to name acceptable materials for this area
 - Our chipping program is being used as a model statewide by CA FSC, EDCFSC has agreed to share the online program with Amador County FSC
 - El Dorado County received \$399,499 from state emergency declaration, will be used for generators
 - Insurance moratorium by State Insurance Commissioner is being challenged in court
 - FPO legislative committee is watching several of 51 current legislative bills

- EDC Vegetation Management Ordinance meeting last week, update from AQMD and EDC Environmental Management, county website is up, ordinance has had “technical revisions”, EDC has program for treating roadside invasive species
- County tree mortality program completed fourth phase, there will not be any future phases
- b. Vice Chair Report
 - A few councils have had Alan Thompson talk to them, he did an outstanding presentation at Logtown FSC meeting called “Phones, Fire and Failure”
- c. Fire Chiefs Meeting-Steve Willis and Chief Johnson
 - Putting final touches on arson investigation task force trailer
 - El Dorado County Fire is trying to annex islands that are not part of district but are surrounded by the district
 - Ad Hoc Committee formed to explore wildland insurance, will tie in with Assemblyman Kevin Kiley, intent is to determine how individual insurance companies are rating properties and how that can be improved
- d. FPO Meeting – ~~Marshall / Ken Earle~~ Steve Willis and Ron Phillips
 - Working on residential sprinklers code for modular homes
 - Title 14 is being reviewed
 - Greenwood CCC is moving ahead to re-establish in 2023
 - Tahoe Fire District’s boundaries ends at the high-water mark so they can’t ban future fireworks, defaults to coast guard
 - CAL FIRE fire severity maps are supposed to be updated every five years, now 2 ½ years behind, expecting drafts available July 2020

8. Treasurer’s Report: Maureen Board Action Item

- a. Operations
 - Title III Funds \$23,000 transferred to CWPP
- b. Grant Funding Status (Projects Report)
 - 11 grants in works, approximately \$2.3 million total

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

9. Old Business

- a. Grants Status (Projects Report)
 - Applied for five grants through GGF, will have results in March
- b. EDCFSC Officer Transition Committee – Status
 - Have chairs for each committee
 - Hope to have action plans in March
- c. Joint Executive Committee with RCD – Status
 - Still pursuing partnership
- d. Title III Funding – Update
 - Are expecting Title III funding though county, funds have been turned over to CAO and should have final agreement soon

10. New Business

- a. New Council – Diamond Springs (Welcome)
 - Welcome to Diamond Springs FSC (between Patterson Ranch FSC and Oak Hill FSC), they are a satellite council
 - Denise Sweeny is chair, Paul Penn is vice-chair

Motion by Payne to accept Diamond Springs FSC. Second by Atencio. Motion carried.
- b. Insurance Ad Hoc Committee (in assoc. w/ Chiefs & FPO’s)
 - Covered under item 7c
- c. Review support accounts and requests to Paul Watkins.
 - Every FSC has funds available every budget year
 - Paul Watkins is retiring and closing business, will be working to get everything updated before he retires, thank you for all the support and work he has done for EDCFSC

11. Program Reports

- a. Chipping – Jodi / Pat
 - 79 jobs completed in December
 - 17 requests so far in January
 - Program is spending money faster than anticipated, originally estimated 33 jobs per month but we have far exceeded that, have used 44% of funds 20% through program period, will apply for another grant
 - 531 jobs in 2019
- b. Senior & Veterans Assistance – Ernie
 - Covered under item 6
- c. Countywide CWPP – Pat
 - Working with contractor
 - Will be starting meetings with councils
- d. USFS SOFAR Project – Heather
 - Continuing with previously identified priorities, added Highway 193
 - Zelinsky is now chair of co-location forest products committee
 - Golden State National Resource, state public benefit corporation, is a private entity looking to produce pellets for Korea and Japan, looking for master stewardship agreements in California
 - Discussed gasification plant
 - Will be meeting four to six times in 2020
- e. USFS SOFAR Chili Bar – Tamara
 - Landscape committee met
 - Johnston is now vice-chair for Community and Economic Development Committee for EDC
- f. ENF Updates – Teresa
 - Invited new supervisor Liz Berger to stop in
 - Submitted grant for non-federal lands fuels reductions, committee is meeting today, hope to hear from them this week with grant awardees
 - Goal of 7,000 acres burning, completed 1,500 so far
 - Hwy 50, 88 and King Fire areas are priorities
 - Tobacco Gulch: completed half of logging, will start up again in summer
 - Vulcan project, plan to sell timber contract in spring, approximately 1,000 acres of treatment, 250 acres is skyline logging
 - Are getting permissions from private landowners to access forest service pockets for treatment that weren't amenable to granting permission in the past
 - Scotiago project off Omo Ranch Road area has started logging
 - ENF website has lots of good information

12. Standing Committee Reports (Proposed)

- a. New Council Formation & Orientation
 - No report
- b. Community Outreach & Public Speaking
 1. Councils Activity Surveys
 - Will be sending out survey soon
- c. Marketing & Communications
 1. Website Changes / Updates
 - Put together list of potential partners and speakers
 - Proposed themes
 - Draft duties
 - Draft article "wildfire preparedness, it takes a community"
 - Draft FSC and Firewise differentiation article
- d. Defensible Space
 - Ernie will contact evaluators to see if they will be part of committee
- e. Grants & Funding
 - No report

13. Good of the Order

- Payne-Supervisor Veerkamp was elected chair of EDC BOS
- Dickson- special event insurance forms are on the website, get them in EARLY
 - a. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – February 19, 2020 BACK TO THIRD WEDNESDAY

Motion by Dickson to adjourn at 11:33 a.m. Second by Payne. Motion carried.