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

Board Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2020

9:30 am to 11:30 Remote Webex Business Meeting

1. Meeting Call to Order

As this is a remote meeting, all Board Action Items will be deemed approved unless there is an objection.

2. Roll Call: Sign In

S Willis, Dwyer, Dickson, Julian, Stewart, Lory, Atencio, Payne, Johnston, Pullin, Gilchrest, Wirt, K Campbell, Zelinsky attending, Brown excused.

Also attending: Persico (Mosquito FSC), Connelly (Auburn Lake Trails FSC), McKinstry (Gallagher Land Owners FSC), P Willis (Lakehills FSC), R Hess (Coloma Lotus FSC), J Hess (Aukum-Fairplay FSC), Azevedo (Oak Hill Area FSC), Kordes (Texas Hill Estates FSC), Riesenhuber (Eldorado National Forest), Hawk (Gold Ridge Forest FSC), Graham (Omo Ranch FSC)

3. Approval of Agenda: 6/17/20 **Board Action Item**

Agenda approved without opposition.

4. Consent Agenda: 5/20/20 Board Meeting Minutes **Board Action Item**

Minutes approved without opposition.

5. Public Comment – *Time limit is 3 minutes per person.*

- Thanks for 4291 evaluator training

6. Information Items:

- a. Chairman's Report & Communication
 - Interesting article about upcoming legislation to change how insurance companies set rates
- b. Vice Chair Report
 - Thanks to P Willis for taking minutes last month
 - Thank you to departing board members, Dickson, Pullin, Tolson
- c. Chiefs Meeting
 - Working on a complaint triage process, all will go into CAL FIRE collector app
 - Fire districts were required to respond if they are going to do reviews or not for EDC VM ordinance, El Dorado Hills Fire, Diamond Springs Fire and Cameron Park Fire said yes, El Dorado County Fire said no, doesn't know about rest of districts
 - "Emergency Medical Responder" will replace "First Responders", check with your own fire department to see what level medical personnel they have
- d. FPO Meeting
 - Will meet tomorrow

7. Treasurer's Report: Maureen Board Action Item

- a. Operations
 - Expenses on track
 - Operations credit amount is fiscal sponsor fees
- b. Grant Funding Status (Projects Report)
 - Received \$600,000 from CAL FIRE and it was paid out

No objections to approving Treasurer's report.

- c. 2020-2021 Budget
 - No major changes
 - \$30,000-\$35,000 per year in overhead expenses
 - Internet budget has increased to cover anticipated move to Microsoft 365

No objections to accepting 2020-2021 budget.

8. Old Business

- a. 4291 Training June 15th / review
 - 37 attendees
 - Presentation from CAL FIRE on 4291 and from EDC on VM ordinance
 - Sent out comparison between 4291 and VM ordinance
- b. Joint Executive Committee with RCD – Status
 - Still talking to RCD, may not end up as Joint Executive Committee but will still cooperate with each other
 - RCD managing more grants
 - BLM offered \$10,000 for chipping but requires “Good Neighbor” agreement with public entity, EDCFSC is not public entity so has to run through RCD which is a public entity
 - ENF agreement for Sierra Springs FSC and Grizzly Flats FSC are “Cooperative” agreements, many different names for agreements
 - Payne asked to be a part of any committee exploring RCD joint executive committee options
- c. Strategic Goals
 1. EDCFSC to establish common file system on Microsoft Office / 365
 - E-Board has decided to move forward with this project
 2. Establish Stewardship or Good Neighbor Agreement with federal agencies
 - Discussed above
 3. Add Placer and Amador FSC's to Stakeholders
 - Will add them

9. New Business

- a. Annual Elections
 1. Nominations submitted as required at May meeting
 - Votes were submitted electronically to Steve Willis
 - Received 15 back
 2. Board Election
 - 6 incumbents and four new members were elected unanimously
 - Payne, H Campbell, K Campbell, Atencio, Julian and Stewart are returning board members
 - Hawk, Connelly, Persico and J Hess are new board members
 - There are now a total of 20 directors
 - Pullin leaving board but will remain as Council Formation/Orientation committee chair
 3. Officer Election
 - There were two write-ins, Willis for Chair and Dwyer for Vice-Chair, Willis volunteered to continue as Chair and Dwyer declined to continue as Vice-Chair, he will however remain as grants/funding
 - Need volunteer for Vice-Chair
 - All positions were elected unanimously except for Julian who abstained from voting for Treasurer
 - New officers are: Willis – Chair, Persico – Secretary, Julian – Treasurer, Stewart – Parliamentarian

- b. Board Changes
 - Incoming: Persico, J Hess, Hawk, Connelly
 - Outgoing: Dickson, Tolson, Pullin
- c. Councils Annual Renewal
 - Have only two councils that have not returned renewal paperwork
- d. Officer Transition Committee – re-establish
 - Had combined Officer Nomination and Office Transition committees for elections, will now separate them since elections are done
 - Working on revising job descriptions, roles & responsibilities

10. Program Reports

- a. Chipping – Jodi / Pat
 - \$22,000 left
 - 154 jobs in May at a cost of \$52,000, historically approximately 30 jobs per month
 - 10 jobs bled over into June
 - Have requested \$100,000 grant from PG&E
 - Hoping to get the \$10,000 from BLM
 - Will hold current balance until we can open program for a reasonable amount of time, \$20,000 would only last for about two weeks
- 1. Community Chipping Events review
 - Had three this year, Rancho del Sol, Gold Ridge Forest and Royal Equestrian Estates
- b. Dumpster Program 2020
 - Four scheduled for Auburn Lake Trails and two for Gold Ridge Forest
 - Rancho del Sol has requested dumpsters for the fall
- c. Senior, Veterans & Low Income Assistance – ~~Ernie~~ Michelle
 - Closed, have a backlog from last year
 - Great training after 4291 training
 - Have great team for DS program,
 - Working on getting additional funding before reopening program
- d. ENF Updates – Teresa
 - Moving along with agreement for Sierra Springs FSC, Sly Park and Grizzly Flat FSC, waiting for signature
 - New forest supervisor starts next week, will be permanent supervisor
 - No more prescribed burning until fall, completed 4,000 acres this year

11. Project Reports

- a. Current Grant Projects (Projects Report)
 - Patterson Ranch FSC – completed last shaded fuel break area last week, will be preparing final reports, used drone for after photos
 - Weber Creek project has additional funds to spend
- b. Countywide CWPP – Pat
 - Ongoing
 - Coming up this quarter will be meeting with, Mosquito, Pollock Pines/Camino, Rancho del Sol, Sierra Springs and Grizzly Flats FSCs
- c. USFS SOFAR Project – ~~Heather~~ David
 - On hiatus until fall for big meetings
- d. USFS SOFAR Project Chili Bar – Tamara
 - Work continues on Shoo Fly Road, about 8 acres completed on BLM land
 - Have put in for \$1 million BLM grant
- e. Community Reports
 - Willis – Lakehills FSC: got confirmation of value of shaded fuel break work, had fire in shaded fuel break which was kept to limited area and extinguished quickly
 - Hawk – Gold Ridge Forest FSC: working with partner for fuel break, hopefully will be completed before it gets to warm otherwise will wait till fall, 55 acres

- Johnston – Georgetown Divide FSC: met with Rob, director of CCC, encouraging work with CCC, good option for workers
- Greenwood CCC will be re-established, timeline uncertain, Placer crew out of Auburn is occupying Greenwood while their facility is refurbished then Greenwood will be assigned its own crew
- Kordes – Texas Hill FSC: was approved as Firewise Community on June 4th
- Azevedo – Oak Hill Area FSC: member created webinar on hardening your home and it is on their website
- K Campbell – Sierra Springs FSC: Egbert of RCD did VM plan for all of Sierra Springs, submitted Firewise application for Sierra Springs HOA, took about three weeks for Texas hill to be certified after they submitted application
- Zelinsky – Placerville FSC: are starting process for Firewise Community, neighboring area got EQIP grant
- Coloma-Lotus and Oak Hill Area FSCs have moved forward on radio watch project
- R Hess – Coloma-Lotus FSC: will be taking on Firewise project
- J Hess – Aukum Fairplay FSC: thanks to Dwyer and Lubetkin for help with outreach grant, sees impact of outreach grant work

12. Committee Reports

- a. New Council Formation & Orientation – ~~Karen~~ Steve
 - Pullin heading up committee
 - Encouraging existing councils to add newly interested areas
- b. Community Outreach & Public Speaking – Heather
 - No meetings
- c. Marketing & Communications – ~~Kristine~~ Pat
 - Continuing to post on Facebook page
 - Need to expand
- d. Defensible Space – Ernie
 - Good team of evaluators ready when program reopens
- e. Grants & Funding (Opportunities) – Pat
 - Current CA FSC grant period open, EDCFSC (chipping) and Mosquito FSC submitted proposals
 - Had grant opportunity from EPA through AQMD, waiting for results
 - GF18 and SS 2 in signing stage
 - Still waiting to hear from PG&E
 - Still waiting to hear from BLM
 - CAL FIRE greenhouse grant cycle opening soon, uncertain of amount available, will resubmit the five that were submitted last cycle that were not awarded, will ask for \$1 million for chipping, El Dorado County will be putting in for roadside clearance grant
 - Still working on getting Title III funds from county

13. Good of the Order

- a. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – July 15, 2020
 - Don't know if forest service building will be open
 - Zelinsky attended "reducing hazards in WUI" webinar
 - Zelinsky sent referral for GIS work, also received referral from CAL FIRE
 - CAL FIRE looking for volunteers to man lookout towers at Pilot Peak and Mt. Zion
 - Payne wants VM ordinance as standing item on agenda, county did two demonstration areas and added funding for additional positions, needs instructions on accessing and updating council page on the website

Adjourned 1122

No objections to adjournment