Board Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2020
9:30 am to 11:30 Remote 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, K Campbell, Payne, J. Hess, Zelinsky, Julian, Pullin, Lory, Wirt, J Atencio, Hawk, Johnston, Persico, Kruse, Dwyer, Gilchrest, Connelly attending
   Also attending: P Willis (Lakehills FSC), Manley (Cool-Pilot Hill FSC), Kehne (Placerville FSC), Riesenhuber (Eldorado National Forest), Wilcox (EDC VM), Azevedo (Oak Hill Area FSC), McKinstry (Gallagher Land Owners FSC), Veerkamp (EDC BOS), Earle (DS Fire Department / FPO), Kordes (Texas Hill Estates FSC),

3. **Approval of Agenda: 7/15/20 Board Action Item**
   Agenda approved with the addition of Item 9(c) use of EDCFSC logo without opposition

4. **Consent Agenda: 6/17/20 Board Meeting Minutes Board Action Item**
   Minutes approved without opposition.

5. **Public Comment – Time limit is 3 minutes per person.**
   • Wirt: Omo Ranch area is working towards Firewise designation
   • K. Campbell: a homeowner’s insurance company would not accept the Camino-Pollock Pines Firewise designation to the Sierra Springs HOA got their own Firewise designation

6. **Information Items:**
   a. Chairman’s Report & Communication
   • New fiscal year, welcome to old and new directors
   • Will be working on transition and duties
   • All councils renewed for the new year
   • Thanks to Bruce Dickson for his service as Secretary and getting all the council renewals completed
   • Now have 21 directors, board is now at maximum, if there is a desire to have more directors the bylaws would have to be changed
   • Held 4291 training, county hearing room worked out well and training was recorded, CDs of training are available-contact Martin to check out
   • Reminder for those wanting a DS evaluator badge, need to get request in by July 24th
   • Shirts are available, let Martin know if you need one by July 24th
   • Had an inquiry from individual wanting to join GV FSC and was able to connect them to Georgetown Divide FSC
   • All councils need to update their individual page on EDCFSC website to reflect current contact information
b. Vice Chair Report
   - Nothing to report from Pat
   - Connell Persico is new Vice-Chair
   - Working on disbursing activities among board members
   - Connell: went to first e-board meeting, amazed at all that is being done and the workload for e-board members

c. Chiefs Meeting
   - No report

d. FPO Meeting
   - Watching AB38, hardening home before you can sell, includes 5’ of hardening next to house
   - Concern that some senior resident centers want to change their license to be 100% bed ridden residents, concerns about evacuation with limited staff
   - Sending kids back to school: plexiglass dividers create evacuation issues and they emit toxic fumes when burned, there is no permitting process for plexiglass, have to deal with issue through regular inspections
   - Collector app for EDC VM is up and running

7. Treasurer’s Report: Maureen Board Action Item
   a. Operations
      - SRA account is for grants from CAL FIRE, used Title III money to open account
      - Spent 88% of budget 19-20
      - 20-21 budget was approved last month
   b. Grant Funding Status (Projects Report)
      Treasurer’s Report approved without opposition.

8. Old Business
   a. Joint Executive Committee with RCD – Status
      - Nothing new, will keep on agenda
      - Working closely with RCD on projects
   b. Officer Transition Committee – Update
      - Will be separating transition and nomination committees now that elections are over
      - Roster shows who is involved with which committees
      - Sent out spreadsheet with activities assigned to a particular officer or committee
      - Adding assignments to Vice-Chair
      - Will continue working on assignments and descriptions
   c. Strategic Goals
      1. EDCFSC to establish common file system on Microsoft Office / 365.
         - Working on recruiting an IT contractor
      2. Establish Stewardship or Good Neighbor Agreement with federal agencies.
         - Still working on agreements and part of EDC Joint Grants / Funding Initiative
      3. Add Placer and Amador FSC’s to Stakeholders.
         - Will add when Stakeholders meetings start up again

9. New Business
   a. 3 year budget FS Fee estimate. Establish reserve fund.
      - Difficult to estimate annual income not knowing what grants will be awarded to know what fiscal sponsor fees will be i.e.: expected to receive chipping funding for three years but ended up being only two, Logtown project was pushed out so will not receive funding until later than originally expected
      - Three-year outlook suggests we are in good shape for 20-21 and 21-22
      - If things stay exactly the same there would be a deficit in 22-23
      - Looking to establish a reserve funds to carry over potential deficit years
      - Johnston: would like to see way to hire grant/project management, have not applied for grants due to no one has been available to manage them
      - Still trying to find CA State FSC funds for executive coordinator
b. EDC joint grant initiative. Work on formal list of grant sources / resources.
   - Initiated by Supervisor Veerkamp,
   - Next opportunity is CAL FIRE greenhouse grants, will open later this summer / early fall, due late November, awarded in January
   - Have met once, county may be pursuing roadside clearance grant in the amount of $1 million for main thoroughfares
   - EDFSC will be pursuing $1 - $1.5 million for chipping
   - EDFSC will also sponsor FSCs wanting to put in grant requests
   - Will be meeting again next week
   - There may not be CCI grants due to lack of fuel sales due to stay at home orders

c. Use of EDFSC Logo
   - Can individuals use logo to have put on other apparel, like hats
   - Logo originally came from CA State FSC and they are ok with EDFSC using it
   - Annual support funds not available for apparel
   - Request to go through Chair

10. Program Reports
    a. Chipping – Jodi / Pat
       - Chipping still closed
       - When it re-opens must be for primary residence, not vacation home or vacant lot
       - Expecting PG&E money
       - Will take recommendations back to e-board to clarify program parameters
       - Placer County has suspended their chipping program because they used inmate crews that are not available due to COVID-19 restrictions, will be sharing our RFP and contracts with them

    1. Community Chipping Events review
       - Nothing new to report

    b. Dumpster Program 2020
       - Rancho del Sol and Logtown still to have dumpsters
       - Need to look at cost structure going forward
       - GRF FSC very pleased with dumpsters, had chipper there so they were able to get more material into dumpsters

    c. Senior, Veterans & Low Income Assistance – Ernie
       - Suspended right now
       - Will be looking at primary residents only going forward
       - Once SMUD money comes in will re-open program
       - Have almost finished requests that were submitted before last year’s closure

    d. ENF Updates – Teresa Riesenhuber
       - Working on mechanical treatments, limited because of COVID-19 restrictions
       - Email is only way to reach her
       - Agreement for Sierra Springs and Grizzly Flats has been signed, ball’s back in their court, need to check with Egbert at RCD

    e. EDC VM Ordinance – Kristine Oase-Guth John Wilcox
       - Have begun inspection in focus areas,
       - GIS team has been working with CAL FIRE for county version of collector app
       - Developed centralized complaint process
       - Still in process of developing RFQ for abatement officer and hearing officer
       - DS Fire, EDH Fire, Mosquito Fire, Pioneer Fire, Rescue Fire and Cameron Park/CAL FIRE have volunteered to do inspections for county
       - Garden Valley Fire, Georgetown Fire and County Fire are interested,
       - Local agencies are working hard to help but some just don’t have the personnel to assist the county, one agency only has one person on shift
       - Veerkamp: acknowledge all the hard work county staff has done on VM ordinance, very pleased with progress, compliance and people wanting to help
11. Project Reports

a. Current Grant Projects (Projects Report)
   - Two Forest Service grants working, GF 18 and SS 2
   - BLM Chili Bar to Georgetown: grant application was selected for award negotiations, EDCFSC is fiscal sponsor
   - PG&E grant for chipping was approved, DS grant was not
   - Still waiting for word on FEMA grant for $500,000
   - Waiting for CAL FIRE grant period to open
   - Patterson Ranch: post project paperwork being completed, grant requires that treatment areas be maintained, already have first properties treated with 8”-10” growth

b. Countywide CWPP – Pat
   - Making progress, using ZOOM for meetings
   - Eight councils scheduled for this quarter

c. USFS SOFAR Project – Heather
   - Zelinsky: still on hold
   - Amador Eldorado Forest Forum is mostly professional foresters, Zelinsky is participating in group
   - Forest Service is beginning to post results from Caples prescribed burn that got away

d. USFS SOFAR Project Chili Bar – Tamara
   - Moving along with Shoo Fly Road project, CCC finished about 8 acres on BLM land, good fire break
   - Also paying RCD to do CEQA docs on larger parcel
   - Was awarded BLM grant but not sure how much yet grant application was selected for award negotiations

e. Community Reports
   - Zelinsky: Placerville FSC will not be meeting this month
   - Wirt: excited about adding partners, opened new fire station in Fiddletown which will have Friday, Saturday, Sunday volunteer staffing, will be inviting them to EDCFSC meetings and Mt. Aukum / Fairplay FSC meetings
   - Hawk: USDA grant proposal was not approved, C20 greenbelt contractor has pulled off project due to fire hazard won’t resume until after rains start, will be having event in September for member appreciation, will be an outside barbecue, working on Firewise application-waiting for hours from residents
   - Kruse: looking forward to getting started on CWPP, working on radio program and will be setting up ZOOM meeting for not only their FSC members but community at large, looking at getting scanners for calls in immediate area
   - Manley: has many volunteers to man fire lookout station
   - Kordes: proud to announce that on Saturday July 25th from 8:00-2:00 they will be staging in front of the out of service station on Texas Hill Road to distribute 50 tote bins donated by Home Depot to be used for evacuation packing

12. Committee Reports

a. New Council Formation & Orientation – Karen
   - Not much activity due to COVID-19

b. Community Outreach & Public Speaking – Heather
   - Not much activity due to COVID-19

c. Marketing & Communications – Kristine Pat
   - Keeping Facebook fresh

d. Defensible Space – Ernie
   - Waiting for funding before opening program back up
   - Has seven members on DS committee

e. Grants & Funding (Opportunities) – Pat
   - Strong committee
   - Lubetkin, Hawk, Kordes, Schnell and J Hess on committee
   - Always searching for opportunities
13. Good of the Order

- Payne: BOS has had several meetings about re-opening / closing El Dorado County due to COVID-19, doesn’t believe that EDCFSC will be able to meet in person any time soon
- Hess: Had a resident in South County doing a burn pile a couple of days ago, Pioneer Fire responded, people still do not get or ignore messages
- Willis: GoToMeeting seems to have worked better than WebEx so will continue with GTM

a. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – August 19, 2020

Adjourned 11:46

No objections to adjournment