

Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council

Board of Directors Meeting
9:30 A.M., Tuesday, October 14, 2014
Mountain Resource Center

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Ray Barmore, Lois Clements, Mike Esnard, Jerry Holldber, Chris Kramer, Doris Lombard, Ron Perry, Norm Walker

Staff Present:

Pat Boss, Don Patterson, Edwina Scott, ED

Others Present:

Dan Dever; Jason Marsh, Mic. Sebastian, Cal-Fire; Freddy Espinoza, Keyanna Warren, USFS; Sue Nash

1. President's Remarks (Mike Esnard)

The Meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by President Mike Esnard. Mike Esnard had everyone introduce themselves by a name call. Mike also mentioned that the Town Crier has a nice picture of 1st Vice President Chris Kramer presenting the Woodies Citizen of the Year Award at the Woodies Group Meeting.

Budget & Finance (Jerry Holldber)

Financial Report

- Treasurer Jerry Holldber presented the financial report which revealed that the accounts had gone down approximately \$8000 from last month.
- Terry Shaw, RAMS, has not sent the three year audit contract as yet.
- Jerry mentioned that the Board needs to make a budget for 2015. The matter is complicated because of the slowness of the Grant funding.
- Director Ron Perry made a motion to accept the financial report and Director Doris Lombard seconded the motion and the board unanimously accepted the motion and the motion was passed.

2. Adoption of September, 2014 Minutes

Ron found a spelling error and Keyanna Warren, USFS, had some wording changes on her section of the September Minutes. Ron made a motion to accept the August 2014 Minutes as amended, Jerry seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

3. Fuel Modification Operations (Edwina Scott)

a. FEMA/CalEMA Roof Replacement Grant

Executive Director Edwina Scott said that in September, seven houses were reroofed and completed at a cost of \$51,525 with a reimbursable cost of \$43,045. The total number of reroofing jobs completed through September 30 was 70. So far this month 13 reroofing jobs are in process and one reroofing job has been completed.

b. CFSC Grant

- \$50,000 in jobs are ready to go, including Astro camp.
- Kay from CFSC says Edwina needs matches before CFSC will send grants. Mike from CFSC continues changing the requirements for the grant. Edwina cannot write the grant until the requirements are set.
- President Mike Esnard stated that if Edwina gets too frustrated with the lack of progress, she should let the board know to get some relief.

c. County Coop Grant

- The Project Managers have worked with eight property owners (10 Parcels) removing hazardous fuels in September. Three and one half acres were cleared, 21.5 tons of biomass was removed and taken to the grinding station.
- Gregg Bratcher, Cal-Fire, has gotten Edwina a \$52,800 Grant that will begin on the 28th of October and last for one year.

d. Projects and Woodies Report

- Don reported that three Woodies working sessions were held last month.
- The Woodies logged 88.5 volunteer hours of work this month. Five cords of wood were bucked and split. At the moment the Help Center Cage is about 50% full.
- Wood was donated from a property to the Woodies. It has been moved to the Help Center and has been bucked.
- Pat has been working on the Astro Camp abatement project, also there are five jobs in Pinion, one job in Anza and one job in Mountain Center that are in the offering. Don is continuing on three active jobs.

4. Education (Edwina Scott)

GSOB Detection

- Edwina passed out a page from Kevin Turner's grant report showing an updated GSOB map.
- Ron Perry made a presentation on the MCFSC GSOB effort. Every Thursday the Oak-K Team does windshield inspections and also inspects a limited number of Oaks called in on the GSOB Hotline. Ron has broken up the Idyllwild/Pine Cove map into sectors, currently they are working in the Pine Cove sector. No GSOB has been found lately. The team will continue to look for GSOB in Black Oaks and Live Oaks throughout fall and winter.

- The GSOB Up-Date meeting will be held October 28 at 9:00 AM at the Nature Center. Kevin Turner and Dr. Scott should be there.

5. **Special Goals**

- Edwina will be submitting a grant to cover the cost of updating the CWPP. This will include the cost of ESRI helping with the maps, an interactive mapping program license for four users, costs of copying the drafts, and final copies and Edwina's time that is spent on the updating process.
- The grant is due on October 24.
- Edwina will be attending a grant workshop for Fuels Reduction grants and Fire Prevention grants on October 28.
- David Yegge would like us to partner with him on a grant. He will apply to replace the remaining roofs in the San Jacinto WUI. We will manage the project and be paid our hourly rate. Edwina and Jerry think it is a win-win.
- Jerry made a motion to support Edwina's work with Dave to finish off the remaining reroofing jobs here using a minimum amount method. Doris seconded the motion it and the motion was unanimously passed.
- The Newsletter will be sent out tomorrow.

6. **Agency Reports**

Mic Sebastian, Cal Fire

- Removing bulk fuel.
- CWPP language is complete awaiting approval from Gregg Bratcher.
- Working on two fuel breaks: Maxwell Fuel Break and the West End right of way.
- Working on Spring Crest up around Pinion.
- The Single Tree Removal Program has money left over, they will work on using it for tree removal.

Freddy Espinoza and Keyanna Warren, USFS

- Working on the Pine Cove and Strawberry fuel breaks.
- Wood from the Mountain Fire area may become available close to the end of this month. Permits will be required and the removal area will be heavily supervised.
- New GSOB signs will be going up shortly, that state "Don't remove firewood".
- At the current time, the Fuel Effectiveness Report is in limbo awaiting review.

7. **Closed Session** **Board Members**

8. **Meetings:**

Brown Bag Meeting: Wednesday, Noon, October 29, MRC Office
Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 11, 9:30 AM, MRC Conference Room

Meeting Adjourned at 10:40 AM

Meeting minutes taken by Dan Dever.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Barmore, Secretary