

**Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
October 9, 2018

**MINUTES**

Board members present: **Norm Walker, Ron Perry, Doris Lombard, Chris Kramer, Jerry Holldber** and **Marvin Spreyne**

Staff present: **Edwina Scott, Pete Coy**

Public in attendance: **Charles Wentz**, U.S.F.S.; **Robert Fish**, Cal Fire; **Gregg Bratcher**, Cal Fire; **Patrick Reitz**, Idyllwild Fire; **Greg Ross**; **Mark Yardas**; **Kathleen Edwards**

1) **Opening Remarks - Norm Walker**, President

Welcomed all in attendance and commented on the board's success track record on fulfilling the council's mission.

2) **Budget and Financial**

- a) Financial Report: September 2018. **Jerry Holldber** discussed the financial reports. Hearing no challenges to the report **Ron Perry** moved to file the report for audit.

3) **Adoption of September 11, 2018 Minutes**

With the changing of one word, the minutes were accepted as printed on a move by **Ron Perry**, seconded by **Jerry Holldber**,

4) **Fuel Modification Operations - Edwina Scott, Pete Coy and Ron Perry**

- a. **California Fire Safe Council 2016 Grant**: September fuels reduction: **Pete Coy** worked with the owners of 5 parcels in reducing the fuels on 1.35 acres. 12 tons of biomass was removed. This completes the grant.
- b. **Grant Application Updates**:
1. **California Fire Safe Council 2018 Grant**: Waiting on response.
  2. **CAL FIRE 2018 Grant**: MCFSC received the agreement, dated October 3, 2018. Signed agreements are due back by November 30, 2018. **Edwina Scott** is currently reviewing the agreement.
  3. **County CID Funds Grant**: **Edwina Scott** is revising the application afterwards of which the signature of board president, **Norm Walker**, will be required.
- c. **Projects Report**: **Pete Coy** is working on the new grant and has made 26 site visits and has 18 jobs set to go.
- d. **Woodies Report**: **Ron Perry** and **Doris Lombard** reported that 4 working sessions occurred. One session involved removing burnt trees and 3 sessions revolved around cutting and splitting wood for the Help Center. 6 cords of split firewood were donated to the HELP Center for distribution. The Woodies donated a total of 69 volunteer hours. The new chain saw operates superbly.

5) **Education – Edwina Scott**

- a) GSOB Update: **Ron Perry** commented 13 GSOB affected trees were observed during a trip up North Circle and down South Circle
- b) Correspondence: **Norm Walker** discussed his letter to the U.S. Forest Service supervisor.

6) **Old Business:**

- a) Magnetic signs for vehicles: Ten delightful signs have been received.
- b) Resolution 2018-001 for the 2017-2018 CAL FIRE Grant: On a move by **Jerry Holdber**, seconded by **Doris Lombard**, and unanimously passed, the resolution was modified to allow Executive Director **Edwina Scott** to be authorized to sign grants and invoices.
- c) CSA 38 Right-of-Way Project: The project requires a good amount of effort to develop a business model to administer the project. Some of the topics to be worked out are the scope of work, deliverables, description of billing process, itemized administrative costs and to find dedicated right-of-way easements.

7) **New Business:**

- a. Outreach and Education Brochure: **Edwina Scott** had presented at the MAST meeting and is to get with agencies to discuss consolidation possibilities.

8) **Agency Reports –Chief Reitz** extended his appreciation for the efforts the MCFSC provides to make the mountain more fire safe. **Charles Wentz** mentioned that many projects are currently on hold, however a prescribed burn will take place on Thomas Mountain and in Pine Cove. **Chief Bratcher** and **Robert** discussed **planning projects and their funding.**

9) **Public Comments – Mark Yardis** announced that an Idyllwild Forest Health Project presentation, entitled ‘From Ashes, Lessons from the Cranston Fire’ on October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Idyllwild Arts Academy.

10) **Meetings:**

- a) Next Board Meeting: Scheduled for November 13, 2018 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted, **Marvin Spreyne**, Secretary

Note takers: Secretary **Marvin Spreyne** and Executive Director **Edwina Scott**