

Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council

Board of Directors Meeting

April 11, 2017

Minutes

Board members present: Norm Walker, Larry Kueneman, Ron Perry, Doris Lombard, Jerry Holldber, Ray Barmore and Marvin Spreyne

Staff present: Edwina Scott and Pat Boss

Public in attendance: Robbie Kueneman, Terry Shea, Brianna Schultz, Gregg Bratcher

1) Opening Remarks (Norm Walker, President)

President Walker requested that beginning with the May meeting the item of 'Correspondence' be added to the agenda.

2) Budget and Financial Report

a. Audit Report: Terry Shea discussed content of audit firm's Statement and Report letters.

Brianna Schultz commented on content of the audit. Move by Marvin Spreyne, seconded by Ron Perry, to accept audit passed.

b. Financial Reports: Treasurer Holldber discussed both the February and March financial reports. Move to file the report for audit made by Ron Perry, seconded by Doris Lombard, passed.

c. BBVA Check Signing Requirements: Edwina Scott commented that the bank stated that no change is required.

d. Bookkeeper: Move by Jerry Holldber, seconded by Ray Barmore, passed unanimously to have Edwina Scott compose a letter of termination of services of Bell Bookkeeping effective April 30, 2017. Move by Ray Barmore, seconded by Jerry Holldber, passed to have Edwina Scott provide names of several bookkeepers for the board's consideration of contracting for quarterly reviews of books.

3) Adoption of March 14, 2017 Minutes

The Minutes were reviewed. Move by Ray Barmore, seconded by Ron Perry, to accept minutes as submitted passed.

4) Fuel Modification Operations (Edwina Scott):

a. California Fire Safe Council 2015 Grant: Final report submitted

b. California Fire Safe Council 2016 Grant: Requested \$50K. Given \$20K.

c. CWPP: Active. Virtual Internet presentation, discussed executive summary, review every two years.

d. County funds to assist low-income individuals: No monies spent since last report. One possible assistance in process.

e. SRA Grants:

I. Dead and Dying Tree Removal: Twenty-four 'Bark Beetle' trees removed in March; with six more since and another six soon. Of six grants, one is closing.

II. Fuels Reduction: Beginning to solicit properties.

f. FEMA Reroofing Grant: Close out report submitted. Quarterly reports required.

g. Projects and Woodies Report (Pat Boss):

The Woodies had four working sessions, cutting and splitting 11 cords (equal to \$2,200) of firewood and donated 135.3 hours (equal to \$3,731.55), have 9 abatement projects scheduled with possibly 7 more, and Pinyon Fire Fuel Abatement Center had 6 loads and 5 volunteer hours (equal to \$137.95).

5) Education (Edwina Scott)

- a. GSOB Update: Ron Perry announced that the trees are in the blossoming state and that the team will continue to monitor the trees.
- b. Spring 2017 Newsletter: Need to have to printer by May1st; will include article on appreciation to agencies.

6) New Business

It was agreed upon to change the next board meeting to Wednesday, May 10, 2017.

7) Agency Reports

- a. Gregg Bratcher stated that SRA grant funds will be allotted for 30 GSOB tree removals, and commented on the 400 piles burnt in Stone Creek, Astro Camp activity, the Oak Glen project, typical valley burns and that that there will be one more year of emergence test of the GSOB barrels, and that a game plan will be discussed with the GSOB inspectors.

8) Public Comments – Robbie Kueneman commented on the Rotary Ann’s \$400 donation to the MCFSC – appreciation expressed by all board members - and announced that the Rotary Ann’s will serve a breakfast at the Idyllwild Fire Station and that the MCFSC board is invited to attend after completion of its May 10th meeting.

9) Meetings:

- a. Next Board Meeting: May 10, 2017, 9:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Marvin Spreyne, Secretary

Note takers: Director Spreyne and Executive Director Edwina Scott