Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council
Board of Directors Meeting
February 12, 2019

MINUTES

Board members present: Norm Walker, Doris Lombard, Chris Kramer, and Marvin Spreyne

Staff present: Edwina Scott, Pete Coy

Agency Staff present: Matt Boss, U.S.F.S.; Daniel Diaz, U.S.F.S.

Public in attendance: Greg Ross, Sue Thorson

1) Opening Remarks - Norm Walker, President, commented on the passing of board member Ron Perry; a significant loss to the council, the Woodies and the mountain communities. Doris Lombard was presented with a framed quote from the council in memory of Ron Perry.

2) Budget and Financial
   a) Financial Report: January 2019. Edwina Scott expounded upon the financial reports and answered a few questions. Hearing no challenges to the report it will be filed for audit.

3) Adoption of the January 2019 Minutes
   The minutes were accepted as printed on a move by Chris Kramer, seconded by Doris Lombard.

4) Fuel Modification Operations - Edwina Scott, Pete Coy
   a) CALFIRE 2018 Grant
      January Fuels Reduction projects: Pete Coy worked with 2 homeowners. The CAL FIRE grant provided funds for fuel reduction on 4 properties, equaling 10 acres, and he worked with another 5 property owners removing 15 dead and dying trees for an additional 5 property owners; one was a GSDB infested tree. This work amounted to the removal of 27 tons of biomass and creation of 35 cords of firewood.
   b) California Fire Safe Council 2018 Grant: Norm Walker and Edwina Scott signed the grant agreement last week.
   c) County CID Funds Grant: Edwina Scott announced that instituting use of the funds is expected in the Spring.
   d) Projects Report: Pete Coy related that 3 jobs are in the works, 5 jobs are awaiting the property owner’s response and 4 jobs are out to bid.
   e) Woodies Report: Norm Walker commented that 1 productive effort was completed before the snow arrived and that there remains only 1 load of wood at the Help Center.
5) **Education – Edwina Scott**
   a) **GSOB Update: Doris Lombard** announced that the inspection team’s plan is to reinstitute inspections.
   b) **Correspondence:** No outgoing correspondence.
   c) **Accounting & Financial Policies and Procedures:** The proposal from Margaret Grayson was discussed. On a motion by Chris Kramer, seconded by Doris Lombard, it was to accept her offer with a financial cost to cap at $3,000.00; any additional increases would be brought forth to the board for consideration.

6) **Old Business:**
   a) Pine Cove Roads Project: Edwina Scott related that the council is awaiting an answer from the CEQA contractor on the removal of >12” trees. The project is currently in a standby mode.

7) **New Business:**
   a. **2019 Officers:** Chris Kramer agreed to fill the Vice President position on an interim basis.
   b. Outreach and Educational Brochure Committee: Edwina Scott commented that the content is ongoing.

8) **Agency Reports:** Matt Boss, U.S.F.S. introduced Daniel Diaz, U.S.F.S. who will be utilized with the 3rd battalion, and further commented that the pile burning is close to 100% completion, that 3-5 burn windows were missed by the Federal Shutdown situation. Both Thomas Mountain and Pine Cove projects are in a ready-to-go status and that some pile burning was completed in the Vista Grand Canyon, with a few more to be completed. U.S.F.S. is currently staffing 3 fire trucks in the area.

9) **Public Comments** – None

10) **Meetings:**
   a) Next Board Meeting: Scheduled for March 12, 2019 at 9:30 AM.

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