

Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council

Board of Directors Meeting

February 13, 2018

MINUTES

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

Staff present: Edwina Scott and Pete Coy

Public in attendance: **Brian Tisdale**, Supervisor Washington's Office; **Matt Boss**, USFS; **Robert Fish**, Cal Fire; **Dan Devers; John Peterson**

- 1) Opening Remarks – **Ron Perry**, 1st Vice President
Introduced **John Peterson** of DFI Insurance
- 2) Review of 2018 Non-profit Insurance: **John Peterson**, Certified Insurance Counselor, discussed the council's insurance coverage by line item and answered questions from board members. Total fee is \$4507.00. **Ron Perry** and **Edwina Scott** will review list of equipment covered or not by the insurance.
- 3) Budget and Financial Report - **Jerry Holldber**, Treasurer
 - a. Financial Report: January 2018 financial reports. Treasurer **Jerry Holldber** commented on the financial reports, discussing on a few in detail. Move to file the report for audit made by **Chris Kramer**, seconded by **Marvin Spreyne**. Passed.
- 4) Adoption of January 24, 2018 Minutes
The Minutes were reviewed. With one minor correction and on a Move by **Jerry Holldber**, seconded by **Doris Lombard**, the minutes were accepted.
- 5) Fuel Modification Operations - **Edwina Scott**
 - a. California Fire Safe Council 2016 Grant: No jobs have been finalized in January.
 - b. County funds to assist low-income individuals: No activity
 - c. SRA Grants:
 - I. Dead and Dying Tree Removal: In January we worked with two owners of four parcels and removed 10 bark beetle infested/killed trees.
 - II. Fuels Reduction: Grant has been completed and we are in the process of submitting the final report. Current balance is \$7000.00.
 - d. CAL FIRE Fire Prevention Grant Workshop: Cal Fire has no current guidelines for the fuels reduction grants, however it will be a total reimbursement grant with no advancements.
 - e. Financial Audit: Audit is scheduled for Wednesday, February 14th and possibly extended to include the 15th.

- f. Projects Report: **Peter Coy** related that he's working on processing three jobs and has been in contact with 20 individuals and has been busy educating people on fire fuel reduction issues along with general fire safety issues.
- g. Woodies Report: In January 2018 a total of 11 cords of wood was prepared with an estimated value of \$2,200.00 and there was a total of 141.25 volunteer hours totaling a value of \$4,025.53.

6) Education – **Edwina Scott**

- a) GSOB Update: **Ron Perry** mentioned that due to a scheduling conflict no activity has occurred.
- b) Community Outreach Meeting, February 21, 2018: Having received no word from the U.S.F.S. the meeting has been postponed.
Correspondence: None.

7) Old Business

- a. **Ron Perry** lead a conversation on the issue of reviewing the bylaws. It was decided that he, Doris Lombard and Edwina Scott would get together to piece together changes that have been made throughout the years.

8) Agency Reports –**Robert Fish** Cal Fire, announced that **Nochella Funes** is the new forester and is already busy with projects. **Matt Boss**, U.S.F.S., related that Thomas Mountain had approximately 200 acres involved in prescribed burns and there is more to do. Pine Cove fire break piles are in the process of prescribed burns.

9) Public Comments – **Dan Devers** commented on cyber-security issues. **Marvin Spreyne** announced that the Pinyon Fire Fuel Reduction Collection Site (Pinyon Green Waste Site) will be closed pending chipping of current collection.

10) Meetings:

- a. Next Board Meeting: Next board meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2018 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marvin Spreyne, Secretary

Note takers: Secretary Marvin Spreyne and Executive Director Edwina Scott