

**Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council
Board of Directors Meeting**

February 11, 2020 MINUTES:

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Board members present: **Doris Lombard, Chris Kramer, Jerry Holldber, Woody Henderson and Marvin Spreyne**

MCFSC Staff present: **Kathy Wilson, Pete Coy, Courtney Locke**

- Agency Staff present: Garth Crow - U.S.F.S., **Matt Lamont**, Idyllwild Fire
Public in attendance: **Gregg Ross, Kim Fryer**

- 1) **Opening Remarks – Chris Kramer**, Vice-President, welcomed all and introduced agency staff and guests.
- 2) **Adoption of the January 14, 2020 Minutes**
With two minor corrections the minutes were accepted as printed on a move by **Jerry Holldber**, seconded by **Woody Henderson**. All board members were in favor.
- 3) **Budget and Financial**
Financial Reports of January 2020. **Jerry Holldber**, Treasurer, went through the detailed financial reports. All board members were in favor of the report. On a motion by **Marvin Spreyne**, and hearing no concerns, the report will be filed for audit.
- 4) **Agency Reports: Garth Crow**, USFS Fuels Battalion Chief, briefly described his professional background and commented on the Thomas Mountain project and the Pine Cove Fuel Break project, the community impact on prescribed burn smoke, and the 5-year plan of the USFS for the mountain communities area. **Mark Lamont**, Idyllwild Fire Chief, mentioned that his department is working closely with the U.S.F.S. and CALFIRE on projects, commented on LE-100 inspections and the postcard notification on abatement requirements project.
- 5) **Fuel Modification Operations – Pete Coy and Courtney Locke** met with 17 property owners to discuss their properties and the scope of work that would be necessary.
CALFIRE 2018 Grant:
 - a) **Fuels Reduction:** Work was completed for 1 property owner, and that the contractor cleared 5.16 acres (1 parcel) totaling 3.5 tons of biomass,
 - b) **Tree Removal:** Work was completed for 3 property owners; contractors removed 22 trees (of which 20 were pines and 2 GSOB). A total of 30 tons of biomass was removed.**California Fire Safe Council 2018 Grant:** Work was completed for 1 property owner; the contractor cleared 3.5 acres (2 parcels) ,removing 9 tons of biomass.
CID 2018-2019 Grant: All funds have been expended. Funds covered the cost share for 7 recipients’ and allowed for fuels reduction of 2.98 aces and the removal of 35.5 tons of biomass.
Projects Report: Pete Coy mentioned that though things are slow he is getting many phone calls and that he has 4 job bid packets for contractors
Woodies Report: Doris Lombard stated that in January 2020 Woodies worked 5 sessions which resulted in 159.5 volunteer hours with a value of \$4,777.03 and cut and split a total of 12.5 cords of wood with a value of \$2,500.00
- 6) **Education:**
 - a) **GSOB Update: Cora Davies and Nochella Funes** will coordinate information collected.

7) **Old Business:**

- a) **Pine Cove Roads (CSA 38):** Changes have been made and zone inspections will be conducted by both **Pete Coy** and **Jesse Parks**.
- b) **Team Rubicon:** Crew will be up for a work in April and will attend the March 5, 2020 'Fire in Paradise' community event.
- c) **Bank of Hemet:** **Marvin Spreyne** signed required document that **Jerry Holddber** will deliver to the bank.
- d) **Edwina Scott Recognition Luncheon:** Tabled
- e) **Public Education Event:** The PBS 'Fire in Paradise' documentary viewing is scheduled for March 5, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the Idyllwild School Gym. **Kat Wilson** provided copies of posters to be disseminated beforehand.

8) **New Business: None**

9) **Public Comments:** None.

Next Board Meeting: Scheduled for March 10, 2020 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted, **Marvin Spreyne**, Recording Secretary