

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

March 10, 2020 MINUTES:

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

MCFSC Staff present: **Kathy Wilson - Executive Director, Pete Coy – Project Manager, Courtney Locke – Project Assistant**

Agency Staff present: **Marcus Hernandez, CALFIRE, Nochella Funes, County Fire, Albert Gonzalez, County Fire, Cora Davies, County Fire**

Public in attendance: **Gregg Ross, Kim Fryer, Kathy Edwards**

- 1) **Opening Remarks** – **Norm Walker**, President, expresses appreciation to **Kathy Wilson** for setting up the Paradise Fire documentary presentation, and commented on there having been a good crowd and good feedback.
- 2) **Adoption of the February 11, 2020 Minutes**
The minutes were accepted as printed on a move by **Jerry Holldber**, seconded by **Woody Henderson**. All board members were in favor.
- 3) **Agency Reports: Nochella Funes** mentioned that her agency has been very busy, and commented on the Red Hill project and that the Batista Camp crew efforts, that the Point of Rocks project is in the final stage of approving a contract, discussed the Dead, Dying and Diseased tree grant, and further commented on the Spring Crest fire fuel reduction grant. **Cora Davies** touched on the GSOB infestation level and subsequent spraying program and surveying work and that her agency is hiring student to assist in the surveying.
- 4) **Budget and Financial:** a) **2019 MCFSC Audit Presentation**– Due to unforeseen events the presentation will be rescheduled. b) **Financial Reports of February 2020.** **Jerry Holldber**, Treasurer, discussed the detailed financial reports. All board members were in favor of the report. On a motion by **Chris Kramer**, and hearing no concerns, the report will be filed for audit.
- 5) **Fuel Modification Operations** – **Pete Coy** and **Courtney Locke** met with 12 property owners to discuss their properties and the scope of work that would be necessary.
CALFIRE 2018 Grant: - Kathy Wilson
 - a) **Fuels Reduction:** Work was completed for 2 property owners; the contractors reoved11.5 tons of biomass from 1.69 acres.
 - b) **Tree Removal:** Work was completed for 2 property owners; the contractors removed 11 trees (4 pines, 5 GSOB and 2 cottonwood) and thus removing a total of 28 tons of biomass.**California Fire Safe Council 2018 Grant:** Work was completed for 4 property owners; the contractors cleared 6.5 acres), removing 15 tons of biomass.
Pine Cove Roads Project: **Pete Coy** worked 13 hours combined with both field work and admin work on the project. The area has been broken down into seven zones, easements and dedicated right of ways in each zone have been surveyed and photos taken. An email flyer describing the project was produced by CALFIRE and sent out through the Pine Cove Water District, a general road clearing prescription for the contractors to follow has been developed and approved by CALFIRE, and that the MCFSC is waiting for final approval and go ahead from CALFIRE to start the project.
Projects Report: **Pete Coy** mentioned that he has 1 job bid packet out for contractors.

Woodies Report: Doris Lombard stated that in February 2020 Woodies worked 4 sessions which resulted in 133.75 volunteer hours with a value of \$4,005.81 and cut and split a total of 9 cords of wood with a value of \$1,800.00. In-Kind donations totaling \$5,805.81.

6) **Education:**

- a) **GSOB Update: Cora Davies** and **Nochella Funes** will coordinate information collected.
- b) **Newsletter:** Themes should dwell on vacant lots, inspections, property owner responsibilities, sheriff evacuation process, and the county alert system. Anticipated date set for May 15th.

7) **Old Business:**

- a) **Pine Cove Roads (CSA 38):** Discussed under California Fire Safe Council 2018 Grant.
 - b) **Team Rubicon:** Crew expected to work on the project April 5th through the 15th. **Nochella Funes** is coordinating the project.
 - c) **Bank of Hemet:** All board members agreed to use the Anza branch. **Kathy Wilson** will coordinate getting the check signers to meet at the same time.
 - d) **Edwina Scott Recognition Luncheon:** Tabled
 - e) **Public Education Event:** Discussed under Presidents Opening Remarks.
- 8) **New Business: County Vehicle – Kathy Wilson** commented on the Riverside County offer of a 4-wheel drive pickup, free and clear. On a motion by **Marvin Spreyne**, seconded by **Chris Kramer** the board unanimously approved accepting the offer pending an insurance quote.
- 9) **Public Comments:** None.

Next Board Meeting: Scheduled for April 14, 2020 at 9:30 AM.

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