

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

December 10, 2019 MINUTES:

APPROVED 01.14.2020

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

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

Agency Staff present: **Charles Wentz - U.S.F.S., Mark Lamont – Idyllwild Fire, Nochella Funes – CALFIRE**

Public in attendance: **Gregg Ross – Woodie**

- 1) **Opening Remarks – Norm Walker**, President, Introduced and welcomed Chief Mark Lamont of the Idyllwild Fire Department
- 2) **Adoption of the November 12, 2019 Minutes**
With a minor correction the minutes were accepted as printed on a move by **Chris Kramer**, seconded by **Marvin Spreyne**. All board members were in favor.
- 3) **Budget and Financial**
 - a) **Financial Reports of October and November 2019.** **Jerry Holldber**, Treasurer, went through the detailed financial reports. The reformatting of the October report was discussed and approved by a motion by **Chris Kramer**, seconded by **Marvin Spreyne**. All board members were in favor. Hearing no concerns with the reports, they will be filed for audit.
 - b) **Approval of the 2020 Budget** After a discussion **Jerry Holldber** proposed that the item be tabled until the January 2020 board meeting. All board members were in favor.
- 4) **Agency Reports:**

USFS Charles Wentz commented on fuel breaks regarding Pine Cove, Thomas Mountain; 214 acres to be abated, volunteers planting 300-350 trees, and the Idyllwild Defense Project.

CALFIRE Nochella Funes commended on the Red Hill, Upper Dry Creek, Point of Rocks (tentatively set for February 2020), Dead and Dying Trees projects, the Forrest Health Grant, the new CALFIRE environmental scientist, the transfer of Gregg Bratcher, and working on a map to watch the GSOB path.

Idyllwild Fire Chief Mark Lamont dwelled on the Idyllwild Fire Protection District Board Commissioners approval of IFPD Ordinance 01-19 of which includes, but not limited to, annual and ongoing abatement requirements and explained the processes. He continued to mention the first 4 rounds of preformed abatement inspections and that all 3,851 parcels were inspected during the process of which only 12% did not pass the inspections during the first inspection and that after the fourth inspection only 51 properties were cited for non-compliance with the ordinance. Their 2020 inspections will begin one month earlier than in 2019, with reminder postcards to be sent out to all Idyllwild property owners in March of 2020.
- 5) **Fuel Modification Operations – Kathy Wilson**

CALFIRE 2018 Grant:

 - a) Fuels Reduction: No jobs in November.
 - b) Tree Removal: Contractors removed a total of 10 trees for 7 homeowners; 7 pines and 3 GSOB. A total of 39.52 tons of biomass was removed.

Totals of both Fuels Reduction and Tree Removal programs combined to date was 201 trees removed, 121 parcels, 105 property owners, 188.66 acres and 469 tons of biomass removed.

- c) **California Fire Safe Council 2018 Grant: Pete Coy and Courtney Locke** worked with 11 property owners; contractors cleared 26.78 acres in removing 5 trees of which none were GSOB Oak and 64.5 tons of biomass. Totals to date: 21 trees (2 GSOB), 29 parcels, 47.9 acres and 160.25 tons of biomass.
 - d) **Projects Report: Pete Coy** stated that 5 jobs are pending contractors getting invoices returned and that he is waiting for share checks. Several large jobs would need board approval; on involving 9 trees for \$23,000 and another with 2 GSOB trees for \$13,000. **Norm Walker** polled the board on the matter. The board, with all in favor, approved the \$13,000 Forrest Drive project and to postpone the Tahquitz project.
 - e) **Woodies Report: Doris Lombard** related that in November 2019 the Woodies cut and split a total of 13.5 cords of wood with a value of \$2,700 and a total of 144.25 volunteer hours with a value of \$4,320.29 bringing the total of in-kind donations to a value of \$7,020.29.
- 6) **Education:**
- a) **GSOB Update:** Previously covered
 - b) **Correspondence: Woody Henderson** submitted an article to the Town Crier and will be working on an article dealing with the County 695 ordinance.
- 7) **Old Business:**
- a) **Pine Cove Roads (CSA 38): Pete Coy and Jessie Parks** will be communicating on this project.
 - b) **Team Rubicon:** Coordination between Team Rubicon and the MCFSC taking place.
 - c) **New Grant:** Submitted on December 4, 2019. The board discussed going up to 300' feet when needed based on environmentalist working on new CEQA.
 - d) **Contractors Annual Reporting:** Tabled.
 - e) **Bank of Hemet: Jerry Holldber** will communicate with the bank to start the process of getting signatures for check signing.
 - f) **Edwina Scott Recognition Luncheon: Kat Wilson** will follow-up on the matter.
 - g) **Public Education Event:** The board agreed to reschedule the event until possibly March 2020 and to include County Ordinance 695 requirements. **Chief Lamont** will be included as a speaker.
- 8) **New Business:**
- a) **Public Outreach/Education on County Ordinance 695:** Previously covered.
 - b) **Tahquitz Pines Project:** Previously covered.
 - c) **Board Resolution 2019-2020:** The resolution was previously approved unanimously via an e-vote.
- 9) **Public Comments:** None
- 10) **Executive Session:** Salary compensation of staff was discussed.

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

Respectfully Submitted, **Marvin Spreyne**, Secretary