

Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council
Board of Directors Meeting

July 9, 2019 MINUTES:

APPROVED August 12, 2019

Board members present: **Norm Walker, Doris Lombard, Jerry Holddber and Marvin Spreyne**

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

Agency Staff present: **Nochella Funes, CALFIRE, Daniel Diaz, U.S.F.S.**

Public in attendance: **Woody Henderson**

- 1) **Opening Remarks - Norm Walker**, President, Expressed board's delight to have Kathy Wilson and Courtney Locke on board.
- 2) **Budget and Financial**
 - a. **Financial Report June 2019. Jerry Holddber**, Treasurer, made comments on all financial reports. Hearing no concerns with the report, it will be filed for audit.
- 3) **Adoption of the June 11, 2019 Minutes**

The minutes were accepted as printed on a move by **Jerry Holddber**, seconded by **Doris Lombard**,
- 4) **Fuel Modification Operations – Kathy Wilson**
 - a. **CALFIRE 2018 Grant: Pete Coy** worked with 6 homeowners doing fuel reduction on their properties equaling 8.38 acres. Contractors removed 16 pine trees for 5 homeowners. A total of 48 tons of biomass was removed. Nine new properties started to date in July, with an additional 8 property site visits.
 - b. **California Fire Safe Council 2018 Grant:** Advancement not yet received.
 - c) **County CID Funds Grant:** Four properties abated to date using \$2,123.75 of C.I.D. funds leaving \$1,876.25 remaining.
 - d) **Projects Report: Pete Coy** mentioned that 9 jobs are good to go and 6 new jobs are out to bid. On a motion by **Jerry Holddber**, seconded by **Marvin Spreyne**, the board unanimously approved to transfer \$23,440.00 to the grant account
 - e) **Woodies Report: Doris Lombard** commented that in June 2019 the Woodies had 5 working sessions that resulted in 3 cords of split firewood donated to the Help Center equaling \$600.00 and volunteer hours totaled 136.5 hours equaling \$4,088.
- 5) **Education:**
 - a) **GSOB Update:** Tabled
 - b) **Correspondence: Norm Walker** commented on an article he wrote and was published in the local newspaper.
- 6) **Old Business:**
 - a) Pine Cove Roads (CSA 38): **Jerry Holddber** will follow up on this item by contacting County EDA.
 - b) Policies and Procedures: Tabled to allow board members to finish reviewing the publications.

- c) Newsletter: **Kathy Wilson** related that since the latest newsletter was issued donations are being received. A considerable amount of newsletters remain. The board agreed to provide copies to local businesses and to the U.S. Forest Service for them to distribute.

7) New Business: Board candidates. A closed session will take place after agenda item #9 - Public Comments.

8) Agency Reports:

- a) **Nochella Funes** stated that the CALFIRE Grant has been delayed due to paperwork. She further discussed the tree removal issue, the county grant on dead and dying trees, that the Point of Rocks project is a go with \$200,000.00 to be spent by 2020, and that CALFIRE is working on the Red Hill project and that the Upper Dry Creek will be on the schedule in the near future. She also commented that the Demo Forest project is 50% completed.

Daniel Diaz related that fuel work has slowed down due to fires and road conditions and stated that contractors are working on projects in the Anza area and on the Ramona Indian Reservation. He also mentioned that another section on Thomas Mountain has been completed and also commented on the Community Defense Project.

9) Public Comments: None

10) Closed Door Session:

- a) **Board Candidates,** The board reviewed and discussed the applications from two individuals and decided to table the item until the August meeting to allow all board members to give their consideration.

Next Board Meeting: Scheduled for August 13, 2019 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted, **Marvin Spreyne**, Secretary