

**Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 12, 2019

**MINUTES**

Board members present: **Norm Walker, Doris Lombard, Chris Kramer, and Marvin Spreyne**

Staff present: **Edwina Scott, Pete Coy**

Agency Staff present: **Matt Boss, U.S.F.S.; Daniel Diaz, U.S.F.S.**

Public in attendance: **Greg Ross, Sue Thorson**

- 1) **Opening Remarks - Norm Walker**, President, commented on the passing of board member Ron Perry; a significant loss to the council, the Woodies and the mountain communities. **Doris Lombard** was presented with a framed quote from the council in memory of **Ron Perry**.
- 2) **Budget and Financial**
  - a) Financial Report: January 2019. **Edwina Scott** expounded upon the financial reports and answered a few questions. Hearing no challenges to the report it will be filed for audit.
- 3) **Adoption of the January 2019 Minutes**

The minutes were accepted as printed on a move by **Chris Kramer**, seconded by **Doris Lombard**,
- 4) **Fuel Modification Operations - Edwina Scott, Pete Coy**
  - a) **CALFIRE 2018 Grant**

**January Fuels Reduction projects: Pete Coy** worked with 2 homeowners. The CAL FIRE grant provided funds for fuel reduction on 4 properties, equaling 10 acres, and he worked with another 5 property owners removing 15 dead and dying trees for an additional 5 property owners; one was a GSOB infested tree. This work amounted to the removal of 27 tons of biomass and creation of 35 cords of firewood.
  - b) **California Fire Safe Council 2018 Grant: Norm Walker** and **Edwina Scott** signed the grant agreement last week.
  - c) **County CID Funds Grant: Edwina Scott** announced that instituting use of the funds is expected in the Spring.
  - d) **Projects Report: Pete Coy** related that 3 jobs are in the works, 5 jobs are awaiting the property owner's response and 4 jobs are out to bid.
  - e) **Woodies Report: Norm Walker** commented that 1 productive effort was completed before the snow arrived and that there remains only 1 load of wood at the Help Center.

5) **Education – Edwina Scott**

- a) **GSOB Update: Doris Lombard** announced that the inspection team’s plan is to reinstitute inspections.
- b) **Correspondence:** No outgoing correspondence.
- c) **Accounting & Financial Policies and Procedures:** The proposal from **Margaret Grayson** was discussed. On a motion by **Chris Kramer**, seconded by **Doris Lombard**, it was to accept her offer with a financial cost to cap at \$3,000.00; any additional increases would be brought forth to the board for consideration.

6) **Old Business:**

- a) Pine Cove Roads Project: **Edwina Scott** related that the council is awaiting an answer from the CEQA contractor on the removal of >12” trees. The project is currently in a standby mode.

7) **New Business:**

- a. **2019 Officers: Chris Kramer** agreed to fill the Vice President position on an interim basis.
- b. Outreach and Educational Brochure Committee: Edwina Scott commented that the content is ongoing.

- 8) **Agency Reports: Matt Boss, U.S.F.S. introduced Daniel Diaz, U.S.F.S.** who will be utilized with the 3<sup>rd</sup> battalion, and further commented that the pile burning is close to 100% completion, that 3-5 burn windows were missed by the Federal Shutdown situation. Both Thomas Mountain and Pine Cove projects are in a ready-to-go status and that some pile burning was completed in the Vista Grand Canyon, with a few more to be completed. U.S.F.S. is currently staffing 3 fire trucks in the area.

9) **Public Comments – None**

10) **Meetings:**

- a) Next Board Meeting: Scheduled for March 12, 2019 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted, **Marvin Spreyne**, Secretary

Note takers: Secretary **Marvin Spreyne** and Executive Director **Edwina Scott**