

Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council
Board of Directors Meeting
January 8, 2019

MINUTES

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

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

Public in attendance: Chief **Patrick Reitz**, Idyllwild Fire; **Brian Tisdale**, Supervisor Washington's office

- 1) **Opening Remarks - Norm Walker**, President, expressed his appreciation of the entire board for providing their time and effort throughout the 2018 year to continue to make the mountain communities safer for its residents, visitors and first responders and also for the professionalism, and productivity, of the council's two staff members.
- 2) **Budget and Financial**
 - a) Financial Report: November and December 2018. **Jerry Holldber** discussed the financial reports with **Edwina Scott** deciphering a few questions. Hearing no challenges to the report **Marvin Spreyne** moved to file the report for audit.
- 3) **Adoption of the November 2018 Minutes**

With the removal of a few insignificant words, the minutes were accepted as printed on a move by **Ron Perry**, seconded by **Jerry Holldber**,
- 4) **Fuel Modification Operations - Edwina Scott, Pete Coy**
 - a) **CALFIRE 2018 Grant**: December and January Fuels Reduction Projects: **Pete Coy** worked with 11 homeowners. The CAL FIRE grant provided funds for 7 properties, equaling 5.39 acres, helped 5 property owners remove 15 dead and dying trees, one of which was a GSOB infested oak. This work amounted to the removal of 53 tons of biomass and the creation of 22.5 cords of firewood for the homeowners.
 - b) **Grant Application Updates**:

California Fire Safe Council 2018 Grant: The MCFSC was approved to receive the 2018 grant, in the amount of \$200,000 though pre-award documents are required to be submitted, and of which are almost completed and have a Risk-Assessment interview with the CaFSC.
 - c) **County CID Funds Grant**: **Edwina Scott** mentioned that CID funds of \$4,000 will be used closer to spring, to help the less fortunate.
 - d) **Projects Report**: **Pete Coy** related that 12 jobs were completed, 30 jobs are waiting and explained the large 'Cougar' project. On a motion by **Chris Kramer**, seconded by **Doris Lombard**, and approved unanimously, an advance of \$30,000 from the Admin account be transferred to the Grant account. **Ron Perry** expressed his concern due to the current political climate at the federal level.

e) **Woodies Report: Ron Perry and Doris Lombard** reported that in November 2018 there were 4 working sessions that occurred at the Idyllwild Help Center and involved cutting and splitting logs into fire wood. The Woodies donated a total of 120.25 volunteer hours with 9 cords of firewood donated and further commented that in December 2018 there were 4 working sessions that occurred at the Idyllwild Help Center and involved cutting and splitting logs into fire wood. The Woodies donated a total of 111.5 volunteer hours with 9.75 cords of firewood donated.

5) **Education – Edwina Scott**

- a) GSOB Update: **Ron Perry** commented everything is on hold for the time being.
- b) Correspondence: None.

6) **Old Business:**

- a) Pine Cove Roads Project: The completed CEQA list requires revision.

7) **New Business:**

- a. Nomination for 2019 Officers: The Executive Board members unanimously agreed to keep all board members at their current title.
- b) **Conflict of Interest Requirement: Edwina Scott** collected completed forms from all board members.
- c) **Outreach and Educational Brochure Committee: Edwina Scott** commented that the content is ongoing.
- d) **Staff Compensation:** During a closed session the Executive Board revisited the compensations of the two staff members and on a motion by **Jerry Holldber**, seconded by **Marvin Spreyne**, the board unanimously agreed to provide a 5% salary increase retroactive from January 1, 2019 to both staff members. **Ron Perry** expressed his concern due to the current political climate at the federal level.

8) **Agency Reports –Chief Patrick Reitz** again extended his appreciation for the efforts the MCFSC provides to make the mountain more fire safe and also discussed fire challenges.

9) **Public Comments – None**

10) **Meetings:**

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

Respectfully Submitted, **Marvin Spreyne**, Secretary

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