

Alpine Fire Safe Council

Minutes

May 26th, 2014

6:00 pm, Woodfords Fire Station

The meeting of the Alpine Fire Safe Council was called to order by Kris Hartnett, Chair, at 6:00 pm at the Woodfords Fire Station, Markleeville, CA 96120.

Present

Kris Hartnett	FSC Chair, Coordinator	Markleeville Resident
David Griffith	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Shirley Taylor	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Karrie Baker	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Tom Sweeney	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Mary Rawson	Alpine County Supervisor	Woodfords Resident
Buck McLelland	Assistant Chief	Eastern Alpine Fire & Rescue
Joanne Oehlerking	AFSC Administrator	Markleeville Resident

Absent:

Steve Yonker	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Nani Ellis	FSC Board	Markleeville Resident

I. Call to order

Under New Business line item e. Election of Vice Chair was added to the agenda.

II. Introductions

Buck McLelland introduced himself as Assistant Chief to the Eastern Alpine Fire & Rescue (EAFR) and spoke about his concerns regarding a dual port tank system, he explained that the dual port system has thermal layering, the top is potable water and the bottom portion can be used for non-potable services such as fire protection. The water at the bottom has potential of becoming stale and this could contaminate the potable water which could become a public health and safety issue with the State of California.

McLelland said the EAFR has 4 tender trucks which hold about 4,000 gallons of water each and they can be filled within 12 minutes. There is a mutual aid agreement with East Fork allowing for use of their water tenders. This is approximately 32,000 gallons of water which could be available at any time. Sweeney asked what is needed to help the EAFR; McLelland said that a paid ambulance is greatly needed.

III. Approve minutes of April 28th, 2014 meeting.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Karrie Baker

Second: Shirley Taylor

(2) Abstain: David Griffith, Tom Sweeney

(3) Ayes. Motion carried.

IV. Volunteer Time Sheets

V. Financial report

Oehlerking presented to the Board the financial report. It was agreed that in the future the Secretary/Treasurer will reconcile the financial report with the bank statements.

Motion to approve.

Motion: David Griffith

Second: Tom Sweeney

All ayes. Motion carried.

VI. Staff Expense Vouchers

a. Motion to approve Administrators vouchers.

Motion: David Griffith

Second: Shirley Taylor

All ayes. Motion carried.

b. Motion to approve Coordinators vouchers.

Motion: Tom Sweeney

Second: Karrie Baker

All ayes. Motion carried.

VII. New Business

a. Applicant interview ONLY, for Administrators position. Hartnett stated that there are a few interested candidates for the position.

b. School Poster Program 2014, volunteers needed. Baker volunteered to run this year's program. The Council commended Taylor for her outstanding involvement over the past years.

c. 2014 Beer sales for Death Ride. Hartnett stated that he has received confirmation from Sierra Nevada that they are going to participate in this year's event. Hartnett reported that the liquor license is in the mail and he will receive 8 parking passes and asked for volunteers to fill out a form with T-shirt sizes and availability.

d. AFSC Bulletin "Suspension of Burning Permits". Hartnett expressed that there is miscommunication between agencies regarding burn permits. Hartnett handed to the Council a draft letter which would explain the rules and regulations for obtaining a burn permit. The Council will make amendments before sending it out.

e. Election of Vice Chair.

Motion was made to continue Steve Yonkers Appointment as Vice Chair

Motion to approve.
Motion: David Griffith
All ayes. Motion carried.

Second: Tom Sweeney

VIII. Old Business

- a. Board member reports on BOS and VFD meetings. Hartnett stated that he attended both BOS meetings and spoke on the AFSC behalf regarding fire issues
- b. Staff reports.
- c. Board members comments. Taylor expressed her concern regarding payment from the Hung-a-let-te Community for the address signs. Griffith expressed that the Alpine County development standards should be reviewed and adjustments made to help with fire protection.

IX. Coordinators report

- School Evacuation site. Hartnett showed a map which identified the Schools boundaries. Hartnett and Rakow will meet with bordering private property owners to explain the process of eradication of the abundant natural ground fuels. Hartnett will contract with Lake Valley to perform fuels reduction.
- MarkleeVillage. Hartnett stated that the Forest Service will clear cut their property around the MarkleeVillage area.
- Secondary projects. Hartnett spoke on the issue of individual water storage options. The problem with private water storage is that some people do not maintain them and or access to them, making this option non-reliable. The Council will review the Alpine County Development Standards for new developments.
- Other Activities. Hartnett attended the Shay Creek HOA and he has been distributing the evacuation plan pamphlets.
The County has agreed to post “Caution Entering Drought & High Wildland Fire Area” on their electronic sign.
Hartnett contacted Cal Fire to have them change Alpine County’s information to the first page of their bulletin and to add a larger font.
Reported was that the Community Fire Safe Grant II closeout has been finalized and will be sent out tomorrow.

X. Adjournment

Set next meeting at the Markleeville Fire Station at 6:00 pm on Monday, June 30th, 2014.

Motion to approve.
Motion: Karrie Baker
All ayes. Motion carried.

Second: Shirley Taylor