Alpine Fire Safe Council

Minutes
June 30th, 2014
6:00 pm, Markleeville Fire Station

The meeting of the Alpine Fire Safe Council was called to order by Kris Hartnett, Chair, at 6:00 pm at the Markleeville 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
Steve Yonker  FSC Board  Woodfords Resident
Tom Sweeney  FSC Board  Woodfords Resident
Nani Ellis  FSC Board  Markleeville Resident
Terry Hughes  Fire Chief  Eastern Alpine Fire & Rescue
Katherine Rakow  Alpine County Supervisor  Hung-a-let-te Resident
Mary Rawson  Alpine County Supervisor  Woodfords Resident
Joanne Oehlerking  AFSC Administrator  Markleeville Resident

Absent:
Karrie Baker  FSC Board  Woodfords Resident

I. Call to order

II. Introductions

III. Approve minutes of May 26th, 2014 meeting.
Motion to approve.
Motion: David Griffith  Second: Shirley Taylor
All ayes. Motion carried.

Approve minutes of June 18th, 2014 Special Call meeting.
Motion to approve.
Motion: Steve Yonker  Second: Tom Sweeney
(5) Ayes
(1) Abstain, David Griffith
Motion carried.

IV. Volunteer Time Sheets
V. Financial report
Oehlerking presented to the Board the financial report.

Motion to approve.

Motion: David Griffith  Second: Steve Yonker
All ayes. Motion carried.

VI. Staff Expense Vouchers

a. Motion to approve Administrators vouchers.

Motion: Steve Yonker  Second: David Griffith
All ayes. Motion carried.

b. Motion to approve Coordinators vouchers.

Motion: Tom Sweeney  Second: Nani Ellis
All ayes. Motion carried.

VII. Old Business

a. Update on Death Ride. Items mentioned in Hartnett’s report were that the beer wagon will be arriving on Thursday. Volunteers will be handing out the 150th year Anniversary stickers and the “One Less Spark One Less Wildfire” pamphlets. The liquor license has been received and copies were given to the appropriate authorities. The Council authorized Hartnett to purchase soda, water and ice, not to exceed $20. Approximately $60 will be given to Sierra Nevada for the purchase of cups.

b. Status for filling Administration position. Reported was that there are a few interested candidates.

VIII. New Business

a. Discussion and action on Summer/Fall Newsletter. The Council agreed that the Newsletters are informative and should be sent to the Public.

Motion to approve.

Motion: David Griffith  Second: Shirley Taylor
All ayes. Motion carried.

b. Results of e-polling on “Chip the Burn Pile”. Hartnett stated that there were 732 loads of green waste reported. Issues reported were that there was an excessive amount of dirt in the waste piles, which was a concern for the chipping machine. Recommendations were to regulate the material being placed into the piles and to add a note into the Newsletter explaining materials that are not allowed in the burn pile.

c. Discussion and action on policy for future e-polling for AFSC. Council agreed to stick with the procedure currently in the bylaws.

d. Discussion and action on printing of AFSC handout material. The Councils decision was to review the handout material at the next meeting.
and a decision will then be made as to which items should be placed inside of the packets.

e. Discussion and action on AFSC application to Great Basin Air Pollution Control District 2015 “Burn the Burn Pile”. The Councils decision was to reapply for the Spring/Fall of 2015.

f. Cal Fire attendance of June 17th. Hughes reported that he met with the Chief of fire prevention who assured him that Alpine County will be receiving services; they will be preforming defensible space projects in Alpine County. Cal Fire will be building a new fire station near Sawmill Pond in Lake Tahoe.

g. Thornburg’s fuels reduction. Hartnett proposal was to use part of the Title III funds to conduct fuels reduction in the Thornburg Canyon area. The Council deliberated this item and it will be placed onto the next meeting agenda for further discussion.

h. Board member reports on BOS and VFD meetings. Items mentioned in Fire Chief Hughes report were that the Fire Academy graduated and 5 new cadets will be staying at Station 91. The call volume has increased. Hughes will be asking the County Board to revisit the terms associated with special use permits.

i. Staff reports. No Reports were given.

j. Board members comments. Taylor asked about the reflective address signs and Rakow reported that every house has reflective address signs in the Hung-a-let-te Community. Griffith asked Hughes about the development standards. Hughes stated that he has informed the development dept. that they need to add the Fire Department to the variance check off list, which they agreed to do. Rakow thanked Hartnett and Hughes for attending the Community Council meeting.

IX. Coordinators report
   a. Status of information sign at Pickett’s Junction. Hartnett reported that the sign is in place which reads “Use Caution Extreme Fire Conditions”.

   b. Status on Website update with Evac maps. Baker will add the Evac Maps onto the AFSC Website. Griffith asked to place a link onto the County Website.

   c. Report attendance for Fire Suppression Water Storage meeting. Hartnett reported that there are three potential sites for a water storage tank.
d. Projects status. Hartnett reported on the School Evacuation Site and stated that the site has not been cleared and defensible space is required. The Council agreed to have the Chipping crew finish the school project. Hartnett met with Lake Valley and discussed the terms for fuels reduction on private property in Marklee Village. Lake Valley will perform the fuels reduction and the chipping will be funded through Title III and a portion of funding may come from the property owner.

e. Attendance at Washoe Tribal Council meeting. Hartnett reported attending the meeting.

f. Proposed rate increase. The Council approved the rate increase to $32 per hour for the Coordinator.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Tom Sweeney  
Second: Shirley Taylor

All ayes. Motion carried.

X. Adjournment

Set next meeting at the Woodfords Fire Station at 6:00 pm on Monday, July 28th, 2014.

Motion to approve.

Motion: David Griffith  
Second: Nani Ellis

All ayes. Motion carried.