



The Mission of the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council is to preserve Grizzly Flats' natural and manmade resources by informing, educating and mobilizing all residents and landowners to make their homes, properties, neighborhoods and the community fire safe, and to provide area-wide cooperation, innovation and action in an effort to buffer the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council's Sphere of Recognition from catastrophic wildfire

Minutes April 10, 2021 9:30 a.m.- Telephone Meeting

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Flag Salute was led by Officer Andrew Brown.
- 3) Roll Call
- 4) Meeting Room Cleanup Volunteers & Timekeeper Volunteer- Timekeeper was Robin Kelley.
- 5) Approval of the April 10, 2021 Agenda. Robin Kelley made a **Motion** to approve the agenda as amended with a second from David Manske. **Motion** passed.
- 6) Approval of the March 6, 2021 Minutes Robin Kelley made a **Motion** to approve the Minutes with a second from Mel Kelley. **Motion** passed.
- 7) Treasurer's Report- Robin Kelley -Treasurer reported Council spent 1,369.72 to purchase sign materials, and sold \$1068 worth of signage. We currently have a negative balance \$301.72 for this project, with an overall bank balance of \$30, 201.32.
- 8) Public Comment
(Limited to 3 minutes - only for items not on the agenda)
Phill Dayton states the new route signs need to be altered in some way as the routes are not passable in the winter. He suggest the Fire District cover them up or posting a separate sign when the roads are not passable in the winter.
- 9) Council Member Comments
(Limited to 3 minutes - only for items not on the agenda)
No Public Comment
- 10) **Agency Reports**
 - A. BOS Reports District 2 Supervisor. – George Turnboo
Not Present

 - B. Pioneer Fire Protection District –Chief Mark Matthews/Battalion Chief Mike

Stutts

Chief Stutts advised while burning is currently still allowed be diligent in safety with burning. They have responded to 3 or 4 burn piles that have gotten out of control, 1 in Grizzly Flats.

He advised they repaired the #4 and #5 route signs. These are "route" signs not to be called "evacuation routes" according to EDSO. PFPD is not allowed to put up any signs stating open/closed as this is Forest Service land. These signs are used as mile markers for vehicle accidents or lost hikers. It is up to the OES as to which route is an evacuation route.

He stated district has a new command vehicle, the old one is now a back-up vehicle.

Chief Stutts advised the District will be getting a new Water Tender. They also now have more access to water in outlying areas. There is now water storage at 4 Corners with 3 new water tanks.

There is a possibility of having a 10-person hand crew staffed up here from the Forest Service this summer which would be a great addition to the Grizzly Flats area.

C. Department of Transportation (DOT) – Brian Mullens

Not Present

D. Grizzly Flats Community Service District - Kim Gustafson

Not Present/No report submitted.

D. Sheriff – John D'Agostini/Jack Kerruish

Not Present

E. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council - Ernie Lory

Ernie Lory submitted a report which was read by Mark Almer-

The El Dorado County Fire Safe Council held a meeting on March 17th

The Chipper Program still closed may re-open in August or earlier if funds become available.

The County wide Committee Wildfire Protection Plan Maps and Tables are completed. We sent an advanced copy to Chief Matthews to preview. The CWPP review sequence with the official package from Deer Creek Resources goes to the CalFire Battalion Fire Chiefs, the Forest Service District Ranger and Board of Supervisors. They hope to have it completed last quarter of 2021 or first quarter of 2022.

Those interested in the 4291 training will receive an email with the log in information for May 18th, but the time has not been set.

- G. California Highway Patrol – Public Information Officer - Andrew Brown
Officer Brown gave an informational presentation regarding Distracted Driving. Stated regarding DUI it is well studied, it is quantifiable, and you can measure it. With Distracted Driving this is a law that became effective in 2008. Relatively new, difficult to measure.

- H. USFS - District Ranger Scot Rogers/Rick Hopson
Not Present

- I Amador El Dorado Unit Cal Fire - Public Information Officer- Diana Swart
Not present

- J. Neighboring Fire Safe Councils
 - 1. Aukum/Fairplay -Not Present
 - 2. Omo Ranch- Not Present

11) Old Business

- A. Annual BBQ Fundraiser/Firewise-Day- Mark Almer/David Manske
Discussion/Action item

Mark Almer contacted the County Health Department to get guidance on having the BBQ event in July. They advised it would be more reasonable to have it in September but strongly discouraged having it in July. At this point we are looking towards possibly holding it in September. Would have to look at either the 2nd or 4th Saturday in September.

David Manske stated we need to start talking about what the rules are going to be surrounding seating etc.

Deb Gregory stated that a drive through version of the BBQ event could be an alternative this year rather canceling the event altogether. She stated we could also have the online auction as well. A way to make this work would be to increase prices and have only one meal option. This would include education materials with the meals also, such as putting the food in 'Ready Set Go Bags with a Defensible Space information flyer. Robin suggested having the virtual auction as well as possibly adding an additional sales of wine bottles to be purchased with the meals. We have to find out how that works with the ABC liquor license. She stated we could raise the price to \$25 for the meals.

David stated he is very open to having some version of the BBQ this year, we need to keep that whole feeling going.

Will be scheduling a BBQ meeting to go over options.

- B. GFFSC Vacancies – Mark Almer/Ernie Lory- Discussion/Action Item

Still have GFFSC Vacancies, if anyone is interested, please have them attend a meeting and then we will discuss having them join.

C. AT&T Phone Issues- Mark Almer/Kelly Krohn/Phill Dayton
Discussion/Action Item

Mark Almer stated he wrote Supervisor Turnboo but has not heard back regarding this issue. He stated more to follow in the future.

D. Capps Crossing Road Issues- Mark Almer Discussion/Action

Mark stated still waiting for the weather to get better before contacting the Forest service to continue fixing their part of the roads.

12) **New Business**

A. Community Service Award-Mark Almer- Discussion/Action Item

Mark Almer stated this is usually tied to the annual BBQ. We will accept nominations in April and the Committee will consist of the same people as last year. Ernie Lory will be leading the Committee. We are asking for nominations including a name and why the person deserves this award. Nominations will close by the May meeting.

B. Job Reference Policy- Mark Almer- Discussion/Action Item

Received one Comment regarding the Policy from Steve Hupner and this was regarding grammatical content. Kelly made a **Motion** to approve this policy as amended with a Second from David Manske. **Motion** passed.

C. Second Vice Chair Vacancy/Appointment - Mark Almer- Discussion/Action Item

Mark Almer stated Molly is no longer with the Council per section 5.04 of the Bylaws the position is declared open by abandonment. This vacates the 2nd Vice Chair Position. He stated he has appointed David Manske, Board Member at Large, to take over this position at this time.

He stated when a position on the Board comes up vacant outside regular voting, Board member at Large usually takes over that position until the next term.

He recommends leaving the Board Member at Large position open until the elections in June.

13) **Committee Reports**

A. Public Outreach Coordinator – Deb Gregory

Deb Gregory stated that after discussion with the Board have decided to turn the newsletter into a Quarterly publication instead of Monthly.

The website had some technical issues and is currently being fixed.

- B. Defensible Space - Steve Frasier/Robin Kelley
Robin Kelly stated that David Manske is donating 100 brown bags and she would like to spend money to get more bags to give out. Also we would like to see about getting a chipper involved. She wants to have this project centered around the school.
- C. Grants – Ernie Lory/Kelly Krohn/David Manske
David Manske reported that the Grants Committee is submitting a California Climate Initiative Grant for 115 acres of shaded fuel break. John Picket stated this could very easily be done. The team noted some flagging on the forest service land. Ernie Lory contacted the Forest Service and they are planning on doing some additional mastication. Steve Hupner stated there are two 80 acres parcels that have been purchased by an El Dorado County resident logger and has already been in contact with an RPF regarding the property. He advised when all these projects come together this will be a huge fuel break. This is a very positive project.
Mark Almer stated that two of the three Henry’s Diggings project (GF-18) property owners have agreed to sign the Right of Entry Form, waiting to hear back from the third.
- D. Public Education – Deb Gregory/Kelly Krohn/ Logan Gregory
Nothing new
- E. Fundraising- Kelly Krohn/Robin Kelley/David Manske
David Manske stated he has made 45 signs with 2 more to be made.

14) Public Announcements

15) For the Good of the Order

16) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Robin Kelley with a second from David Manske
Meeting adjourned at 11 :30am

Regular Local Fire Safe Councils and District Meetings:

Grizzly Flats FSC - 1st Saturdays 9:30 AM, Telephone Meeting (Temporary)
Pioneer Fire Protection District - 2nd Tuesdays 6 PM, Station 38
Aukum/Fairplay FSC- 3rd Wednesdays 7 PM - Pioneer Park Hall
Omo Ranch FSC - 4th Saturdays 9 AM – Indian Diggings School

Retroactively submitted for electronic storage on July 24, 2022 and the content is fundamentally accurate to the best of my knowledge,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Almer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mark Almer
Chairperson