



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- February 5, 2022, 9:30 a.m.-
Telephone Meeting

- 1) Call to order- Mark Almer called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.
- 2) Flag Salute was led by Jodi Lauther
- 3) Roll Call
- 4) Timekeeper – Robin Kelley
- 5) Approval of the February 5, 2022, Agenda **Motion** to approve made by Robin Kelley with a second by Steve Frazier, **Motion** passed.
- 6) Approval of the August 7, 2021, Minutes **Motion** to approve the minutes made by Steve Frazier with a second by Logan Gregory, **Motion** passed.
- 7) Treasurer's Report- Robin Kelley
Robin reported that Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council received a gift of \$10,000 from PG&E which has been deposited in to the El Dorado County FSC account but is for the GFFSC to use. Robin stated GFFSC has received a donation of \$5000 from the Rydell foundation in honor of Bronte Lukanish.
Robin reported we also received \$500 from Bronte Lukanish.
She reported that the West slope foundation is also donating \$15,000.
Robin reported current balance is \$34,453 which does not include the \$10,000 or the \$15,000 which has not yet been received.
- 8) Public Comment
(Limited to 3 minutes - only for items not on the agenda)
- 9) Council Member Comments
(Limited to 3 minutes - only for items not on the agenda)
Mark Almer reported that David Manske has sent requests for Time sheets. He stated that it is very important for everyone to send in their time sheets. This is needed to renew the Firewise renewal which helps with Insurance.

Mark Almer also asked for everyone to send in their roster corrections to update their address information.

- A) Special Presentation
Presentation by Mark Egbert-Resource Conservation District- CCI grant application
Caldor Grizzly Flats Recovery Phase 1 and the Caldor Fire Recovery and Reforestation project

Ernie Lory presented in place of Mark Egbert.

Ernie stated that there are two projects that Mark Egbert is working on, the first is Caldor Grizzly Flats Recovery Phase 1. This is an area that is covering to the west of Pine Ridge as well as Woodpecker Acres. It's approximately 460 acres. It will protect 600 feet of shaded fuel break to the west of Units 8 and 9. The grant application is due Wednesday, and we will be able to submit it on time. Five different groups provided letters of support for this project. Chief Mark Matthews (PFPD), George Turnboo (BOS), Jodie Lauther (GFCSD), Craig Heinrich (Leoni Meadows), Scott Rogers (USFS).

Ernie reported the second project is the Caldor Fire Recovery and Reforestation project. Mark Egbert has received some grant funds to prepare a management plan on how to repair the area of Grizzly Flats Community and reforest where it's appropriate. He has requested subcontractors consisting of registered professional foresters and archaeologists. This will be coming up in the spring. There will be a more detailed report from Mark Egbert in the future.

10) **Agency Reports**

- A. BOS Reports District 2 Supervisor. – George Turnboo
Not present
- B. Pioneer Fire Protection District –Chief Mark Matthews
Not present
- C. Department of Transportation (DOT) – Brian Mullens
Not present
- D. Grizzly Flats Community Service District – Report

Jodi Lauther reported the water district was hit pretty hard by the fire. They have a lot of damage to the Eagle ditch piping. They had a lot of breaks initially to lines and were not getting water to the reservoir. They were able to make emergency repairs. Water is now flowing into the reservoir. There is some damage to the reservoir and this is covered by insurance. They are working through the insurance process. The treatment plants and the main office survived the fire.

Jodi stated the office does not have phone lines, internet or running water at this time. Jodi stated they were able to restore most of the towns water supply. Have had many issues with residential damage, meter boxes melted, service lines melted, and meters destroyed. Not all of this was caused by the fire, some damage was done by the debris removal and tree removal crews. A Debris crew hit a CSD truck as well.

Jodi stated the Tyler tank was completely destroyed as well as the Winding way tank. She stated they will be replacing these at the main office but there is a supply chain back up so this is taking time.

Jodi stated the district is eligible for reimbursement through FEMA. They offer reimbursement up to 75% of projects they obligate. So the district needs to get the projects approved. CAL OES will cover an additional 18.75% of the project cost and the district will have to cover the rest. This will include installing residential meters.

Jodi states they have not received any actual funds yet, but this will be a long process. She stated they are applying for a grant to remove hazard trees along the Eagle ditch.

E. Sheriff – John D’Agostini/Jack Kerruish

F. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council - Ernie Lory

G. California Highway Patrol – Public Information Officer - Andrew Brown

Andrew stated to avoid the left lane on the freeway late at night as impaired drivers will drive in this lane at if they drive the wrong way.

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

Sheila stated they have been meeting with Mount Aukum/Fairplay and Sandridge Councils. They are looking at doing a community fundraising campaign between the three Councils and PVFA with shared support among the groups.

3. Sandridge

Not present

11) Old Business

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

Mark Almer stated there are currently five vacancies available on the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council

B. Capps Crossing Road Issues- Mark Almer Discussion

Due to the Caldor fire this issue to be removed from the agenda as there are many road issues that are currently being addressed.

C. Time Sheet Submittal- David Manske Discussion/Action Item

David Manske request everybody turn in their time sheets.

12) New Business

A. Caldor Fire/State of the GFFSC and Assets- Mark Almer Discussion/Action Item

Mark Almer stated everyone has been affected whether they lost their home or not. The Fire Safe Council has lost all of their assets. Everything that was stored in the container was lost. The Council also lost the new Bulletin Board at the Post Office.

Between the Bulletin board and the contents of the cargo container this is about \$13,000.

B. PG&E Grant Proposed Use(s)- Mark Almer Discussion/Action Item

Mark Almer stated PG&E gave us \$10,000 which was placed in El_Dorado County FSC bank account. They are holding it for us based on reimbursement requests. Usage to be discussed at next month's meeting.

C. Council Membership and Future Neighborhood Meetings- Mark Almer Discussion/Action item

Mark Almer asked Council members to update their membership plans as they become aware of them.

Steve Frazier stated that at this time he would like to continue with his membership for now but plans to move to Nevada in the future. Kathy Melvin indicated that she is not yet sure of her future plans. Kathie Hawkins stated that she will remain on the Council for now but she is dealing with health issues.

13) **Committee Reports**

- A. Public Outreach Coordinator – Deb Gregory
Deb reported plans to start the newsletter again and updating the Facebook page as well social media pages.

- B. Defensible Space - Steve Frasier/Robin Kelley/Laurie Findlay/Liz Lawless/David Manske
Robin stated there are ideas in keeping people aware of defensible space but the Committee has not met.

- C. Grants – Ernie Lory/Kelly Krohn/David Manske
Ernie Lory stated he has been in contact with the Resource Conservation district to see if there are any grants available for correcting the silting problems in the Woodpecker Acresfire protect reservoir..

- D. Public Education –Kelly Krohn/Logan Gregory/Jennifer Hibbard/Deb Gregory
Nothing to report

- E. Fundraising- Kelly Krohn/Robin Kelley/David Manske
Robin stated will be working co-operatively with other Fire Safe Councils and the wineries on fundraising projects.

- F. Website-Jennifer Hibbard
Jennifer stated that due the fire there has not been much progress at this time.

14) Public Announcements

15) For the Good of the Order

16) Adjourn

With a motion from Steve Frazier and a second by Logan Gregory, the meeting was adjourned at 11 :55 am.

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



Mark Almer
Chairperson