



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 22, 2010

BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Bob Neumann – District 2 Representative | Jim Harrison – District 4 Representative |
| Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative | Chris Dicus – Cal Poly |
| Johnathan Hurst – Fire Prevention Assn. | Mark Elliott – APCD |
| Dan Turner – District 3 Representative | Matt Jenkins – CAL FIRE / SLO County Fire |
| Mark Miller – Fire Chief’s Association | Bill Tietje – UC Cooperative Extension |
| Roland Snow - Secretary | Skip Dyke – Range Improvement |

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

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| James Patterson – Co. Board of Supervisors | Warren Hoag - SLO County Planning |
| Rick Hawley - Greenspace | Greg Saenz – Pacific Gas & Electric |
| Roy Parsons – Cattlemen’s Association | Joseph Cabassi – Insurance Industry |
| Keith Aggson – City of Atascadero | Elizabeth Merson – Red Cross |

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Neumann at 10:06 A.M.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the consent items:

- Meeting Minutes – May 27, 2010
- Business Manager’s Report – May 21, 2010 – July 17, 2010 (With the following correction: Date 6.30.2010 - First line should read – CAL FIRE borrowed the chipper from CCC for service)
- Executive Board Meeting Minutes – June 24, 2010

FINANCIAL REPORT

Dan Turner, Treasurer, reviewed the Accounting by Fund through July 15, 2010. **It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the Accounting by Fund through July 15, 2010 as presented by Treasurer Dan Turner.**

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BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Grant 0039 (Chipping) Status – This grant ended July 1 and once all the invoices come in the balance will be zeroed out and closed.

Projected Surplus – The financials show there is a surplus of money. It is recommended that the FireSafe Council start no new projects at this time until a couple of the open projects are closed out. Dave stated that President Patterson would like to see the projected surplus of \$13,000 be used for education and public information.

2011 Grant Recipients Workshop – August 25, 2010 a mandatory workshop will be held in Santa Barbara for the 2011 Grant Recipients. Dave Mathe will not be able to attend.

Site Visit and Audit – On August 26, 2010, Cathy Brooke, State FireSafe Council, will be in our area conducting a fiscal audit of the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council. Representatives from the Board of Directors should be available to meet with Cathy.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Dave Mathe reported that Walt Musso, of the Avila Valley Focus Group, passed away.

Dave reported that the e-pay system with Mission Community Bank is working very well. The system is very secure and 1.25% interest is being paid on the balance.

Fire Captain Greg Alex has been tasked with inventorying all the chippers in the area. There was a lengthy discussion on the number, ownership and location of the chippers. Any chipper information should be forwarded to Greg Alex. To optimize the chipping program all chippers should be in use. Dave Mathe and Dan Turner will research using private contractors for chipping rather than using the CCC.

Dan Turner shared that a grant has been awarded to San Luis Obispo County to create a single county-wide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). An environmental assessment will be done and the plan will be taken to the County Board of Supervisors and each of the cities for review and approval. In the beginning phases of the project there will be close coordination with the FireSafe Council.

Chris Dicus updated the Council on his recent trip with Battalion Chief Phill Veneris to Australia for a joint USA/Australia meeting on the “Bush Project”. The meeting was very successful.

Bill Tietje informed the Council that Steve Quarles has a publication available that the Council might be interested in. Steve has spoken to the Fire Safe Council in the past. Below is a link for a new UC Cooperative Extension publication: Home Survival in Wildfire-Prone Areas: Building Materials and Design Considerations by Steve Quarles, CE Advisor, Wood Durability.

<http://www.anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu/pdf/8393.pdf>.

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Deputy Chief Rob Lewin invited Council members to stop by the CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire exhibit located by the Demonstration House at the Mid-State Fair. The fire message this year is “Ready, Set, Go”. Chief Lewin also shared that all entities are working on the fire code adoption which must be completed by January 1, 2011. Johnathan Hurst is trying to arrange a meeting of all entities to sit down and discuss the fire code adoption. He recommends a group attend the September meeting of the FireSafe Council and discuss the code adoption and bring new proposed codes.

Rob Lewin referenced the FIRESCOPE CALIFORNIA guidelines – Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Structure Protection dated July 1, 2010. To view the 16-page document, the internet site is <http://www.firescope.org/ics-guides-and-terms/WUI-SP.pdf>

Dan Turner shared that the Fire Chief’s Association is reviewing the “Ready-Set-Go” public awareness and preparedness campaign in order to form a stance on the proposed campaign. He will report back to the FireSafe Council at the September meeting.

PROGRAM

Fire Captain Jason Potts presented a power point presentation highlighting the two fuel clearance projects in Pismo Beach. Captain Potts thanked the FireSafe Council for their support of these projects. Following adjournment at 11:35 A.M., Fire Captain Potts conducted a tour of the goat project in Pismo Beach.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council Board of Directors is scheduled for September 23, 2010, 10:00 – 12:00, at the Arroyo Grande Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilyn W. Moore