



Amador Fire Safe Council

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“The Mission of the Amador County Fire Safe Council is to protect the people of Amador County and their property from the effects of catastrophic wildfire through education, cooperation, innovation and action.”

Amador Fire Safe Council – Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes – June 20, 2018

Amador County General Services Administration Conference Room, 12200B Airport Road, Martell CA

Attendance:

Directors: Pat Minyard (PM), Jan Bray (JB), John Heissenbuttel (JH), Jay Francis (JF), Connie Gonsalves (CG) Richard Yarnell (RY) and Frank Leschinsky (FL).

Proxies: Paul Maben (PMa) to JB or JH

Coordinator: Amanda Watson (AW)

Public Member: Dick & Therese Stamm, John Labuda

TO DO Items noted in **green**

Agenda and Minutes: Meeting called to order at 1500. Approved with Kennedy Mine added to agenda. Minutes unanimously approved without corrections.

Introductions

Treasurers Report: Presented by JH:

- a. We received advance from the WSWUI grant (around \$162,000). We currently have about \$25,000 in the bank account right now, waiting on an advance from PG&E.

Coordinator Report: AW

- a. PG&E CEMA 2018 – received \$137,000+ and we had pre-bid tour with Contractors; AW will send contracts to the successful bidders. JH made motion to move forward with Grant Committee, second by CG and unanimous approval for recommending moving forward with these contracts. Other roads are Sandar and Sherwood Forest.
- b. WSWUI-2015: Final reporting due June 30, 2018. We will invite Grant Manager to a field trip as he expressed prior interest. We spent \$236,481, leaving only \$613 remaining in the grant. We overmatched and overachieved on our treated acres and underspent the total budget.
- c. General: Fair Booth planning meeting will be held June 26. Motion by FL to allocate \$1000 of Title III monies for outreach items (sunglasses, +); Second by JH. All approved. **AW and CG will research items.** RY will possibly bring PG&E give-away items.
- d. Grant opportunities through SNC are open and due July 23, 2018.
- e. Kim Martin will be hired as our Bookkeeper. **FL requested she be invited to a meeting to meet us.**
- f. Title III: **AW will work with Grant Committee to determine how to spend remaining \$6500.** A new proposed deliverable is a website upgrade and education/outreach. Additional Title III monies are available to Amador County for the next 2 years. See use of Title III monies above in item c.
- g. Strategic planning document is ready to go; motion to approve the Strategic Plan by JF and seconded by CG, all approved unanimously. FL requested **AW to post on our website.**
- h. Per unanimous agreement, there will be **NO meeting for AFSC in July.**

Other Business:

- a. Outreach strategy – shirts in the \$25 range and baseball hats and badges (CG to handle) and vehicle magnets (AW to handle) will be purchased.
- b. Kennedy Mine – JH was asked by Pat Crew to do brush clearing at Kennedy Mine. All agreed to research a grant to fund the project. JH will further research with Pat Crew.
- c. ENF and UNR cameras – FL will meet with Jesse Plummer/USFS regarding camera placement.

Public Comments:

- a. John Labuda and Stamm's thanked AFSC for all the fuels reduction work.
- b. Dick Stamm requested an AFSC Speaker at the upcountry Sons in Retirement meeting.
- c. Dick Stamm discussed followup measures after fuels reduction work. He suggests a test area to see if it works and requested a point person (Director) to spearhead the project. PM suggested we devote a meeting to the subject of herbicide use for vegetation management.

Public Meeting Adjourned at 1613 hours.

The next full Board meeting is scheduled for:
Wednesday, August 15, 2018.