



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- August 7, 2021, 9:30 a.m.- Grizzly Flats Community Church Lodge Building

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Flag Salute
- 3) Roll Call
- 4) Meeting Room Cleanup Volunteers & Timekeeper Volunteer
- 5) Approval of the August 07, 2021, Agenda. **Motion** to approve the agenda as amended proposed by Kelly Krohn, with a second by Roy Rodgers. **Motion** passed.
- 6) Approval of the July 10, 2021, Minutes. **Motion** to approve the minutes as amended proposed by Kelly Krohn, with a second from Steve Hupner. **Motion** passed.
- 7) Treasurer's Report- Robin Kelley Treasurer reported the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council received a \$500 donation from Bronte Lukanish at the Piedmont Realty Company. We received a donation of \$500 from Burger nights. Current balance as of July 31st is \$26,563.70.
- 8) Public Comment
(Limited to 3 minutes - only for items not on the agenda)
Phill Dayton requested more education to the public on what red flag warnings mean especially for new people coming from the bay area.
- 9) Council Member Comments
(Limited to 3 minutes - only for items not on the agenda)
Mark Almer states he received a letter from SPI. SPI proposed a variety of fuel reduction types and areas in Grizzly Flats. This will not happen for 2-3 years.

Mark Almer stated Kara Garrett's mom had a close call with the River Fire. What saved the house was a combination of defensible space, home hardening and suppression efforts.

Mel Kelley stated the Grizzly Pond is empty. He stated they will be repairing a valve that is leaking in September so that the pond will fill back up. He is looking for Volunteers to help remove some of the cattails to get the pond in shape before then. Please contact Mel Kelley directly.

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

Mark Almer presented the 2021 Community Service Award to Chief Mark Matthews.

Chief Matthews has promoted safe driving in school zones, initiated Quick Response Team comprised of local volunteers, improved water access throughout the district, upgraded and purchased new fire apparatus, installed the public education reader board sign at four corners, and secured landing zones for air ambulance Helispots just to name a few. Chief Matthews has also worked with the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council to create routes out of the Community signage for Leoni and Capps Crossing roads. These sign locations are also used to help identify mile marker locations for calls for service. The Chief has accomplished all of this while also acting as a Chief officer at a multitude of emergency calls for service and leading his Fire District. He has made an incredible difference in this community, congratulations to Chief Mark Matthews.

10) **Agency Reports**

A. BOS Reports District 2 Supervisor. – George Turnboo

Not Present

B. Pioneer Fire Protection District –Chief Mark Matthews

Chief Mark states this is a very active fire season. Has a suspicion this will be the worst the community has faced in a long time. The Federal Government is tapped out for resources due to the fires. Since July 1 the district has had an engine company, a water tender or type 6 out on deployment. Currently at the River Fire, will probably be re-deployed back to the Dixie Fire. Have a type 1 engine manager, Ken Earl, who has been deployed to the Monument fire, which media is not talking about. This is currently at 30k-40k acres. Believes this will not stop burning until it gets to the Pacific Ocean.

He stated the Fire behavior that is currently being seen is usually not seen until September. He stated two ways to stop big disasters is public education regarding prevention and the second is stopping the fire in the beginning stages. Our community has limited resources.

Chief Mark request volunteers for the QRT. He stated you can either do Wildland or Medical.

He stated the district purchased a brand-new Water tender. The district bought a command vehicle. Also purchased a new to the district type 3 that the volunteers can drive without a commercial driver's license. He stated they put 250k into the budget without using taxpayers' money.

Chief Mark states there is a new Grizzly Flats resident seasonal fire fighter, Buck Minitch.

C. Department of Transportation (DOT) – Brian Mullens

Not present

D. Grizzly Flats Community Service District - Kim Gustafson

Not present

E. Sheriff – John D’Agostini/Jack Kerruish

Not present

F. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council - Ernie Lory

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

Not present

H. USFS - District Ranger Scot Rogers/Rick Hopson

Not present

I. Amador El Dorado Unit Cal Fire - Public Information Officer- Diana Swartz

Not present

J. Neighboring Fire Safe Councils

1. Aukum/Fairplay

Statement read from Janet Berentson (chair):

We are participating with Omo Ranch and Sandridge FSC’s and others to evaluate an electronic time sheet application for the purposes of collecting data to submit with our annual Firewise renewals. Aukum Fairplay FSC continues to work towards a fuel reduction project in the area between the Pioneer schools. John Hess has initiated the project with staff from the schools to reduce the fuels from E- 16 to the back of the school property. We understand that the school cross country coach is looking to use some of this area to use as a cross country track and we hope that we can jointly work toward that effort. Greg Ledoux has taken the lead on the project. This is one of the projects we identified in our fuel management plan.

2. Omo Ranch

Not present

3. Sandridge

Not present

11) **Old Business**

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

Mark Almer stated the Council still has 5 vacancies.

B. Capps Crossing Road Issues- Mark Almer Discussion/Action Item

Mark Almer stated he has heard from Scot Rodgers and was told the contract with the asphalt company has been approved. Work will happen sometime this fall.

12) **New Business**

A. End of Year Financial Report-- Robin Kelley- Discussion/Action Item

Robin stated the GFFSC's total income last year was \$2552.58. The ending balance for the year is \$25,563. Still over the \$13,000 reserve figure.

B. Council Member/Committee Member Active Participation – David

Manske/Jennifer Hibbard- Discussion/Action Item

David Manske stated if you sign up for a committee please follow through. One of the things he really likes about Grizzly Flats is neighbors help neighbors.

Robin Kelley stated we are looking at restructuring the committees and spread the work out a little more.

Mark Almer stated we need more help than just the six people at the head of the table.

C. Community Clean Up- Craig Heinrich Discussion/Action

Craig Heinrich stated we have a great relationship with waste management and have the Community Clean Up scheduled for Sept 25th. As long as Covid doesn't shut it down.

13) **Committee Reports**

A. Public Outreach Coordinator – Deb Gregory

Jennifer Hibbard states GFFSC has been working with Streamline to create a new website. Advises she needs content. States barring anymore fires it should be up and running by the end of next week.

B. Defensible Space - Steve Frasier/Robin Kelley/Laurie Findlay/Liz Lawless/David Manske

Robin Kelley stated that the committee sold paper bags for 50 cents earlier this year. Looking at providing them again for Community Clean up.

Phill Dayton suggested to hand them out ahead of time so people can fill them and set them out in the street. It's out on the asphalt if they do catch fire, it will only burn the asphalt.

Craig Heinrich stated Leoni will sponsor \$500 worth of bags for the Clean-up.

Robin Kelley is the point of contact to direct the fire safe evaluations to go to the correct evaluators.

C. Grants – Ernie Lory/Kelly Krohn/David Manske

Ernie reported the Henry's Diggings roadside mastication project have all 3 property owners signatures for the Right of Entry. This is estimated to start in September or October depending on weather conditions.

D. Public Education –Kelly Krohn/Logan Gregory/Jennifer Hibbard/Deb Gregory

Chief Mark states make sure to have your box of important documents ready to go. Practice Ready, Set, Go. Practice driving out the alternate routes. Craig Heinrich stated they would like to donate right of way to widen the road on the land by the Pool House of the Quigley property at Grizzly Flat and Leoni roads.

E. Fundraising- Kelly Krohn/Robin Kelley/David Manske

Robin Kelley stated they have had 1 bid out of the 6 items as of this date for the virtual auction. Also raised the sign price to \$25. All fees have been covered by the sales and now starting to make a profit.

14) Public Announcements

Steve Hupner stated that PGE was out replacing his power pole in front of his property.

15) For the Good of the Order

Kelly Krohn stated it's so nice to see everyone.

16) Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12 :03.

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



Mark Almer
Chairperson