



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

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Flag Salute was led by Roy Rogers.
- 3) Roll Call
- 4) Meeting Room Cleanup Volunteers & Timekeeper Volunteer was Robin Kelley
- 5) Approval of the July 10, 2021, Agenda Kelly Krohn made a **Motion** to approve the agenda with a second from Jennifer Hibbard. **Motion** passed.
- 6) Approval of the June 5, 2021, Minutes Kelly Krohn made a **Motion** to approve the minutes with a second from Kathy Melvin. **Motion** passed.
- 7) Treasurer's Report- Robin Kelley  
Treasurer reported a net loss of \$8,544.66 with a bank balance of \$25,563.48.  
She stated four members made donations to the Fire Safe Council..  
Robin reported the address signs fundraiser has almost broken even, with half the inventory still left to sell.  
Robin reported the \$4000 consulting fee that has been on the books for John Pickett has finally been paid.
- 8) Public Comment  
(Limited to 3 minutes - only for items not on the agenda)  
  
No Public Comment
- 9) Council Member Comments  
(Limited to 3 minutes - only for items not on the agenda)  
  
No Council Member Comments
- 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 Mark Matthews reported new water tender in the district. He stated several PFPD has been deployed on two fires but, everyone is back now. He advised they are down seven shift volunteers as they were all hired by CalFire which is good but has depleted our resources. Chief reported we are in need of Volunteers in the Grizzly Flats area. He stated the land for Station 32 has been secured but not moving forward yet on building due to lumber costs. Chief Matthews also states if/when Grant money is available to the Councils, they do have access to a twenty-person abatement hand-crew that can be utilized and would be interested in bidding on the project work. When performing fuel reduction work, they will be available to respond to wildland fire emergencies within the district. Chief Matthews states the Eagles nest helispot name was changed to Somerset Landing due to some confusion within the district with another site with the same name. This was done after discussion with the Emergency Command Center-Dispatch and the property owner. Chief Matthews stated ATT did a safety check on the generator. He advised a process is in the works where Fire Department personnel can start the generator for the landline phone system.

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-

Mark Almer stated Sheriff D’Agostini posted on the EDSO Facebook page that he is not running for re-election after December 31, 2022.

F. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council - Ernie Lory

Ernie Lory stated the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council held a meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>. The new Chair is Ken Pimlot, Vice Chair is Hugh Council

He stated the CWPP will be presented to the Fire Chiefs during the El Dorado County July meeting.

Ernie advised the Chipping Program is expected to start in August.

He stated the Seniors/Veterans/Low income had 50 applicants all funds were utilized and 45 projects were completed.

He offered Welcome aboard to the Sandridge Fire Safe Council which was approved by the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council Board of Directors.

Ernie reported that Tom Tinsley (CalFire) that 17 California Climate Investment Grants were sent from the El Dorado/Amador area, 300 were statewide. This is well over 350 million worth of grants that were being applied for. The Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council has one grant application in this. This is a three-step grant process. He stated The Steven's Authority Grant is open. The Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council has applied for this, and it is listed as GF 39A in the budget. He reported AB38 has gone into effect this month.

G. California Highway Patrol – Public Information Officer - Andrew Brown  
Not Present

H. USFS - District Ranger Scot Rogers/Rick Hopson

Mark Almer advised report was sent by Scott Rogers stating: USFS' asphalt contract was recently accepted and plans are for workers to be on the forest in July. It's unknown when they will start on Capps Crossing Road. Contract for the Trestle Mastication project with NWTF was recently awarded and work should begin soon.

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

J. Neighboring Fire Safe Councils

1. Aukum/Fairplay
2. Omo Ranch
3. Sandridge -Logan Lockhart

Logan Lockhart states the primary goal for Sandridge is finding someone in Somerset motivated in leadership. Please have them call 530-919-7793 or email [SandridgeFSC@gmail.com](mailto:SandridgeFSC@gmail.com)

He stated let them know of any ideas of projects along the Grizzly Flats corridor.

## 11) Old Business

A. GFFSC Vacancies – Mark Almer/Ernie Lory- Discussion/Action Item  
Mark Almer stated there were no members of the public present.

B. Capps Crossing Road Issues- Mark Almer Discussion/Action Item  
Reported under USFS Item 10H

C. Community Service Award- Ernie Lory Discussion/Action Item  
Ernie Lory stated someone has been selected and the award will be presented at the August Fire Safe Council meeting.

## 12) New Business

- A. Proposed PPM Article XX & XXI - Mark Almer - Discussion/Action Item  
Kathy Melvin made a **Motion** to approve the articles as proposed with a second from Jennifer Hibbard. **Motion** passed.
- B. In person GFFSC meetings – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action Item  
Mark Almer stated the Board decided to begin in person meetings effective August 7, 2021. States it is up to the individual to decide to wear a mask or not.
- C. Deb Gregory Resignation/Secretarial Vacancy – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action Item  
Mark Almer reported that Deb Gregory has rescinded her resignation.

## 13) Committee Reports

- A. Public Outreach Coordinator – Deb Gregory  
Robin Kelley stated the Defensible Space group has purchased 10 recognition yard signs. To recognize Defensible Space Superstars, and is looking into how to distribute/redistribute those.  
Jennifer Hibbard has been in contact with the Aukum/Fairplay FSC and received the contact information for the website information and will be contacting them.
- B. Defensible Space - Steve Frasier/Robin Kelley/Laurie Findlay/Liz Lawless/David Manske  
Robin Kelley stated they sold all of the green waste brown bags.  
Chief Mark Matthews requested a person to be a coordinator for Defensible Space inspectors among the Fire Safe Councils.  
Robin Kelley stated she will be the coordinator and also provide Defensible Space inspections for those areas that don't have coverage.  
Logan Lockhart stated they are willing to help.  
Robin advised she can help with getting people in Sandridge Fire Safe Council area that are interested trained in Defensible Space.
- C. Grants – Ernie Lory/Kelly Krohn/David Manske  
Ernie Lory stated we have applied for two separate grants and are using the County wide CWPP for documentation on these grants.  
Mark Almer stated an area in part of one of the grant zones was cleared by a group of 4 neighbors. It took six hours a day for four days for them to clear a path along the power lines that was 50' wide by 777' long.

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

Jennifer stated the Fire Safe Councils are moving forward with the July 24<sup>th</sup> helicopter event.

Robin stated David Manske and Ernie Lory did a great job at Burger Night.

David Manske stated he received four new requests for signs and one person stated he was interested in the EMR program.

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

Robin Kelley stated she is working on the virtual auction and has a good number of items for the auction already.

Jennifer Hibbard stated she is interested in having the Burger Night fundraiser direct one night's funds to Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council and advertising this on Facebook and other social media.

14) Public Announcements

15) For the Good of the Order

16) Adjourn

**Motion** to adjourn made by Robin Kelley with a second by Kelly Krohn. **Motion** passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10 :40am.

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



Mark Almer  
Chairperson