



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, supporting emergency response efficiency, 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– October 5, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Location: Leoni Meadows- Ponderosa Building (new building on the right before you get to the main administrative building)

**1) Call to Order**– Please make sure your comments and discussion are appropriate to the particular agenda item that we're discussing. Anything not related to a specific agenda item should be brought up during Council Member Comments, if it's related to Council business. If it's not related to Council business, it needs to be brought up during Public Comment. Public Comments are limited to 3 minutes and there will not be any discussion or interaction following each comment. The meeting was called to order at 9:31 am by Chairman Mark Almer.

**2) Flag Salute**– The flag salute was led by Roy Rodgers.

**3) Roll Call**– The attendance was taken by Secretary, Deirdre Marsh-Girardi.

**4) Timekeeper Volunteer**– Timekeeper was David Manske

**5) Approval of the October 5, 2024 Agenda**– A motion was made by Roy Rodgers to approve the agenda as amended. A second was made by David Manske. The motion passed unanimously.

**6) Approval of the September 7, 2024 Minutes** – A motion was made by Mel Kelley to approve the minutes as submitted. A second was made by David Manske. The motion passed unanimously.

**7) Treasurer's Report**–Treasurer Mark Almer gave a report of the treasurer's report. Document linked here: [GFFSC Treasurer's Report 10052024](#)

## **8) Agency Reports**

- A. Pioneer Fire Protection District– PFPD Chief Dave Whitt/Fire Marshal Ken Earle - not present
- B. Report Information from Pioneer FPD meeting/GFFSC Information to be shared at PFPD Board Meeting– David Manske/Robin Kelley - nothing to report
- C. El Dorado County Sheriff's Office / OES– Deputy Scott Bare/Deputy Greg Almos/Deputy Kris Kersmarki - not present
- D. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council – Ernie Lory reported out. Minutes linked here: [EDCFSC Meeting Notes 9-18-2024](#) Mark Almer clarified the grant Ernie Lory shared information about and asked others at the meeting whether they have trees that qualify for this grant.

- E. California Highway Patrol– Public Information Officer Andrew Brown - not present
- F. El Dorado Resource Conservation District– Mark Egbert - not present
- G. U.S. Forest Service– Placerville Dist. Ranger Andrew Mishler - not present
- H. CALFIRE, Amador-El Dorado Unit–Battalion Chief Josh Vickers / Public Information Officer Wendy Oaks– not present

### 9) Neighboring Fire Safe Councils

- 1. Aukum/Fairplay– not present
- 2. Omo Ranch– Sheila Triebull reported that they received funding for a container to be placed at Fire Station 37 and an update on the repairs to their volunteer fire station.
- 3. Sand Ridge– not present

### 10) Old Business

- A. GFFSC Vacancies– Mark Almer – Discussion/Action - Mark Almer reported there are 11 vacancies and to tell friends and neighbors.
- B. Time Sheet Submittal– David Manske – Discussion - David Manske shared that he has been receiving timesheets and requested everyone turn in their timesheets.
- C. Community Clean-Up wrap up/critique– David Manske– Discussion/Action– David Manske gave an update on the clean-up and stated that the event went very smoothly. Members shared feedback and suggestions for the next clean-up event.
- D. Cemetery Clean-Up, Part 2, November 16, 2024– Mark Almer– Discussion– Mark Almer shared information about Cemetery Clean-Up Part 2.
- E. CWPP Update– Ernie Lory– Ernie Lory gave an update about the recent Western El Dorado County - Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) meeting that was attended by Chief Whitt. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss proposed projects and the revision of the fire reduction maps to reflect the GFFSC input including assets at risk. Map indicates Grizzly Flats community in fire threat south Planning Unit (attached map linked here: [South Fire Threat Planning Unit.pdf](#))

### 11) New Business

- A. 2025 Meeting Calendar– Mark Almer– Discussion/Action – Mark Almer shared the 2025-2025 meeting calendar. Linked here: [GFFSC 2025 Meetings](#) . The council discussed next year’s events including the Firewise Event and potentially including a Caldor Fire Remembrance event as part of the Firewise Day. The discussion led to a consideration about combining these events on August 16, 2024. A motion was made by Ernie Lory to approve a motion to publish the calendar. A second was made by David Manske. The motion passed unanimously. Ernie Lory informed the council that this calendar will be posted on the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council.

### 12) Committee Reports

- A. Public Education– Mark Almer– Mark Almer provided an update of public events including updates on social media and the GFFSC website and banners at the post office bulletin board.

- B. Defensible Space– David Manske / Liz Lawless / Matt Nunley/ Robin Kelley– David Manske gave an update on the Defensible Space program including a new form that includes the assessment form and home defense information which will be used for new assessments. There were 24 people who attended the zoom meeting. The training will be in April 2025. David Manske has the current list of those who are interested in being trained as assessors and he will add to this list if other people are interested in this training. David Manske stated that anyone who is interested will need to read the updated 90 page handbook before the training in April 2025.
- C. Grants– Ernie Lory / David Manske– nothing new on grants. Ernie Lory added that there will be an update on CCWP and El Dorado and Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation Districts (RCD) projects at the next council meeting. There is a scheduled meeting on October 6, 2024 about the upcoming fall treatment plan. David Manske reported that RCD will be working on being more aggressive in getting ROEs for the next phase of RCD’s Grizzly Flat project.
- D. Fundraising–David Manske/ Robin Kelley /Kelly Krohn– no new updates
- E. Website– Deirdre Girardi / Kelly Krohn / Robin Kelley– no new updates
- F. Membership Recruitment Committee– Kelly Krohn / Olivia Moreno– no new updates

**13) Public Comment**– Limited to 3 minutes for items not already on the agenda– none

**14) Council Member Comments**– Limited to 3 minutes for items not already on the agenda– Mel Kelley stated that he is interested in the council adding Grizzly Flats Community Services back onto the meeting agenda.

**15) Public Announcements**– Shiela Triebul requested that the South County Fire Defense Coalition be added to the agenda. Shiela Triebul gave an update on the County Fire Defense Coalition project.

**16) For the Good of the Order**– none

**17) Adjourn**– Mel Kelley motioned and Charlene Ank seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:24. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Deirdre Girardi*

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Secretary