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"Public and Private Partners Working Together to Protect People, Homes, and Natural Resources"

Board Meeting Minutes-FINAL

February 16, 2022

9:30 am to 11:30 Business Meeting

Diamond Springs / El Dorado Firefighters Association Memorial Hall

3734 China Garden Road, Diamond Springs

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** 9:35 a.m.
2. **Roll Call: Sign In**
Atencio, H. Campbell, Council, Dwyer, Johnston, Julian, Lory, Pimlott, Willis and Zelinsky attending in person. Connelly, Gilcrest, Hawk, Kruse, Payne and Wirt attending via ZOOM. Pullin excused.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Pledge led by Council
4. **Approval of Agenda:** 02/16/2022 **Board Action Item**
Agenda approved without opposition.
5. **Consent Agenda:** 01/19/2022 Board Meeting Minutes **Board Action Item**
Agenda approved without opposition.
6. **Public Comment** – *Time limit is 3 minutes per person.*
 - None
7. **Community Council Reports**
 - Wirt: thanks to Lubetkin and everyone involved for help with the seven-council grant
 - Zelinsky: Placerville FSC will be having a big event on March 19th from 10:00-3:00
 - Lubetkin: there will be a community event on March 12th from 8:00-4:00 focused on education at the Oak Hill fire station on Pleasant Valley Road
 - Dwyer: Logtown FSC had their first meeting of the year on February 12th, Sheriff OES did a recap of the Caldor Fire evacuations and disaster preparedness, had 31 attendees, March meeting will have a presentation by Diamond Springs fire department on hardening your home
 - Ken Payne: will be meeting with Bureau of Reclamation and Cool-Pilot Hill FSC to look at fire breaks
 - H. Campbell: Camino is going to separate from Pollock Pines and form their own FSC, finished Weber Creek grant
 - Zelinsky: Federal legislation has been submitted, Tim Hart Wildland Firefighter Classification and Pay Parity Act, which address pay, benefits and classification of wildland firefighters, H. Campbell commented this will fix past inequities
 - Kris Payne: El Dorado Lumber is working on restoring mill to get saw running
8. **Information Items:**
 - a. Chairman's Report & Communication:
 - County Fire Safe Coordinator position: EDC is actual recipient of grant and subcontracted to RCD to hire and house person, EDCFSC, RCD and EDC each have two committee members, Pimlott is representing EDC, EDCFSC representatives are Willis and Council, job position was published last week, closing date March 11th, will send out job posting

- b. Vice Chair Report
 - Continuing to retrofit meeting hall, added camera, open to suggestions for improvement
 - Will be ZOOMing FPO meeting tomorrow
 - CA FSC meeting tomorrow about coordinator position
- c. Secretary Report: Pimlott
 1. Go Fund Me
 - Can use GFM, however, if you use EDCFSC EIN number EDCFSC is responsible for reporting, developing a reporting process for this
 - If you are considering using GFM, contact EDCFSC E-Board first
 - GFM monies would be deposited into EDCFSC's checking account then have to be transferred to affiliate council
- d. Treasurers Report: Maureen **Board Action Item**
 - 54% of budget expended with 50% of budget year elapsed
 - Overbudget due to AV equipment, all overages have been approved by E-Board
 - Closed out CWPP and old chipping grant
 - Zelinsky: Finance Committee report-current with all filings, taxes were completed today and will be signed and filed
 - Lory: El Dorado Foundation grants require a number of documents, can those documents be uploaded to DS cloud files, will work with Julian to get documents, they also require attendance at five meetings to be eligible to submit for grants

Treasurer's report approved without opposition.
- e. Partners Reports:

Parlin: here to listen and support, looking forward to Wildfire Resiliency Workgroup meeting in March

 1. BLM – Jason Schroeder
 - No report
 2. CAL FIRE – TBA
 - Erin Dupree-Unit Environmental Specialist: reminder that Forest Health grants are due March 3rd
 - Currently waiting for current grant applications from region to be reviewed by AEU
 3. EDC Fire Chiefs Meeting – Mike Lilienthal
 - No report
 4. EDC FPO Meeting – Ron Phillips
 - No report
 5. EDC Vegetation Management – Kristine Oase-Guth
 - No report
 6. ENF Updates – Teresa Riesenhuber
 - No report
 7. RCD – ~~Mark Egbert~~ Britney Burke
 - Excited to have new Coordinator
 - Taking advantage of weather to work on fuels reduction projects
 - Phase 3 of Fire Adapted 50 has been flagged, awarded to contractor, hoping to get started by end of month
 - Lubetkin: thank you for help with grant application
 8. SMUD – Eric Brown
 - No report
 9. PG&E – Mike Webb
 - This week onboarded two new fire cameras on Pilot Peak, one fixed and one rotational, looking at additional sites
 - PG&E is continuing to work on projects
 - Just got 2022 map for work to be done
 - Will schedule time for presentation at a later date

9. Old Business

- a. Resolution 2022-08 Bylaws Amendment Section 5.02 Number of Directors **Board Action Item**
 - Discussed concerns and suggestions for number of directorsMotion by Zelinsky to approve Resolution 2022-08 correcting typo from “project” to “protect” and Resolution number to 2022-08. Second by H. Campbell.
Ayes-15, Noes-1, 0-Abstain. Motion carried.

10. New Business

- a. Grant Fiscal Sponsor Resolution **Board Action Item**
Resolution 2022-07 Georgetown Divide FSC – Kelsey Shaded Fuel Break
Motion by Payne to approve Resolution 2022-07. Second By Zelinsky.
Ayes-16, Noes-0, 0-Abstain. Motion carried.
- b. Title III Funds Distribution
 - EDCFSC has a strong financial foundation, including two years of reserves
 - Need to expend funds that expire in May 2023
 - Funds can be used for educational uses, cannot be used to purchase equipment
 - Each Affiliate Council will be eligible for up to \$5,000 on a reimbursement basis
 - Must receive approval prior to expenditures, Julian will be sending out what is and is not allowed and process for requesting approval

11. Program Reports

- a. Chipping – Jodi / Pat
 - Up and running
 - One contractor is running behind due to staffing shortage
 - Will look at updating the online application to allow for flexibility in fields that require a number, constrained by Excel cell formatting limitations
- b. Defensible Space - Ernie
 - Hope to have program open in mid-March and start work in April/May
 - Planning on hiring contractors to do evaluations

12. Project Reports

- a. Countywide CWPP – Pat
 - We have final draft
 - Working on getting it on the website
 - Next step is to give it to fire districts, RCD, and Forest Service and then to BOS
 - Hope to be at BOS in April
 - CWPP can be amended with additional projects
- b. USFS SOFAR Project – Heather
 - Had landscape committee meeting
 - Discussed Caldor Fire effects in Strawberry area
 - Zelinsky attended biomass meeting
- c. USFS SOFAR Project Chili Bar – Tamara
 - There is a new District Ranger for USFS in Georgetown
 - Should be starting work on 500 acres along Travers Creek
- d. Other: EDC Resource Advisory Committee Mtg WRAP (Wildfire Risk Reduction and Asset Protection Project)
 - Will be meeting today

13. Committee Reports

- a. Community Outreach & Public Speaking – Heather
 - Still looking for ember house
- b. Defensible Space – Ernie
 - Covered under Item 11(b)
- c. Governance Committee – Karen
 - No report
- d. New Council Formation & Orientation – Karen
 - No report
- e. Grants & Funding (Opportunities) – Pat
 - In work: 15 projects for a total of \$4.3 million, Weber Creek, Patterson Ranch, and CWPP are ending
 - Submitted six grants for a total of \$6.6 million, thanks to H. Campbell, Schnell, and Lubetkin for work on hazardous tree grant, 107 tracking numbers were issued for AEU, hope to get at least one or two grants approved
 - Open grant opportunities: ED Foundation-only for EDH-did not apply, Steven's Authority agreement currently in place for GF32, Gold Ridge Forest, and Sierra Springs, proposing adding funds to existing projects instead of awarding new projects
 - Closing out: CWPP and 2019 chipping grant documents submitted, March 15th is close out date for Weber Creek and Patterson Ranch
1. PG&E Grant Opportunity
 - Due March 4th, \$100,000 maximum, Grants Committee reviewed, considering putting in a request for 26 community green waste clean-up days, contacting EL Dorado Disposal for partnership for discounted dumpsters and staffing, funds have to be spent by end of October 2022
- f. Marketing & Communications – Open
 - No report

14. Good of the Order

- a. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – March 16, 2022
 - Tribal Fire is looking for needy elders that need DS work
 - Wirt: what is the job description for Marketing and Communications Committee-a big part of it is social media
 - Atencio: has 8 boxes of different brochures that need to give back to EDCFSC, will coordinate with Martin

Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.