

# TUOLUMNE FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

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## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes May 30, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Greater Valley CCC Facility.

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Mike Olenchalk, Vice President, Karen Caldwell, Secretary, and Stephen Johnson, Treasurer.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Chuck Sloan, David Sweitzer, Chris Trott, Joe Milani,

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Diane Bennett, TFSC Executive Coordinator, David Goldemberg, TC Supervisor.

**Minutes: Motion made to approve January 30, 2023 meeting minutes. Seconded. Vote: 7 yea, 0 nay. Motion approved.**

**Financial Report:** Reconciliation summary was submitted by the Treasurer to Board members.

**Presidents Update:** (Vice President Mike Olenchalk)

- Glenn and Nancy are back from their trip, but both tested + for covid.
- Roni Lynn will be joining the Board of Directors. She works for Groveland community Service District.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- David raised an issue about minor adjustments/costs that differ from the grant information. Take from indirect funds vs doing grant agreement adjustments, etc.
- Bank of America held up a \$97,000 check deposit. It didn't line up with the signature authority form which was old. Mike and Stephen went to bank and completed new signature cards. President, Vice President and Treasurer are authorized to sign check with B of A.
- A 2023 Board Resolution was drafted to delegate signature authorities. This Resolution is normally completed at the beginning of the Calendar year. This document is the delegation of authority for signatures and approvals. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are the recipients of these delegations.

**Motion made to approve 2023 Board Resolution. Seconded. Vote: 6 yea, 1 nay. Motion approved.**

- Jerry Usrey has agreed to become a Project Manager. He will be assigned to projects 166, 167, 168. We still need more project managers and technicians.  
**Motion made to formally advertise for project managers & technicians. Diane authorized to spend up to \$300. Seconded. Vote: 7 yea, 0 nay. Motion approved.**

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- There is possible interest from Sonoma County Fire Safe Council to become “Friends”. Could allow communication, sharing, partnering, etc. **Decision: Diane to follow up and bring back more information to the Board.**
- CWPP Contractor, Jensen Hughes will be visiting Sonora 6/12-16.
  - 6/12 Will be meeting with Key Stakeholders.
  - 6/13 FSC Field day (Big Hill area, Kewin Mill/Cedar Ridge, Summerville HS)
  - 6/14 USFS SERAL Project in morning. Afternoon meeting with County.
  - 6/15 CALFIRE Field day in South County

## OLD BUSINESS

Firewise Update: Merrill Springs Community did not renew for 2023. We have total of 18 active recognized Firewise Communities. 3 in Pine Mountain Lake, south county. Finishing up the California Firefighters Foundation grant. Communities are completing their projects. Late start due to rains. Grant terminates July 31.

## UPDATE OF PROJECTS:

- 172 2 contractors working, going well, some people complaining re. losing vegetation buffer.  
174 CWEQA done. Going through the State Clearinghouse. Field work in about a month.  
174 Adam doing CEQA refresh. Need a Project Manager.  
176 Not much is happening right now. Contractor working at Apple Colony.  
177 Reimbursements due July 31. Final Report.

Diane:

- Legislation introduced re. proposing to continue advances to 2034.
- Proposed Bill for expedited payments. Amended to add non-profits to qualify for expedited. 15 days to process.
- **Motion made to join CA Non-Profits.** They advocate, provide resources and information. Cost is less than \$200. **Seconded. Vote: 7 yea, 0 nay. Motion approved.**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS/ACTIVITIES.

- a. LWV Films in Focus: Elemental: Reimagining Wildfire, TFSC is cosponsor. BOS chambers, July 27, 5:30pm
- b. CWPP Public Workshops, July 28 & August 5.
- c. Community Roots Resources Fair: Fairgrounds, August 17, FSC table and Firewise Table
- d. 49er Festival, Groveland: Firewise booth, September 16

Adjournment: 10:52 a.m.

Next Meeting (Public Collaboration) is August 29, 2023.

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## **Project Updates:**

- #162 T.C. Fuel Density Guidelines for Private Landowners –(unfunded) Konklin
- #166-Big Hill/Old Oak Ranch Roads Phase 2 (Stevens) - ?
- #167-Middle Big Hill Phase 2 (Stevens) – TBD
- #168-Mt. Elizabeth South Perimeter - (Stevens)-Forbes/Trott
- #169-Big Hill Cedar Ridge Areas SFBs Completion and Maintenance (USFS Cooperative Forestry)-TBD
- #171 Mountain Boy Mine (CCI) – Lane/Bennett (needs CEQA)
- #172 Apple Valley (CCI) – Sweitzer .
- #173 CWPP (CCI) – Bennett, Caldwell
- #174 Sunshine Hill – Schweitzer
- #175 Big Hill Fuels Maintenance
- #176 Summerville High Fuel Reduction – Johnson
- #177 CFF Firewise Grant – Karen

\* Project work completed. Financial accounting still pending.