

TUOLUMNE FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes November 28, 2023

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

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Joe Milani, Chuck Sloan

OTHERS PRESENT: Diane Bennett, TFSC Executive Coordinator, Scott Fremd (Project Manager), Alec Lane (Project Manager), David Goldemberg (TC BOS).

Minutes: Motion made to approve September 26, 2023 meeting minutes. Seconded. Vote: 5 yea, 0 nay. Motion approved.

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

Presidents Update: (Glenn Gottschall)

- Glenn will resign from the TFSC at the end of 2023. He started in 2004. (19 years). FSC has grown significantly in what we do and how we do it. Many, many partners help make it work. Expanded from pine needle removal to complex partnership projects. He may be retiring, but will keep working on some smaller projects as Forester consultant. Also, some traveling. Not retiring, just rewiring!
- Mile Olenchalk: not interested in becoming President. Will serve in the interim as “Acting President”
- Transition Discussion:
 - Check with Calaveras and Mariposa for job description and how they are organized.
 - Proposal: develop job description, advertise & interview.
 - Proposal: Set up a date in January (facilitated), Sierra Outdoor School, to work on organization and roles for future.
 - We have moved from a working board to a governing board.... what does that look like?

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mike/Diane: There are 5 possibilities for application to this round of CALFIRE/CCI grants.
 - a. Tuolumne City Fuels Reductions (Mt Havila expansion, 70 acres, Mira Monte Expansion (fills a gap) and Summerville Elementary Campus
 - b. Resubmittal of Bellview/Kewin Mill Fuels Reduction
 - c. CWPP Phase 2 (implementation & sustainability)
 - d. Dragoon Gulch Fuels Reduction (Scott Fremd will be Project Mgr., City will contribute \$2,500 towards grant development.
 - e. Tenaja School (Agreement reached to drop from this round)
2. **Motion to approve signing of Resolutions for projects: moved. Seconded. Motion approved 5 yea, 0 nay.**

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3. Proposed Federal Grant regulations and Legislative actions – handouts
4. Karen distributed the 2024 Calendar and reminded of upcoming BOD elections in January.
5. Mike/Glenn: Working outside of approved project mapping lines is not permitted. It may not be covered by the CEQA analysis for that project. It also violates the grant agreement with CALFIRE. If we have need to go outside:
 - a. Contact Grantor and TFSC President
 - b. Make sure covered by CEQA
 - c. Work with homeowners, adjacent property owners, etc.
 - d. Update and potentially modify initial Project Map, CEQA map, Contractor map
 - e. Must flag boundary

OLD BUSINESS

CWPP Update - Karen Public Comment period on Draft CWPP is Dec. 26 – Jan. 23. Final signed document should be ready by end of February.

UPDATE OF PROJECTS:

- 162 Fuel Density Guidelines for Private Landowners – (unfunded) Konklin
- 169 Big Hill Cedar Ridge Areas SFBs Completion and Maintenance (USFS Cooperative Forestry – Possible Modification.
- 171 Mountain Boy Mine (CCI) 58 acres. Started end of October. Equipment will be back next week. Project signs going up today. Flagging is done.
- 172 Apple Valley (CCI) 80 acres. Lop & scat. Sweitzer (some work done outside map boundary – not covered by CEQA)
- 173 CWPP (CCI) – Bennett/Caldwell
- 174 Sunshine (CCI) Jamestown/Rawhide Road, 31 acres. (some work done outside map boundary – covered by CEQA)
- 175 Big Hill Fuels Maintenance – Usrey - Follow up on modifications.
- 176 Summerville High Fuel Reduction – back to work, going good
- 177 Firewise – CFF Firewise Grant closed.

PRESIDENTS CLOSING STATEMENTS: Thank you to all the Board members. Special Thanks to Karen for the work on the CWPP. Thank you, Mike, for putting up with him (Glenn). Thanks to Diane for all that she does – “the dirty work”- the stuff we don’t want to hear. And to Stephen, who is now the longest serving member, thank you for your work on the ground and

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keeping the money straight. And to all our Project Managers, thank you. That is where the rubber meets the road.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/ACTIVITIES.

Holiday Luncheon, December 5, 1130 @ Camp Silver Spur

Adjournment: 10:55 a.m.

Next Meeting is February 30, 2024, 0900.