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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 11th, 2024 - 9:00 am.
50 Church Street, Quincy

Board of Directors

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair , John Reynolds Firewise (26)	<input type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair , Sally McGowan Firewise (26)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary/Treasurer Mike Flanigan, Insurance (26)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Heinbockel Plumas Fire Chiefs (24)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Smailes Firewise (26)
<input type="checkbox"/> Don Gasser RPF (24)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trina Cunningham Maidu Summit Consort. (24)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jake Blaufuss AFRC (26)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Tompkins UCCE (26)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathy Kogge Firewise (26)	<input type="checkbox"/> Michael Hall Feather River RCD (26)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lori Pini Office of Emergency Services (23)	<input type="checkbox"/> Julie Hunter NSAQMD (24)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Bauer USFS PNF (24)

Mission Statement: “To reduce the loss of natural resources and human values caused by wildfire through Firewise community programs and pre-fire activities.”

5-Year Strategic Plan

Program Strategy: Expand existing programs and establish additional projects:

1. Leverage and expand partnerships
2. Sustainably increase staffing
3. Establish robust monitoring systems & metrics
4. Increase public engagement
5. Develop County-wide community fuels and threat mapping assessment

Funding Strategy: Target sustainable annual budget increase of 20%:

1. Continue to produce competitive grant proposals that are based on funder’s objectives.
2. Pursue approaches for non-competitive funding which reduce administration while increasing long term benefits.
3. Leverage charitable donations to increase public outreach, education, and participation.
4. Continue to pursue potential revenue-generating activities utilizing woody material.

Leadership Strategy: Ensure strong and functional systems are in place to facilitate ongoing organizational capacity:

1. Maintain a Board of Directors with strategically recruited membership.
2. Continue partnership with Plumas Corporation as fiscal agent.

9:00am Board Meeting

Roll Call

Program Updates – Katie Quinn – Hazardous Fuels Reduction (Private Lands)

Katie Quinn provided a summary of the Hazardous Fuels Reduction process, expanding on the timeline between landowner applications, and full project implementation. Ms. Quinn provided a detailed step-by-step explanation.

1. Landowner applications comprising of a minimum of 100 treatment acres in a general area
2. Apply for grant funding
3. Develop an RFP to select a Registered Professional Forester (RPF)
4. RPF completes CEQA on each landowner parcel
 - a. Certain treatment types require a professional Archeologist
5. The RPF finalizes treatment acres, I send out Landowner Agreements
6. After receiving all signed Landowner Agreements, the project prospectus (developed by the RPF) goes out to bid. Licensed Timber Operators (LTO) attend a bid tour of the project area.
7. The selected Timber Operator and RPF coordinate on-the-ground logistics and operations
8. RPF ensures the Timber Operator is in compliance with California Forest Practice Rules as they complete the work
9. RPF recommends approval for payment to the PCFSC, as LTO completes work

Consent Agenda

1. February Financials

Mr. Flanigan provided an update. The PCFSC budget is healthy and in good standing.

2. Status of Grant Budgets

No update.

3. Status of Potential Projects and Grant Opportunities

No update.

4. Board Minutes

The March meeting minutes were approved.

Approve Consent Agenda

Motion: Mike Flanigan, Second: Kathy Kogge

Approved: All yes, none opposed

New Business - None

Old Business – Vote to determine if PGE funds will be allocated for a “scholarship and endowment fund” for Feather River College

Rachel Wehrman presented an alternative to the scholarship and endowment fund for Feather River College, insisting that those funds are needed for current PCFSC staff needs.

A spirited conversation ensued about the decision to invest in the future workforce of Plumas County, or to invest in PCFSC’S current staff needs and professional development.

These funds equate to one day per week for each staff member to focus on strategic funding and grant applications. It’s worth noting that most grantors do not allow you to use their funds to apply for more

grants, thus it's important to have funds that are not tied to specific deliverables. If PCFSC staff do not have a set of funds they can rely on in between grants, then there is a risk of losing employees in between funding cycles.

Ultimately, the motion to approve the Feather River College Scholarship and Endowment fund was tabled – further discussion must ensue between the board before deciding on how to spend the PGE returns.

Adjourned

Motion: Mike Flanigan, Second: Ryan Tompkins

Approved: All yes, none opposed