

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



Executive Meeting Notes

Thursday, June 14, 2018 - 8:00 am.

Plumas County Planning & Building Services Conference Room
555 Main Street – Quincy, CA

Board of Directors

Chair, Don Gasser, Citizen (18)
Vice Chair, Mike Callaghan, Firewise Community (18)
Secretary/Treasurer, Julie Ruiz, NSAQMD (18)
Dan Martynn, NRCS (18)
Chuck Bowman, Firewise Community (19)

Jim Hamblin, PC Fire Chiefs Assoc. (19)
Ryan Bauer, USFS (18)
John Reynolds, Firewise Community (19)
Jan Fletcher, Plumas Association of Realtors (19)

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Mission Statement: "To reduce the loss of natural and human made resources caused by wildfire through Firewise Community programs and pre-fire activities."

1. Forester Request for Proposals – Don Gasser would like to have several retained foresters available to meet the Council's demands for project work as well as to get more people involved in what the Council does. Mr. Gasser would like to issue the RFP on July 1st and review applicants at the end of the month. Projects will be assigned by experience and/or cost. Jan Fletcher commented in support, saying that there is a need to complete projects more quickly. Mike Callaghan noted that the Fire Safe Council has had multiple foresters for most of its existence and that those foresters attended Council meetings about half of the time. The RFP was reviewed and it was decided that it would be sent to the list of consulting Registered Professional Foresters and advertised in the paper.
2. Proposed Changes to Regular Agenda – Don Gasser said that the updates from Firewise communities should launch discussion about new projects and initiatives. Therefore, he proposed that the Standing Reports and Discussions be moved up in the agenda to follow Old Business. It was agreed that this change would allow the general public to more readily participate.
3. Plumas Corporation Meeting Update – Mr. Gasser reported that members of the PCFSC Executive Board attended the June Plumas Corporation Board meeting with interest in discussing how money is transferred between the organizations. Plumas Corporation is undertaking a change in operations that would allow the use of General Administration funds to support a portion of the Fire Safe Council

Coordinator's time. This change would provide stability to the position. The proposed transition is currently being examined by Plumas Corporation's auditor.

Mike Callaghan added that he attended to additionally determine the value of a PCFSC board member's ongoing attendance at Plumas Corporation meetings. He suggested that PCFSC board members could rotate participation. It was determined that the Plumas Corporation meeting agenda will be sent to the PCFSC Executive Board each month.

4. Requested Expenditure – Mr. Gasser would like to recognize the value of the use of the Planning Building by purchasing a new projector screen. The Fire Safe Council has come under criticism for how the room has been left at times. Julie Ruiz asked if the County has been asked what they would consider a priority purchase. Mr. Gasser said that he will follow-up with the County. Regardless he requested an appropriation of \$1,000 for the purchase and an additional \$100 for a gift card for Mike De Lasaux's retirement gift. **M – Callaghan, s - Ruiz**

5. Conflict of Interest Resolution – Hannah Hepner presented an updated conflict of interest policy that includes language about employee, director, officer, or agent participation in Fire Safe Council programs and services. It was requested that the resolution be amended to reflect participation by Fire Safe Council or Plumas Corporation entities. **Vote pending amendment: ayes – Ruiz, Callaghan, Fletcher, Gasser.** Remaining Board votes will be solicited by email.

6. Light Burning Presentation Sponsorship – Mr. Gasser proposed hosting Eric Knapp, a presenter at the Northern California Prescribed Fire Council meeting, for a public presentation in the fall. Hannah will prepare a cost estimate for consideration at the July PCFSC meeting.

The value of a local prescribed fire workshop was also discussed.

7. Portola Firewise/HFR Project – A last minute request was made by the Portola Firewise committee to submit a CAL FIRE CCI Fire Prevention application for a Hazardous Fuel Reduction project. The City is a Local Responsibility Area, but borders State Responsibility Areas. Certain Board members felt that the particular project was made a priority for economic reasons and believe that the developer should be expected to make a contribution. Regardless, the project was submitted by the Fire Safe Council to demonstrate the Council's willingness to support the Firewise community in their efforts.

8. Fire Chiefs Association Representation on the PCFSC Board – There was concern that Board member Hamblin had not been in attendance at recent Fire Safe Council meetings. It was determined that Hannah would follow-up with him to determine his intentions. [Mr. Hamblin's attendance at the June PCFSC meeting made this discussion item irrelevant.]