

Board Meeting

Date: 10/6/2021

Location: Crow Hill Fire House and Zoom

**Call to order 7:05 PM**

**Quorum**

**Attendees:**

* Luke Bagwell
* Lucy Bauer
* John Spuler
* Monte Poague
* Shelby Edwards
* Jack Roberts
* Patti Newman
* Robin Davis

 **Old Business:**

1. Approved 20210802 Meeting minutes
2. Treasurer’s Report Approved
3. FEMA Grant – Crowd Funding
	1. This was not awarded. The money was sent to Louisiana and California
	2. The board decided that they would use the crowd funding monies to start mitigating evacuation routes. Traffic control will have to be addressed to start that work. This will be discussed during the Evacuation Planning Workshop subgroup meeting on the 12th.
	3. The team discussed what is legal for traffic control, road signs, flagging. Shelby said that the Road and Bridge department provided his team with some training on how to do that.
	4. Luke and Monte volunteered to perform traffic control flagging
	5. Robin asked Lucy to forward the meeting invitation to Greg and Ben in Road and bridge for the Evacuation Planning Workshop subgroup meeting on the 12th
4. Pond Project
	1. Final report of the first phase will be presented to the LWTF (Land and Water Trust Fund) Board on 10/13 by John Van Doren
	2. Grants will be submitted to fund the next phases. Asking LWTF for letter of support in lieu of matching funds. The work needed is close to $2 M for repairs and upgrades to the ponds and water rights. This will be long term as funding is obtained. If we are making progress the water board will not ask us to drain our ponds
	3. The Colorado Water Conservation Board will have more money and language has been added to their charter to preserve fire suppression ponds.

**New Business:**

1. Colorado Wildland Fire Conference summary.
	1. Lucy provided a read out from the conference. Her takeaway is the effectiveness of the Ambassador program. Also, the need to speak in a united voice between the districts for language / verbiage
	2. A summary was sent to the board with specifics
2. Pursuing different grant opportunities.
	1. Patti Newman is submitting grant applications as they are discovered. She will be working with the PCFPD
3. Board Elections
	1. Luke Bagwell will remain as President as no one stepped up to take his place
	2. Lucy Bauer will be the Secretary starting in January
	3. Robin Davis will retain the Treasurer role
	4. John Spuler will take over Webmaster duties
4. John Spuler has been talking with Dwane at Bailey Propane. They have offered to perform mitigation projects in partnership with FAB. FAB will determine worthwhile projects and present them to Bailey Propane. This would be a great opportunity to introduce FIREWISE to the Friendship Ranch neighborhood.
5. Wildfire Prepared Home Assessment Program is being setup by PCFPD.
	1. This will be a comprehensive review of the property and the structures.
	2. A report will be provided to the owner.
	3. Once the recommended improvements have been completed a second review will be performed and a certificate issued.
	4. Scheduling will be coordinated through FAB and other neighborhood organizations
	5. This will improve situational awareness for the homeowners
	6. There will be a fee for this service
	7. To perform the assessments there is a class and lab time shadowing an experience / trained assessor
	8. The information gathered will be managed by a Colorado organization
6. New FIREWISE communities
	1. Mill Iron D – Trice Hufnagel sent an email indicating they are planning to become a FIREWISE community
	2. Harris Park – Luke will attend their next board meeting to get a feel for them becoming a FIREWISE community
7. Slash Site Volunteers
	1. The CUSP Slash Site at Crow Hill was only open one day a week and closed on Labor Day. Robin will contact Jeff Ravage about volunteers to help keep it open for more days and a longer period.

**Firewise Community Updates**

* 1. Elk Creek Highlands – Luke
		1. They mitigated five properties, 203 hours of work
	2. Friendship Ranch – John S
		1. Made four solid contacts in the neighborhood who are interested in helping with certifying for FIREWISE
		2. More residents signed up for Code Red
		3. John is gathering project requests from the neighborhood
	3. KZ Ranch – Tommy M
		1. absent
	4. Woodside – Monte
		1. Scheduling meetings with the FIREWISE committee
		2. Mitigating neighbor properties
	5. DCVR – Robin
		1. Scheduled mitigation for seniors and disabled residents with Team Rubicon which will take place on 108 – 10/10
	6. Burland - Jack
		1. Three projects including property on Roland Valley, an adjacent neighborhood. Marked over two hundred trees to mitigate in the assessment
		2. Resident hired an outside firm and paid them $2K to do a small amount of mitigation
		3. Burland FIREWISE had fifteen people who spent a combined eighty-eight ½ hours to total 216 ½ hours
		4. Getting reflective address signs installed on properties
		5. Still trying to collaborate with John Woodward for a temporary area of refuge on his ranch in the event of a wildfire evacuation.
		6. Hope to get mowing done
	7. Bailey Estates – Lucy
		1. Home inspections done, casual home / property assessments
		2. Chipping slash as it is created on projects
		3. Planning one more day of mitigation
		4. Will be applying for FIREWISE status
		5. Correction: We have not done any comprehensive organized home assessments in our neighborhood yet. We plan to soon do the drive-by rapid assessment type needed in the Firewise application but leave the detailed ones until Shelby has the WPHAP up and running.
	8. Mill Iron D – Trice
		1. absent

**Adjourned 8:40 PM**