

Fire Adapted Bailey

2024 Third Quarter Meeting

Tuesday, August 13, 2024, 7:00 pm

By Zoom

Attendees:

Robin Davis, Lucy Bauer, Otto Boneta, Luke Bagwell, Doug Compton, Keith (Kevin) Doubleday, Janae Conston-Malpas (CSFS)

Call to order :7.05pm, with welcome to Keith who is taking over as Burland Firewise Coordinator from Bill Beggs,, and Janae who is our Colorado Firewise Co-ordinator.

Old Business:

Minutes 5/28/2024 - approved

Treasurer's Report (see below report from Robin) - approved

FAB CF Account Balance Sheet January 2024			
Checkbook balance 12/31/23		\$45,229.06	
Opening Balance		\$45,229.06	
Income			
Corporate donations		\$0.00	
Events/Fundraising		\$0.00	
Dues Paid		\$0.00	
Total Income		\$0.00	
Expenses			
Programmic Activities		\$0.00	
Overhead		\$0.00	
Fees		\$0.00	
Total Expenses		\$0.00	
Ending Balance		\$45,229.06	
as of 1/31/24			

FAB Ops Account Balance Sheet January 2024			
Checkbook balance 12/31/23		\$7,581.22	
Opening Balance		\$7,581.22	
Income			
Individual donations		\$0.00	
Corporate donations		\$0.00	
Events/Fundraising		\$0.00	
Dues Paid		\$0.00	
Grants		\$0.00	
Total Income		\$0.00	
Expenses			
Programmic Activities		\$0.00	
Overhead		\$530.00	D&O Insurance - \$380 PCACC Dues - \$100 IRS Filing - \$50
Fees		\$2.00	Bank Fee
Grants		\$0.00	
Total Expenses		\$532.00	
Ending Balance		\$7,049.22	
as of 1/31/24			

Pond Project

- Still in Phase 2: The 8 ponds identified in PCFPD for fire suppression purposes (in Phase 1) now need inspecting for upgrades and have necessary engineering specs and designs drawn up before being put out for bids from contractors. Phase 3 will be implementation of upgrades by chosen contractors, overseen by Wheeler Associates, with funding from Land and Water Trust Fund in 2025.

Team Rubicon 2024

Deemed a very successful project. See earlier email from Wayne for statistics on total hours worked and number of homes mitigated etc.

Robin/Luke - Give these statistics to Meryl Phair to write up into an article for The Flume

New Business:

Firewise USA Site Update

Janae Malpas of Colorado State Forest Service and Wildfire Resilience Coordinator NE, shared a power point presentation detailing how the Firewise USA program works, and invited questions and concerns from our Bailey Firewise site coordinators. Janae acts as the liaison and clearing house for any and all wildfire resource-related issues, and can be contacted at 970-889-0731

The power point will be sent out, with active links, to all FAB members. Some issues addressed included:

- Collection of community boundary information (optional) as GIS shapefiles to be added into the Forest Atlas. <https://coloradoforestatlas.org/login>
- CO-WRA (Colorado Wildfire Risk Assessment) found within Forest Atlas
- Action Plan - for each site, detailing specific goals for 1-3 years
- Risk Assessment - for each site

Homeowner Insurance Update

Doug gave an overview of the status of insurance for mountain property owners, noting the following:

- The market is tightening up, with some carriers having an exclusion for wildfire, or requiring high premiums and deductibles, or capping payouts at \$750-\$1 million.
- Colorado's Fair Plan for uninsured properties will not be great option when it happens - will still require very high premiums with a cap of \$750K. It may function better if some preferred carriers offer a Wrap Policy alongside it to flesh it out.
- Don't drop existing insurance while shopping for a better deal elsewhere. If the latter falls through, the old carrier may not take you back.
- Recommendation: keep up with the good mitigation work and hope that the carriers will eventually see the benefit and relax their stringent demands.

Mountain Women in Business

This local organization gives money to non-profits and would like to donate to FAB. It was decided that the money could be put towards providing the green reflective house number signs to community members at no cost.

Firewise Community Updates

Elk Creek Highlands (Luke): Neighborhood HOA community meetings happening on 30th August (with potlucks). Several homes mitigated by Team Rubicon.

Woodside (Otto): 16 homes mitigated by Team Rubicon. Chipping to be done by Elk Creek FD. Mitigation of Equestrian Center with trees removed or pruned up. Slash piled to be burned. General membership meeting in October with special focus on forest health.

KZ Ranch (Steve): No report

DCVR (Robin): Focus on removing trees obscuring visibility on Tapadero Rd (alternate evacuation route)

Burland (Bill/Keith): Team Rubicon worked on many homes in 2024 and plans to return to work on more in 2025.

Bailey Estates (Lucy): Established alternate evacuation route. To be viewed by residents at workday on 24th August.

Mill Iron D (Trice): No report

Remaining Quarterly Meetings in 2024

4th Quarter: **November 12**

To be held at the Crow Hill Firehouse on at 7pm:

Minutes submitted by Lucy Bauer, Secretary