

# Fire Adapted Bailey

## Special Meeting to Elect Officers

**Tuesday, December 3, 2024, 7:00 pm**

### **Attendees:**

In person: Lucy B, Otto B, Robin D, Trice H, Steve W,  
By Zoom: Luke B, Doug C, Keith D

### **Current (2024) Status of Officers on FAB Board:**

President: Luke B  
Vice-President: none  
Treasurer: Robin D  
Secretary: Lucy B

### **Value FAB adds to Bailey Community:**

(General discussion as to why FAB is still needed)

- **Acts as face** for wildfire awareness, education and action to Chamber of Commerce and County Commissioners
- **Coordinates efforts** with Platte Canyon FD and other stakeholders (including Team Rubicon) to reduce local wildfire risk
- **Provides outreach** and educational workshops on wildfire-related topics, including evacuation strategies, forest health, noxious weed impacts and chainsaw use
- **501c organization** allows application for grants to support the above programs
- **Lobbying** - has championed the establishment of community fire suppression ponds
- **Website** provides portal for residents to access wildfire information and services

### **Current Issues**

- **President:** Luke B is moving to Florida, so a new president is needed.
- **Firewise** requirement in FAB bylaws deters involvement by some community members
- **Liability** issues for Firewise sites means that organized groups like Saws and Slaws can no longer operate
- **Outreach** and visibility has declined with no one giving elevator speeches, putting regular posts on social media, in Fairplay Flume etc. No ongoing outreach to non-Firewise neighborhoods.
- **Fire Department Coordination** (Platte Canyon and Elk Creek) needs attention, including wrt the ambassador (and future Firewise?) programs Elk Creek has in place in Park County
- **Website** has been out-of-date wrt current happenings and meeting minutes etc until recently
- **Quarterly** Board meetings have often not been organised enough in advance to ensure good attendance

## Changes for 2025

**President:** Keith Doubleday has agreed to serve as FAB president, with term starting January 1, 2025. His nomination was unanimously approved.

**Firewise:** the bylaws will be amended to remove the requirement that board members are involved in Firewise sites. FAB may promote and coordinate a more generalized ambassador program

**Liability** issues mean that we will focus on supporting individual homeowners in their mitigation efforts and coordinate with Team Rubicon and/or Fire Departments more larger projects

**Outreach:** Keith will resume posting on social and other media. Trice will connect with neighborhoods that currently have no firewise or ambassador program

**Fire Department Co-ordination** - PCFD will be asked to have one or more representatives on the FAB board (or at least committed to attend the board meetings).

**Website:** Robin has hired a webmaster who has revamped the website, added board minutes etc

**Quarterly** Board meetings: set in place for 2025 as follows:

To be held at **Bailey Library** at **7pm** on the following Tuesdays:

**21 January**

**15 April**

**15 July**

**21 October**

Board members - get these dates on the calendar!

## FAB Officer line-up for 2025

President: Keith D

Acting Vice-President: Robin

Treasurer: Robin D

Secretary: Lucy B

Outreach: Trice H

## Topics still to be addressed

- Board member succession and term limits
- Educational and Outreach programs for 2025