



FIRE ADAPTED BAILEY
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
January 10, 2020

Present: John Van Doren; Kathy Lower; Robin Davis; Jack Roberts, Doug Compton and Luke Bagwell.

Absent: Rex Alford, Monte Poague

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:57 p.m.

Quorum: Established.

Old Business:

1. **Approval of minutes.** Prior board meeting (October 24, 2019); MOTION to approve, SECONDED, PASSED unanimously.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Robin presented the treasurer's report through EOY, including P&L and Balance Sheet. Operations checking account balance as of 12/31/19 was \$5,615.65 and the crowdfunding checking account balance was \$52,981.10. MOTION made, SECONDED and PASSED unanimously to accept the report.
3. **D&O Insurance – Resolution.** Doug presented two options, one with the defense costs inside the policy limits and the other with the defense costs outside the policy limits. The board resolved to accept the quote from Carolina Casualty Insurance Company to supply FAB with Directors and Officers insurance for the policy period 1/13/20 – 1/13/21, with defense costs outside the policy limits, for a total annual premium of \$748 plus a \$100 policy fee, total cost \$848.

New Business:

1. **WUI Conference 2020.** John will be speaking at this conference which is scheduled at the end of March
2. **2020 Colorado Wildfire Conference.** John and Joe Burgett have applied to present at this conference. This is scheduled at the end of April in Grand Junction, CO
3. **Continuing, New and Pending Grants.**
 - a. **WiRe.** Jack reported. Additional funding has been provided to expand the area being surveyed. All the Burland communities east of HWY 285 will be included except for Bailey Mountain which is unknown at this time. The mailing to the homeowners will be sent next week. The Rapid Risk Assessments will start soon after. We will be creating input to two databases WiRE and NIFC Triage. These risk assessments will be validated by a Fire Protection District professional.

- b. CPAW Grant Proposal. Community Planning Assistance for Wildfire (planningforwildfire.org) grant application submitted on behalf of Park County. Desire is to put in place building codes that recognize that we live in the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI). We were selected for the next step which is a telephone interview. Due to a scheduling issue John was the only person that attended the interview. This was insufficient participation so we no longer being considered for 2020. We will have to submit again for 2021. There is legislature pending to make including WUI considerations in the building codes and land use regulations at the State.
- c. AIM. We had applied for a \$25,000 grant which was denied. Reasoning was we are not a good fit and there wasn't enough participation from the County.
- d. CSFS Grant Proposal. Submitted asking for \$120k for a 60-acre fuel break for Burland Mountain subdivision (Ridge Road). Requires 50% match, part cash part in kind labor. \$15k cash from residents, in kind in part from Team Rubicon, we hope. Thirty homes with no chance of getting out if there is a fire. This is a first test of the new CWPP to target and support projects based on science. We will know some time later this month if we will go forward with this grant.
- e. Land and Water Trust Fund. Application for Study to assess cost to bring 15 area ponds into compliance. There was a follow-up meeting with key stakeholders and the Water Board. The majority of the board are in favor, vocal minority against. The group against the Study feel that the risk is low that the ponds will be destroyed.
 - i. This issue is on the agenda of the next BOCC meeting on 1/15/20 in Fairplay at 9:30 AM. The BOCC is considering two options. Paying HASP and incurring an annual fee or buying shares from Mountain Mutual which would be an asset.
 - ii. Notification letters to homeowners will start a clock which is not desirable. Notification to Joe Burgett would be preferable but we are not clear on what they would be asking Joe.
 - iii. Discussion of using the NFPA 1142 standards to determine if a pond would be appropriate for use in fire suppression. This makes the determination objective instead of subjective opinion.
 - iv. Meeting on 2/5/20 at the Shawnee Community Center which is open to the public. John will be presenting at this meeting. Letters of support and attendance at this meeting will be helpful.
 - v. Question if we can replace ponds with cisterns for fire suppression.

4. 2020 Key Initiatives.

- a. Comprehensive District Evacuation Plan. We will need outside help, so John has contacted Tom Cova who is a PHD with 20 years' experience. (see attachment to agenda). Tom is putting together a proposal. We will include community stakeholders like The Senior Alliance, Firewise Community Leaders, Sheriff's Department, the school

district and the Fire Protection District.

- b. CWPP. Public education is the next step. Two public meetings have been scheduled in January. This plan has lots of data but the narrative for the plan will have to be created by FAB and various stakeholders.
- c. ROW Mitigation. Joe and Shelby want to get started and will be targeting specific areas that they feel need the most work
- d. Evacuation Planning. We are going to break this into three areas, PCSD Parents, General Population and Seniors. Maryann Wesoloski is working with John to plan and execute these. Maryann is the President of Senior Alliance and has experience teaching school nurses how to respond to large scale emergencies
- e. Wildfire Preparedness Day. We are proposing we change this to Wildfire Preparedness Month and have activities and presentations every week. Brainstorming sessions will be scheduled to discuss appropriate topics / activities. Topics that were raised in the meeting were; CWPP Narrative, Evacuation of a neighborhood, Chain saw safety, Insurance, Code Red, Evacuation Go-Bags, Auto Emergency Kits. Doug will check with his contacts for any emergency kits they have and try to get a volume discount.
- f. Bailey Day. Pat Davis has donated his Bailey Day booth to FAB. We will ask to have our booth next to Centennial Insurance's booth. Brainstorming will be scheduled to determine how we can attract attention to the booth and what our activities on Bailey day will include.

5. Firewise Community Updates.

- a. Elk Creek Highlands. Luke reported that they will focus on mitigation this year as well as education regarding the CWPP
- b. Friendship Ranch. John has contacted a resident of that neighborhood who has organized six people who are willing to start mitigation activities.
- c. Harris Park. They are still dealing with leadership changes.

6. Other New Business.

- a. POD Analysis. We are looking at smaller POD areas and looking at where backfires and other fire break options could be placed.
- b. Evergreen and Conifer Rotary. These two groups are working together and have formed two committees, Safety and Education. John met with the Safety group. They are focusing on evacuation routes. Our plan is to form an alliance with this group for purposes of leverage. Jefferson County is mitigating evacuation routes 50 to 100 feet on either side of the road.
- c. Evacuation Routes. The board had a discussion on the situation with Magness Ranch and using that as an evacuation route. John also suggested that the Teacher's Retreat

might be amenable to having an evacuation route through their property which would also provide them with a secondary emergency exit. The Wildlife Refuge on HWY 43 is another route that could be used to help evacuations.

- d. Upper South Platte Membership. Corinna has requested a membership for John and Joe Burgett, and they will be invited to future meetings.

Next Meeting Date: Next quarterly meeting to be scheduled in April on a day TBD.

Adjournment: MOTION to adjourn; the motion was SECONDED and PASSED unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

/s/ Robin Davis
Secretary