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FIRE ADAPTED BAILEY
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
January 17, 2019

Present: John Van Doren; Rex Alford; Kathy Lower; Robin Davis; and Jack Roberts. Also present: Doug Compton. Guest: Fire Chief Joe Burgett joined the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m.

Quorum: Established.

Old Business:

1. Approval of minutes of prior board meeting (October 8, 2018): MOTION to approve, SECONDED, PASSED unanimously.
2. Treasurer's Report (YE 2018): Kathy presented the YE 2018 treasurer's report. Jack noted that Burland Firewise had paid booth rent for Bailey Day 2018 for FAB, which was not noted on the report. Kathy will amend the report and the report was tabled for consideration at the next board meeting.

3. Crowdfunding update

- a. Approximately \$29,000 raised to date. First half of \$10,000 match donation almost used up (approximately \$500 left). Second half will be released in advance of the Tomahawk Ranch event
- b. Tomahawk Ranch Fundraiser on February 2. Platte Canyon Chamber of Commerce is co-sponsoring the event with FAB. FAB has received all necessary approvals for the event.

The Chamber of Commerce will provide insurance for the event.

Mad Jack's Brewery will provide beer and Aspen Peak Cellars will provide wine.

Food will be provided by Cutthroat Café, Rustic Station, King Soopers, Safeway and Cottage Creations.

The Silent Auction is coming together.

Proceeds from ticket sales and the silent auction will go to IOBY; John expects to be over \$40,000 after the event.

- c. Mad Jack's event. Mad Jack's will brew a special beer and portions of proceeds from sales will go to the campaign. We are still working on dates for this event.
- d. King Soopers donation table. Two dates, January 12 and January 26, both from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. First day took in \$175 in cash and raised awareness. With

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match the donation to IOBY totaled \$350.

- e. End of campaign options: campaign will end on April 15, 2019. May not reach \$100k by then. Will end this first campaign so that the funds raised by April 15 can be released and work can begin. Then start a second crowdfunding campaign. Will start mapping out work to be done with funds from the first campaign in the first week of February. This will be a two season effort – won't be able to spend \$100k on one season of work.
- f. In-kind contributions. We may receive some valuable in-kind contributions in connection with the mitigation work; to be determined.

4. Website: review for accuracy and suggestions.

New Business:

1. Appointment of new board member. MOTION made, SECONDED and PASSED unanimously to appoint Doug Compton of Centennial State Insurance Agency to the board. Resolution signed by all board members.
2. Grants
 - a. Denver Water: Kathy reported. The Coalition for the Upper South Platte, which normally oversees the hiring and operations of contractors on Denver Water grants, has asked Fire Adapted Bailey to step into CUSP's shoes and handle these responsibilities. In order to do so FAB must obtain appropriate liability insurance. Doug is helping on that front. If FAB cannot obtain adequate and affordable general liability insurance, we will explore other options for moving forward on the grant.
 - b. Fire Adapted Colorado (FACO): FAB has been granted \$1,000 from the Fire Adapted Colorado Opportunity Fund to conduct rapid risk assessments and social surveys in the Woodside Park subdivision. The grant requires an equal match in cash and/or in-kind. FAB will partner with the Wildfire Research Center in Fort Collins on the project.
 - c. GOCO Stewardship Impact Grant (see attached Briefing Paper): John reported. The project will implement low intensity prescribed fires in Pike National Forest adjacent to Bailey area private lands over a three-year time frame to reduce wildfire risk. John is working with Park County on the project. Park County will be the applicant and the Coalition for the Upper South Platte will oversee operations. CUSP will receive a \$6,000 administrative fee and FAB will receive a similar fee for overseeing volunteers (no chain saws). USFS will require volunteers to sign a volunteer agreement.
 - d. CAFA Grant: Colorado State Forest Service. John reported. FAB will pursue a CAFA grant, which would support treatments on adjacent non-federal lands to

protect communities when hazard reduction activities are planned on National Forest lands. We have a good shot at it, as it is not as competitive as other grants. It ties in to the GOCO grant, see preceding paragraph. Nathan Beckman of CSFS wants to meet with FAB and Platte Canyon Fire District to line out possible projects.

- e. IREA, Title III, Safeco: We hope that IREA will continue to contribute to FAB annually. We also expect that Park County will continue to direct Title III funds to FAB. John encouraged further communication with the county commissioners regarding their authority to adjust the percentages of funds allocated between Title II and Title III (Secure Rural Schools Act) to increase the amount of funds available for Title III purposes and to direct a larger share of those funds to FAB in the coming years.

Doug offered to communicate with Safeco, with whom he has had a long relationship, regarding possible ways that Safeco could underwrite pilot programs of various sorts in partnership with FAB to advance FAB's interests and enhance Safeco's visibility in the community.

3. 2019 Key Initiatives

- a. CWPP: We are waiting on the Forest Stewards Guild for guidance on next steps involving the community. This CWPP will be unique within the country and when finished should help FAB and the Bailey area become "grant magnets."
- b. MyWildfireRisk: FAB supports the use of this software app to conduct in-depth parcel-level risk assessments; it coordinates with the rapid risk assessment app used by WiRe. FAB believes that purchase of a license for the program will cost at least \$15,000. John has asked Kelly Johnston of Wildland Professional Solutions to prepare presentation materials on the app, including cost. Doug suggested that he make a presentation to Safeco about Safeco underwriting a pilot program in the Bailey area using MyWildfireRisk.
- c. A podcast on FAB is being considered for FEMA.
- d. Channel 7 wants to do a two stories on FAB, one in the short term and one later on the CWPP, fire behavior modeling and POD analyses.
- e. Roadway mitigation execution
 - i. Mapping and adjacent property owners
 - ii. Traffic control
- f. Evacuation Protocols
 - i. Lessons learned from California

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- ii. Emergency Services Council: John will attend meeting of the Council on Tuesday, January 22. Update to Park County Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - iii. Joe mentioned that the Fire District has done numerous evacuation drills throughout the Bailey area and noted that all have failed, but that he and his crew have learned from every failure.
 - g. Possible new Firewise Communities (Harris Park, Mill Iron D, Friendship Ranch)
 - h. Ponds: concerns raised by the Denver Water Commission regarding evaporation from local ponds. Some talk of needing upgrades to inlets/outlets and meters to measure evaporation. If the ponds disappear it will have a major negative impact on our communities' ISO ratings for insurance, and will be a threat to the watershed. John will follow up.
4. Upcoming Events
- a. FACO Workshop - February 26-27, Durango
 - b. WUI Conference - March 25-28, Reno
 - c. Wildfire Community Preparedness Day - May 4th: Joe would like to see Firewise Communities compete with each other on work done in the communities, either mitigation or maintenance. Focus on finding people who can't do it themselves.
5. Ideas regarding recruitment of new members

Next Meeting Date: Next board meeting plus a general membership meeting to be scheduled in April 2019. The two meetings may be scheduled back-to-back.

Adjournment: MOTION to adjourn; the motion was SECONDED and PASSED unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

/s/ Kathy Lower
Secretary