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FIRE ADAPTED BAILEY
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
October 24, 2019

Present: John Van Doren; Kathy Lower; Robin Davis; Jack Roberts, Doug Compton and Paul Ellis.
Absent: Rex Alford.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Quorum: Established.

Old Business:

1. **Approval of minutes.** Prior board meeting (July 26, 2019); MOTION to approve, SECONDED, PASSED unanimously.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Kathy presented the treasurer's report through Q3, including P&L and Balance Sheet. Operations checking account balance as of 9/30/19 was \$2,859.35 and the crowdfunding checking account balance was \$51,981.10. MOTION made, SECONDED and PASSED unanimously to accept the report.
 - a. **SRS Title III money.** Commissioner Douglas told John that FAB is on the list to receive funds, likely as much or more than in 2018 (\$1,500). Money will go into ops account.
3. **Crowdfunding/Evacuation Roadway Update.** John reported. Platte Canyon's MOD did about 1/8 mile from Tomahawk Ranch to the elementary school, worked for about 3.5 hours. Lifebridge followed the chipper and took the bucked logs. The MOD has to complete the FEMA grant at the elementary school by the end of this year.
 - a. **AIM Coalitions and Collaborations grant opportunity.** This grant does not have any restrictions on using the funds for clearing right of way. John applied for Round 2 but not successful. Will apply for Round 3 - \$25k because we haven't done anything yet. Must be used within 12 months. **Question:** can we use anyone else other than the MOD? Can't leave money on the table with the AIM grant. Should we have Joe or Shelby from PC come talk to us about problems with scheduling? We can't open another crowdfunding campaign until we have at least half of the work done.

New Business:

1. **Continuing, New and Pending Grants.**
 - a. **Fire Adapted Colorado (FACO) and WiRe.** Jack reported. Meeting on October 16 with five folks from WiRe; John; Tom Ingawalson; Jack and Joe Burgett. So far it has been a lot of hurry up and wait, but seems to be moving forward now, with a training session with Jamie Gomez scheduled on November 6 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.. RRA is the project; Jamie has been doing them for years. Goal is to do Burland first and then eventually all 68 subdivisions in Platte Canyon Fire District plus Woodside. John mentioned the Garmin Glo GPS receiver attachment for the iPad to have GPS. Need

volunteers in each subdivision to help. The MOD wants to do NIFC RRAs, very similar to what Jamie Gomez has been doing. NIFC is helpful if there is a fire – adds things like “do I even try to save this home or do I walk away.” This question is one that will need to be answered by trained fire personnel, not community volunteers. Kathy noted Woodside data have already been collected by Elk Creek in 2015 and that the SHAPE file with that data is available to us.

- 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 now know how to build homes resistant to fire. In FAB’s footprint we have 3,000 buildable lots available, and we don’t need more non-resistant homes. If awarded the grant, CPAW would work directly with Park County on relevant issues. The key will be the support of the fire chiefs in the six fire districts in the county. If we have their support, more likely the commissioners will follow. We can carve out non-WUI areas of the county and the new building codes need not apply there.
- c. 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.
- d. Land and Water Trust Fund. Thirty-five ponds in the Fire District including Woodside large enough for fire suppression – some are legacy ponds with no water rights. The Water Commissioner representing our district, Tim Buckley, says that as long as we are moving toward a plan how to deal with this issue, we can avoid formal action against the non-compliant ponds. Of the 35 ponds, 15 are non-compliant, determined by a survey that identified the location and owner of each pond. Joe Burgett wants to save all the ponds. Park County’s Land and Water Trust Fund approached FAB and asked for a proposal to do a study to determine the cost to bring all ponds into compliance. Would be a five-year plan for 15 ponds. John talked to an engineer, determined it would cost arounds \$37,000 to do a study of the ponds. This fits with the mission of the Trust Fund. FAB is the applicant on the proposal to the Trust Fund, to determine the scale of the compliance project and what it will take to accomplish it. Application seeks \$50k. FAB will hire an engineer and water attorney to work on the project. John will send the proposal to Doug to update his quote on D&O insurance.

2. 2019 Key Initiatives.

- a. CWPP. The Forest Stewards Guild will hold its next meeting on the CWPP with Firewise and Community leaders. To be scheduled.
- b. Evacuation Planning. Our focus now will be on evacuation planning. There will be an evacuation plan workshop on Saturday, October 26 from 1-3 p.m. We also want to do a workshop for parents with school-age children, but we are lacking a coherent school district policy. We need answers to questions put to the School District Superintendent – can’t do a workshop without them.

3. Firewise Community Updates.

- a. Woodside. Kathy reported on the finalization of the mitigation work on five lots in Woodside pursuant to a grant from Denver Water, overseen by CUSP. With help from Team Rubicon and a contractor hired by CUSP, approximately 25 acres were treated. We hope we will be able to continue this progress next year.
- b. Burland. Jack reported. Burland conducted five saws and slaws events covering six acres, removing 328 trees with the help of 103 volunteers giving 462 hours of labor. Also had three chipping days covering 24 parcels. Note: Burland used social media to attract people as volunteers. Monte Poague, the board's new Woodside member, expressed interest in conducting saws and slaws events in Woodside, with volunteer insurance and waivers.
- c. Deer Creek Valley Ranchos. Robin reported. Held a chipping event covering five properties with nine volunteers, plus two chipping hands.
- d. KZ Ranch. John reported. Shared a chipping day with CUSP. Platte Canyon Fire District charges \$350 per hour for chipping; CUSP charges \$85 an hour with a crew of two. CUSP requires volunteers to feed the chipper. Advantage is that you can schedule with CUSP and thus know when the chipping will happen; not reliant on the haphazard schedules of fire district personnel. KZ has community slash piles where residents can haul their slash to be chipped. KZ also completed two saws and slaws events, and cleared along the rights of way in the subdivision.
- e. Elk Creek Highlands. Paul reported. Four Firewise work days this year. IREA limbed trees along power lines. Noted that using the CUSP chipping site you can pile an 18' flatbed with slash and have it chipped for \$30.

4. Other New Business.

- a. POD Analysis. So far only six pods have been identified within our 311 square mile footprint. According to Mike Caggiaono, in subdivisions PODS should equal about 100 acres.
- b. FAB Apparel. Apparel available from Mountain Creative, a new printer in Bailey. Orders taken.
- c. Bylaws Amendment. Kathy presented a proposed amendment to the Bylaws (attached to these minutes). MOTION to accept the proposed amendment; SECONDED; PASSED unanimously.
- d. Election of Directors. This meeting is our Annual Meeting for 2019, as stated in the Bylaws. MOTION to accept Kathy's letter of resignation effective December 31, 2019; SECONDED; PASSED unanimously. MOTION to appoint Robin Davis as Secretary/Treasurer for 2020; SECONDED; PASSED unanimously. MOTION to appoint Monte Poague as the new Woodside member of the Board, taking Kathy's place, effective January 1, 2020; SECONDED; PASSED unanimously. MOTION to remove Kathy

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Lower as a signatory on FAB's two checking accounts at First Bank, effective January 1, 2020 and to add Robin Davis as signatory, joining John Van Doren as signatory; SECONDED; PASSED unanimously. A resolution covering all of these matters was signed by all board members present. MOTION to elect all present members of the Board other than Kathy Lower to the Board for 2020; SECONDED; PASSED unanimously.

- e. Taxes. MOTION to file 990-N postcard tax return for 2019; SECONDED; PASSED unanimously.
- f. D&O Insurance. Doug will confirm quote and report back.

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

Adjournment: MOTION to adjourn; the motion was SECONDED and PASSED unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

/s/ Kathy Lower
Secretary