1. Meeting was **called to order** by Chair John Hess at 7:00 pm
2. **Introductions** were made/Sign-up sheet circulated
3. Volunteers for **clean up** were solicited.
4. The **Agenda** for the November 20 meeting was approved. Motion Ed/2nd Ken.
5. **Minutes** of the October 16 Council Meeting approved. Motion Julie/2nd Jane.
6. **Chair and Vice Chairs’ Report**: none
7. **Treasurer’s Report**: The Statement from October 1, 2019 to October 31, 2019 shows an ending balance of $395.92 in the account 9. As of 10/17/2019 donations totaled $330.86 with $241 cash and $89.86 in kind. A motion to accept the report was passed unanimously. Motion Ed/2nd Greg.
8. **Information Items**:
   a. **Speaker**: Shiva Frentzen, Supervisor District 2. Ms. Frentzen gave Council a Letter of Support for the Safer Roadway Assessment Project. She shared that Council member Ken Pimlott, chair of the Risk Assessment Committee, will be a candidate for District 2 Supervisor. Ms. Frentzen explained portions of the **Budget**: The Road funds from the state are $45,000 and not adequate. The BOS is exploring the idea of a 1/2 cent sales tax increase, which she does not support, believing that government should live within its means. For CalPRS the BOS puts extra $ into that fund when there is extra money available. She explained that when a generator can be purchased for the Pioneer Community Center, it can be used as a **Community Shelter** in times of Emergency. The County is in the process of procuring a generator as funds become available. The **County VMO** was modeled after Cameron Park’s VMO. The BOS has allocated $291,000 for education about the VMO. County staff will identify areas most at risk. The County is dedicating funds towards brush management along County roads. The staff is pursuing grants towards this end. **Insurance** is a problem. It is her opinion that Insurance companies need to take more risks, that the CA Fair Plan is too high a cost for our housing costs, individuals should press Insurance companies and explain how their actions are affecting us. **PG&E**: It isn’t working. She opposes the State purchasing PG&E because we will inherit the problems. She suggested that as trenches are dug for Broadband, perhaps they could simultaneously be utilized for power lines by PG&E. **Cannabis**: Dealing with the new law is a work in progress. 150 legal business licenses have been granted for growing cannabis. The County is working on identifying illegal growth (more than 6 plants). Sheriff Steve M. said that if you see more than 6 plants, give him a call. **Green Waste**: The Environmental Management group work is working towards a solution to facilitate more Green Waste pick up to help with brush and vegetation removal. This is coming in 2020. **Vegetation Management tools**. The County does not have a system for lending tools to volunteer groups. The FireSafe Council does have the ability, through grants, to purchase equipment, but the biggest issue is Insurance. **Outdoor Fires**: We could pursue an Ordinance for banning Outdoor
Fires used for cooking during Fire Season. (not referring to BBQs, but to camp fires supposedly being used for cooking.)

b. Agency Reports

i. EDCFSC: John Hess and Michelle reporting: 1) Officer Transition Committee- Is implementing a succession plan. John suggests we have one also. 2) Deer Creek Enterprises has been hired as contractors for the CWPP 3) Chipping is still an active program. 4) Senior and Veterans program is closed to new applicants. PG&E funds have been spent. EDCFSC is pursuing more grants. 5) #4291: New Defensible Space standard may require that five feet around the home be super clear. An issue being discussed. 6) CA Fair Plan: This program should only be temporary until the Insurance companies figure out a way to insure Californians. At present it offers a 10% discount for FireWise Communities. Insurance company USAA also recognizes FireWise.

ii. ORFSC: Shila: The SCLAR group met with their FSC recently and look forward to presenting to a larger meeting. The FSC will host a Potluck and Preparedness Meeting, with Heather Campbell presenting on Dec. 6 from 5:30-7:30 at Indian Diggings School. Bring a potluck dish.

iii. PVFD: Captain Mark Matthews: They have put 48% of their budget into Reserve. A Public Educator position has been created and the position has been filled. He would like to institute several programs in the schools: Fireline Safety Program, First Aid and CPR for 7th and 8th grade, Bike helmet Safety program. 10 more have joined the Academy. Seven new to the District pieces of equipment have been obtained. If you purchase a Fire Tank for your property, be aware that the PVFD has the rights to use it. Signage for 4 Corners is coming soon. Be sure to sign up for CodeRed at the website. The Xmas Party will be Dec. 8 and the Crab Banquet will be in January and February. He advised us all to “Not Loose your Steam” when it rains. The Main cause of Big Fires is incomplete suppression.

iv. Sheriff: Things have been quiet recently.

d. Committee Lead Reports

i. Policy and Procedures Manual: will be created by Board. Is important for grants, complying with federal regulations. Board is reviewing a draft PPM and will present it in January to the Council.

ii. Outreach Committee: Subcommittees: A Calendar of events that includes demonstrations, food, music, booths and collaboration with PVFD, other FSCs, PVFA will be presented in January. Mailings of the Welcome Letter are almost ready to go out. The Survey will be reviewed at the Board meeting and then can follow. The Board will decide how to proceed with the Website. Jane Taylor will be the newsletter Editor. Neighborhood Response Groups are being formed. We are looking for a Liaison for each Neighborhood. Richard Carlson and Greg LaDeaux are both willing to take on responsibilities. A Brochure should be ready by January. Hand-outs are being gathered to have available at events. Fire Prevention Week at Pioneer Elementary School District included STEM activities and culminated in a Poster contest judged by Student Council, Julie Crow, Kristine Beltran, and Mary Elliott-Klemm. We are reviewing a selection of Go-Bags.

iii. Grants Committee: Roger Klemm reported that the grant is nearly complete. The “Safer Roadway Assessment Project” is a grant request to CalFire for the as-
essment of hazardous vegetation along the 80 miles of roadway in our district. It will prioritize projects that can be shovel ready. We will be partnering with DOT and PG&E. EDCFSC has given us their official support, as has Supervisor Frentzen.

iv. Defensible Space Committee: Richard Carlson reported that he has 4 certified evaluators, has completed 29 evaluations with 22 on line. He shared some information about Prime Supply which has Fire related merchandise.

v. Risk Assessment Committee: The Risk Assessment document is nearly completed. They are working towards applying for FireWise certification for our community. Next a 3 year Action Plan will be developed and a proposal will be presented at the December Board meeting.

vi. Fundraising: We need a committee.

10. Old Business:
11. New Business:
12. Public Comment:
13. Council Comment: Greg brought up the usefulness of having fire extinguishers. Captain Matthews recommends Water Extinguishers. The Dry Chem extinguishers will actually accelerate a grass fire. Captain Matthews will be sending out a request for letters of support.
14. Good of the Order: The next AFFSC Council meeting will be January 15, 2020. The Executive Board will meet on January 8, not January 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15. Motion by Richard/Jane 2nd. Passed unanimously.

2019-2020 Calendar:

December 6: Potluck and Preparedness Meeting: ORFSC: 5:30-7:30 Indian Diggins School.
December 8: PVFA Xmas Party
January 8: Executive Board Meeting
January 15: AFFSC Council meeting
January 25: PVFA Crab Banquet
February 1: PVFA Crab Banquet

AFFSC Monthly Schedule

1st Wednesday 7:00 pm Executive Board Meeting
2nd Wednesday Sec sends out Meeting call with Agenda and Minutes to Council members and Stakeholders
3rd Weds 7:00 pm Monthly Council Meeting
4th Weds Draft Minutes and Draft Agenda for next Council meeting to Executive Board
Monday before Exec. Board meeting Exec Board Agenda sent out (John)