

Aukum Fairplay Fire Safe Council Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2021

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm ZOOM

1. Meeting Call to Order- Meeting came to order at 7:06. A quorum was present.
2. Introductions
3. Approval of June 21, 2021 Council Meeting Agenda - Approved
4. Approval of May 19, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes - Approved
5. Approval of Treasurer Report - Approved
6. Chair and Vice Chairs' Report
 - a. Chair- The annual application as a satellite council under the EDCFSC was submitted timely.
 - b. Vice Chair – Discussion was held regarding an automated online timesheet. Matwich to look at Microsoft timesheet product.
7. Guest – Mark Egbert, RCD, on “Grant Communication Plans and ROE” – Egbert unable to attend.
8. Information Items
 - a. Partner Reports
 - i. EDCFSC: Ken Pimlott
 1. Fundraising rules-Raffles are not supported by the EDFSC. Silent auctions are supported. Raffles are considered legal gambling and require a permit. EDFSC will not be allowing the use of its non-profit ID number for this purpose.
 2. CWPP working through the County process. There is a viewer on the El Dorado County Website, which shows proposed projects. Fire Departments are currently reviewing the draft CWPP, and it is anticipated the document will be completed by the end of the year.
 3. Fire Safe Regulations-Updated regulations (Title XIV) in the public comment period. State Board of Forestry will be taking action at their next meeting.
 4. CCI Grants -480 applications totaling over \$300m were submitted. In CAL FIRE’s Amador El Dorado Unit, 17 grant applications are under review.
 5. Ingress and Egress Grant-one time funding opportunity from CAL FIRE. EDCFSC working directly with CAL FIRE.
 6. AB38 – Requires home sellers to be compliant with Defensible Space Requirements within 6 months of sale. Sellers must get an inspection from the fire department during the sale process to receive a certification. Certifications are good for 1 year. There also will be other requirements regarding upgrades for home hardening that will be required to be disclosed during the sale process.
 7. Defensible space evaluations-CAL FIRE would like copies of evaluations made by Fire Safe Councils for its records for future followup. Hess identified this as a future Board meeting item. LaDeaux identified that the council promised not to provide this information to CAL FIRE.

CAL FIRE is not requiring FSCs provide this information but would like it to show efforts being made.

8. Community Chipping Program-EDCFSC finalizing the program funded by the USFS. Anticipated that the program will be ready for applications by the end of the summer.
 9. Stevens-Widen Program-USFS grant program for areas adjacent to national forests to perform fuel reduction projects. To be considered by the EDCFSC in the future.
 10. Sand Ridge FSC—application approved by EDCFSC. This addition brings 25 subordinate councils under the EDCFSC.
 11. Election
 - a. Chair Ken Pimlott, Aukum Fairplay FSC
 - b. Vice Chair Hugh Council, Texas Hill FSC
 - c. Secretary Karen Pullin, Mosquito FSC
 - d. Treasurer Maureen Julian, Pollock Pines Camino FSC
 - e. Parliamentarian Jim Stewart, At Large Member
- ii. ORFSC
1. Presenting three projects to be voted on by the community. Approved proposals will be sent to neighboring fire safe councils for their approval.
 2. July 24, ORFSC will be hosting a presentation with Air Med during its Council Meeting, with a air Med training with the fire department for view by attendees.
 3. ORFSC has held its annual election. The Secretary has stepped up to vice chair, and the Secretary position is will be vacant.
 4. Sheila will be moving into the AFFSC area. Will be supporting both councils.
 5. ORFSC evaluating its chipper program and is restricting its program.
- iii. Sand Ridge FSC – Logan Lockhart.
1. SRFSC encompasses area from HWY 49 along Sandridge Road to Somerset to the Meridian line of the Grizzly Flats FSC.
 2. Chair Logan is interested in available wells along the middle fork of the Cosumnes River.
- iv. GFFSC-Unable to attend
- v. PFPD-Chief Mark Matthews/Chief Mike Stutts.-Unable to attend
- vi. Sheriff-Todd Crawford, OES
1. With the extreme drought, there may be funding for impacted wells during the severe drought.
 2. Will be doing a review on their Hazard Mitigation Plan with the drought.
 3. OES and Sheriffs office ready for Fire Season. Trained staff in preparation.
 4. Hess asked about the siren to be used for evacuation only. The Sheriff and OES believe it is important to go door to door and make sure there are no issues, rather than using the siren. Code Red is the secondary

method. The siren could be used if there was a wind driven fast moving fire, however, that would always be followed up with a Code Red phone notification.

5. Question was posed regarding how the Sheriff handles aggressive dogs when door to door evacuations are being made. Crawford indicated that the deputy would drive through the gate if room allows, or use spray if necessary.
6. Neighborhood Watch Radio Group – Crawford on the Advisory Group, helping provide best practices. The Group is providing training to ensure only vetted confirmed information is provided over the radio.
7. LaDeaux requested a test of Code Red. Crawford indicated it is tested every summer as fires impact the region. If you are registered with a username and password, you can validate you are in the system, verify location of your property and update your phone number as needed.

b. Activities Reports

i. Outreach –

1. Website – Updated rapidly. No report.
2. Newsletter - Jane Taylor.
 - a. New newsletter is finishing review and will be ready to go shortly. It is important to be posted on the website quickly, so social media outreach with links to the newsletter can be distributed.
 - b. **Action Item:** Hess to provide updated information regarding other council contacts.

ii. Risk Assessment/CWPP Committee/VM Plan - Ken Pimlott

1. We will be starting to populate the updated Firewise Application by the end of the year. Timesheet information will be needed.

iii. Ad Hoc Grant Committee - Mike Pinette

1. Worked with Lester and Tim Cordes on the Community Clean Up Days grant (\$26,000) from the California Fire Foundation. Would provide for a couple of community clean up days with chippers and dumpsters.
2. Will be following up with the Sierra Nature Conservancy to follow up on their grant offerings.

iv. Time Sheets- Ed Matwich

1. Will do research on Office 365 regarding their automated timesheet offering.
2. Apple users should use Bing when transmitting documents.
3. Please submit for any work done on your property. Blank forms are available at the Post Office.

v. Defensible Space Committee- Mike Cook

1. Have completed 3 evaluations and 2 reevaluations.
2. Spreadsheet is up to date.
3. Evaluators recommend new address signs.

4. Hess recommended advertising on social media or sending emails to the community.
 - vi. Fundraising (Address Signs) – John Hess
 1. 8 new orders. 73 total orders.
9. Unfinished Business
 - a. Bylaws Minor Revision – Approved.
 - b. Election Results
 - i. Hess and Taylor have deemed the election complete.
 1. Chair – Janet Barentson
 2. Vice Chair – Ed Matwich
 3. Secretary – Mary Elliott Klemm
 4. Treasurer – Sandy Hodnett
 5. Ad Hoc – Ken Pimlott
 - c. Community Cleanup Project
 - i. Hess met with Brandon Page, Maintenance Foreman of the Pioneer School. Gate available on the South Side of the school, which also needs clearing. The Cross Country Team also wants to use this area, and we could help clear the proposed course.
 - d. Collaborative Calendar & Newsletter
 - i. Consideration of a collaborative calendar and combined newsletter for the South County FSCs. Open for discussion and will be discussed at future Board meetings. Hess to send information to the Council for input.
 - e. Election of Mike Cook to Council - Approved
 - f. Nature of future Council meetings (ZOOM?) –
 - i. Council members expressed interest in hybrid meetings with in-person and Zoom capabilities.
10. New Business-None
11. Public Comment-None
12. Council Comment
 - a. Barentson expressed gratitude for John Hess’ efforts at building the council. The Council would not be where it is without his efforts. We are pleased John will remain a council member and will continue working the address sign fundraising.
 - b. Matwich shared the Microsoft access to 365 for non-profit organizations for the Sand Ridge FSC.
 - c. ORFSC –Meetings: June 26 at Indian Diggings School and July 24th at Pioneer Park
 - d. Pimlott picked up the Fire Warning Flags for ORFSC and AFFSC and will be getting them delivered.
13. Good of the Order
 - a. Next AFFSC Board meeting July 7, 2021
 - b. Next AFFSC Council meeting July 21, 2021
14. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:27p.m.