

## LASSEN FIRE SAFE COUNCIL, INC.

### GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 2022 5:30PM

The Lassen Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LFSC) convened in regular session at 5:30pm on October 19, 2022 at the Susan River Fire Protection Office located at 705-145 Hwy 395 in Johnstonville. Officers present were Chair Ruth Morentz, Vice Chair Phil Good, Directors Bob Andrews, Kerri Cobb, Kam Vento, Secretary/Treasurer Sue Cenotti, Managing Director Cade Mohler, and Projects Coordinator Kyle Herron.

- I. **Opening and Welcome** – Ruth Morentz called the meeting to order at 5:34pm
  - A. Sign in – A sign in sheet was passed around for voluntary sign in
  - B. Treasurer’s Report – The LSFC currently has \$7,000,000 in outgoing process, we are billing back grants, advances take approximately 6-8 weeks and we are undergoing our annual tax audit and are also audited by our grantors.
  
- II. **Managing Director Report**
  
- III. **Active Projects**
  - A. CalFire Grants - Managing Director Cade Mohler provided the LFSC 2022/2023 Large Projects Overview to the attendees (please see attachment with the Minutes) of all project updates.
  
- IV. **Closed Out Grants**
  - A. Big Valley Mountain Fuel Treatments – summary stats will be on website soon (closed out).
  
- IV. **Agency Updates**
  - BLM** – Field Manager Alton Pickup reported they are working on 3 projects. 1. 3,000 acre cutting project on Horse Lake, Black Mountain, Ravendale and Grasshopper Rd., 2. Bald -North of Eagle Lake – 130 acres burned, want a total of 300 acres. 3. Clearville – 10 acres of historic sites.
  - CalFire** – Adam Mattos reported that the suppression is at peak staffing extended until Christmas. Burn permits are close to opening up. They are assisting with BLM with 300 acres.
  - Glen Schall reported on the Firewise Community – Clear Creek & Plumas County projects, Butterfly Acres and Modoc County-County Road 91.
  - SNC** – No report
  - NE CA Fire Prevention** – No report
  - USFS** – Leland Ratcliff – They will have full staffing through 12/01/22. Projects: 450 acres of piles from Spalding-Whaleback Fire (1600 piles, 540 acres). Timber thinning projects, 100 acres Bailey – Hwy 44 burning, dependent on weather.
  - Susan River FPD** – Hugh Parker reported that not much is happening but are training new people.
  - OES Lassen County** – Silas Rojas reported that GEM (integrated with Zonehaven) is replacing Code Red, Zonehaven issues resolved within 2 weeks.
  - SPI** – No report
  - Honey Lake Power** – Ralph Sanders reported that he managed HLP for 21 years. It will be down for 21 days break in service for major maintenance. They have been online for 33 years.
  - Beaty** – No report
  - Lassen County** – No report. Ruth is getting scheduled to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting in November to give an update.
  - Honey Lake Valley RCD** – It was reported that they are opening for bids on the Sheep & Hog Fire this Fall. They have hired a PT Coordinator, Catherine.
  - SIR** – No report
  
- V. **Other** – None

**VI. Public Comment/Questions -**

Topics of public comment/interest were asking what kind of database we use for mapping and will the LFSC provide an interactive map in the future. It was suggested that we look at grants that will allow for the maintenance afterward.

The public was advised that the LFSC is currently working on the website and hope to have it up and running with current information in the next couple of months.

Ruth advised the public that we are working on meeting with our partner agencies more often and focus on projects that impact the communities.

Ruth offered to provide an acronym list at the next meeting for everyone.

It was suggested that we investigate the Live at 5 radio show.

**VII. Next meeting – November 16, 2022 at 5:30 pm. (General Meetings will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month)**

**VIII. Adjournment of Meeting – The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm**