

LASSEN FIRE SAFE COUNCIL, INC.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

September 20, 2023 5:30PM

The Lassen Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LFSC) convened in regular session at 5:35pm on September 20, 2023 at the Susan River Fire Hall, Johnstonville. Officers present were Chair Ruth Morentz, Vice Chair Laurence Crabtree, Board Members Kam Vento, Bob Andrews, Janet Sanderson and Projects Coordinator Kyle Herron.

- I. **Opening and Welcome** – Chair Ruth Morentz called the meeting to order at 5:35pm
Sign in – A sign in sheet was passed around for voluntary sign in
Board Chair Ruth Morentz introduced the new Board member Janet Sanderson.

- II. **Managing Director Report given by Kyle Herron**
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.

- III. **Closed Out Grants** – See spreadsheet overview.

- IV. **New Planned/Awarded Projects** – Pursuing – Dixie Fire East reforestation, N. Susanville fuels project, Eagle Lake – countywide defensible space project for Sr. Citizens. Kyle provided an overview of the new defensible space grant & there was a question & answer period regarding this grant. A number of communities turned in their property owner sign-up sheets to LFSC.

- V. **Agency Updates**
BLM – Alton Pickup advised they completed 3000 acres of work around Horse Lake w/ 100 acres of thinning. Devil's Corral- 10 acres of burn piles ready. Planning a 300 acres controlled burn conditions permitting. 1500 acre weed eradication project. Great Basin Institute – College Internship students doing juniper removal.
CalFire – Not present
SNC – Not present
NE CA Fire Prevention – Not present
USFS – Dan Varney with Eagle Lake Ranger District reported they are working a planned burning, pre-bid on piles on Diamond Mountain. Met w/ Cal Fire on proposed plan to connect Diamond Mountain project w/ Plumas, Modoc, Lassen National Forests doing large scale project planning.
Lassen National Forest Education & Prevention reported they are in 2nd phase of grant applications. LNF & NRCS Joint Chiefs project N. Eagle Lake down to Honey Lake 6 ½ million dollar project to cover 4600 acres.
Susan River FPD – Not present
OES Lassen County – Not present
SPI – Mr. Swayze reported they are on the final 2000 acres of salvage logging & fuel breaks along roads. There are 11,000 acres ready to plant around Chester.
Honey Lake Power – Not present
Beaty – Not present
Lassen County – Not present.
Honey Lake Valley RCD – C. Wooster reported on their 2.5 million grant- going well w/ Janesville done, 150 acres in Gold Run, Upper Stevens Meadow, completed. She responded to questions w/ regards to the PBA noting there is no burn boss as they have vacant positions, so they do not have an ability at present to assist w/ prescribed burns.
SIR – Not present
Red Cross – Not present
Golden State Natural Resources – Laurence Crabtree gave brief update on project.
Firewise Communities – Dan Douglas, consultant, reported on Firewise communities- Lake Forest Estates has 2,400 hours to date & held 2 green waste days. He announced Doyle is an official Firewise community now. Bieber's Firewise community boundary will be the Bieber Fire District boundary. He reminded everyone to report their hours for Firewise activities as soon as possible, noting when Cal Fire assumes responsibility for the program, the requirements may be increased.

- VI. **Other**

- VII. **Public Comment/Questions**

- VIII. **Next meeting** – October 18, 2023 in Susanville

- IX. **Adjournment of Meeting** – The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm

Notes for this meeting were taken by Ruth Morentz, Board Chair in the absence of the Board Secretary, Lassen Fire Safe Council, and does hereby certify the foregoing to be a full true and correct copy of the minutes.