

LASSEN FIRE SAFE COUNCIL, INC.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2023 5:30PM

The Lassen Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LFSC) convened in regular session at 5:40pm on June 14, 2023 at the Bieber Veterans Hall located at 400 Bridge St., Bieber CA. Officers present were Chair Ruth Morentz, Vice Chair Phil Good, Board Member Kam Vento, Kerri Cobb, Bob Andrews, Secretary/Treasurer Sue Cenotti, Managing Director Cade Mohler and Projects Coordinator Kyle Herron.

- I. **Opening and Welcome** – Chair Ruth Morentz called the meeting to order at 5:40pm
Sign in – A sign in sheet was passed around for voluntary sign in

- II. **Managing Director Report**
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** – see spreadsheet overview

- V. **Agency Updates**
BLM – Not present
CalFire – Joshua Kern reported on the Intermountain Air Camp cutting & piling at Rush Creek Pit RCD, they are burning and test fire on 40 acres. 4 crews are slated, 2 crews are staffed.
SNC – Not present
NE CA Fire Prevention – Not present
USFS – Shannon Frazier Hat Creek Dist. USFS reported that fire activity has been minimal and small. There is a forest wide hand crew – hotshots Eagle Lake. Current project is near the Wiley Ranch and Day Bench Rd. – 52,000 acres and been working on it for 3 years. Also working on the pile burning for the Shasta County Project.
Susan River FPD – Not present
OES Lassen County – Not present
SPI – Not present.
Honey Lake Power – Not present
Beaty – Not present
Lassen County – Gary Bridges spoke regarding the pellet plant. He advised that they are to hire 75 employees for the plant and another 100 in the woods and 100 driving trucks. They plan to use 200 truck/day to move pellets to Stockton by railcar and then onto Japan.
Honey Lake Valley RCD – Not present
SIR – Not present
Red Cross – Not present
Firewise Communities – Representatives from the Modoc Fire Safe Council reported on their defensible space projects, Sr. Disabled & Veterans Project, Surprise Valley Mitigation Project. There is a Foundation Day on June 24th from 10am-4pm at the Modoc Sportsman Outdoor Expo. They have a flyer on their website.

Dan Douglas – Consultant reported on the Firewise USA Program, stated there are 10 Firewise Communities in Lassen County and he is working on Doyle & Bieber currently. Discussed what was needed to establish Bieber as a Firewise community and asked for volunteers to form a Board of Directors & answered questions from the public. There are also Firewise classroom curriculum for 6th graders at the LFSC Office.

Laurence Crabtree – Consultant reported on the pellet plant and the Golden State Resource Services helps rural communities with jobs. 30,000 acres in Modoc National Forest will be looked at.

- VI. **Other** – Ruth Morentz reminded everyone of the upcoming board elections and application period.

- VII. **Public Comment/Questions**

- VIII. **Next meeting** – July 19, 2023

- IX. **Adjournment of Meeting** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm

I, Sue Cenotti, Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Directors, Lassen Fire Safe Council, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full true and correct copy of the minutes.