

**LASSEN FIRE SAFE COUNCIL, INC.**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 15, 2023 5:30PM**

The Lassen Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LFSC) convened in regular session at 5:35pm on February 15, 2023 at the Susan River Fire Protection Office located at 705-145 Hwy 395 in Johnstonville. Officers present were Chair Ruth Morentz, Kam Vento, 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 5:35pm  
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**
  
- IV. **Agency Updates**
  - BLM** – Not present
  - CalFire** – Adam Mattos reported that they are in winter mode and training. They will be hiring March 13<sup>th</sup>. 2-3 crews in Antelope. Burn permit process changed and is online now. Videos are available to help and they will continue to help anyone needing assistance. No permits until May 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - SNC** – Not present
  - NE CA Fire Prevention** – Not present
  - USFS** – Not present
  - Susan River FPD** – Not present
  - OES Lassen County** – Not present
  - SPI** – James Hughes Petty reported they are working on the Dixie Fire salvage, planning to plant in the spring, Sterling district planting, Hwy 44 shaded fuel break, 900,00 trees will be planted and 3 million every year thereafter.
  - Honey Lake Power** – John VanDuyn reported that they are an outlet for materials, chipping or logs
  - Beaty** – Not present
  - Lassen County** – Gary Bridges reported that he visited the Bieber pellet plant and its progress was looking positive and that they ship the pellets to Europe through the railroad.
  - Honey Lake Valley RCD** – Brittany Osborn reported that she is the new prescribed burn coordinator and can help with landowner assistance with burn piles, site assessment & prep work, and provide learning opportunities and education for prescribed burning.
  - SIR** – Not present
  - Red Cross** – Dwayne Taaffe reported that they have onboarded a new volunteer. They also helped with the Roop St. fire. They are still looking for volunteers and shelter locations for the future if needed.
  - Firewise Communities** – Not present
  
- V. **Other** – Managing Director Cade Mohler announced that the Dixie Fire East Grant will be submitted in a few weeks. Chair Ruth Morentz reminded everyone of the upcoming LFSC Elections and that applications are available.  
  
Guest Speaker Entomologist Danny Cluck gave a presentation on beetle infestation and the different kinds of bark beetles. There was a Q&A at the end of the presentation
  
- VI. **Public Comment/Questions**
  
- VII. **Next meeting** – March 15, 2023
  
- VIII. **Adjournment of Meeting** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm