

LASSEN FIRE SAFE COUNCIL, INC.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2022 5:30PM

The Lassen Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LFSC) convened in regular session at 5:30pm on September 21, 2022 at the Susan River fire Protection Office located at 705-145 Hwy 395 in Johnstonville. Officers present were Chair Ruth Morentz, Directors Bob Andrews, Kerri Cobb, Secretary/Treasurer Sue Cenotti, Managing Director Cade Mohler, and Projects Coordinator Kyle Herron. Director Kam Vento was seated in the audience.

- I. **Opening and Welcome** – Ruth Morentz called the meeting to order at 5:31pm
 - A. Sign in – A sign in sheet was passed around for voluntary sign in
 - B. Introductions – The Managing Director Cade Mohler and Projects Coordinator Kyle Herron were introduced and gave a brief statement, the Board of Directors seated at the table were also introduced
 - C. Treasurer’s Report – The LSFC is currently in the middle of our 2021 audit and hope to have it available at the next General Meeting and will post it on our website once it is updated
- II. **Managing Director Report** – Cade reported that he would like the LFSC to refocus our mission towards community projects and landowner sign ups. Also reaching out to our Firewise Communities.

Active Projects

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**
 - A. Title III – done reporting and waiting for county to reconcile
 - B. PG&E Resiliency Grant – closing in 60 days and LFSC is assessing what potential home hardening projects that can be implemented in the next few months

IV. Agency Updates

BLM – Field Manager Alton Pickup reported on urban interface, mitigation, flexible funding to help. He provided his email address: Apikup@BLM.gov.

CalFire – Adam Mattos reported they are lacking prisoner crews, down from 5 to 2 crews. They could use help in administering grants. 13 engines, 4 dozers and 6 crews.

SNC – No report

NE CA Fire Prevention – No report

USFS – Deb Bumpus/Tonya Costello Eagle Lake Ranger District reported additional funding for roadside hazard/trees, Bogard suppression project to repair 600 acres, Willow Creek & Pine Creek Valley areas.

Susan River FPD – No report

OES Lassen County – Silas Rojas reported on County Security Grant rollout and “Code Red” signups.

SPI – No report

Honey Lake Power – Matt Granderson reported on the Biomass Power Plant.

Beaty – No report

Lassen County – Chris Gallagher and Gary Bridges reported on Green waste clean ups funded through the Susanville Air Pollution Control have been done, dead trees mastication, fuel from dead trees

Honey Lake Valley RCD – William Johnson and Catherine Wooster reported on outreach, 2.5 million in grants to private landowners (listed on their website)

SIR – No report

V. Other - None

VI. Public Comment/Questions -

Topics of public comment/interest were that one of our past ground crews have been unprofessional and would like to see LSFC hire better people, public would like our crews to come back and check burn piles for at least 6 months and conduct safe burns on public lands. They would like to see transparency with funds and where they are going and questioned how one would become a board member. Board Chair Ruth Morentz addressed these concerns and indicated that our website would be updated in the next few months and would provide much of the information being requested.

Guest Lawrence Crabtree with Golden State Natural Resources discussed the Industrial Pellet Plant in Nubieber. They plan to employ 75 people and will be shipping pellets overseas.

VII. Next meeting – October 19, 2022 at 5:30 pm. (General Meetings will be the 3rd Wednesday of the month)

VIII. Adjournment of Meeting – The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm