

LASSEN FIRE SAFE COUNCIL, INC.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

August 16, 2023 5:30PM

The Lassen Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LFSC) convened in regular session at 5:40pm on August 16, 2023 at the Susan River Fire Hall, Johnstonville. Officers present were Chair Ruth Morentz, Board Member Kam Vento, Bob Andrews, Yvonne Bennett, Laurence Crabtree, 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
Board Chair Ruth Morentz introduced the new Board members.
- 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** – Pursuing – Dixie Fire East reforestation, N. Susanville fuels project, Eagle Lake – countywide defensible space project for Sr. Citizens.
- V. **Agency Updates**
 - BLM** – Alton Pickup advised they are working on a prescribed burn with 5 Dot Ranch in the Willow Creek Valley. He has the Great Basin Institute – College Internship students cutting for them.
 - CalFire** – Adam Mattos reported that all fuels work currently is with LFSC. Their Incident Management Team is traveling to Maui – 2 of 6 teams committed to going to help with the fire.
 - SNC** – Not present
 - NE CA Fire Prevention** – Not present
 - USFS** – Bobette Jones with Eagle Lake Ranger District reported they are working on the Pine Creek project. Piling is finished and ready for burn. Deb Bumpus reported they are working with Cal Forest & Sierra Nevada Conservancy on trees removed, site prep, reforestation. They are not going to plant as many trees because they can't go out and manage them. They are working on the Roadside Hazard tree removal – still have 80 miles to do. Looking for funds to do this project.
 - Susan River FPD** – Not present
 - OES Lassen County** – Not present
 - SPI** – Not present.
 - Honey Lake Power** – Joh VanDuyn reported that they are still purchasing chips & logs as well.
 - Beaty** – Not present
 - Lassen County** – Not present.
 - Honey Lake Valley RCD** – Not present
 - SIR** – Not present
 - Red Cross** – Not present
 - Golden State Natural Resources** – Laurence Crabtree spoke on the pellet pant project in Nubieber & Jamestown. They ship out to Europe & Japan. The pellets last 4-5 years, much longer. 300 loads per day can be processed through Nubieber. RCRC employees are now leading the project.
 - Firewise Communities** – Dan Douglas, consultant, reported that he is working to help the underserved area in the Riverbench area of Susanville. He is working with the Firewise Communities.

Orie Carden & Debbie Triplett from the Doyle Firewise Community thanked the LFSC for attending the Doyle Days Event. Ruth advised them how they could participate in the Green Waste Events. Air Pollution Quality Control will direct bill C&S Waste for helping in Doyle with dumpsters for the event.

Ruth Morentz for the Little Valley Firewise Community reported they are planning a Green Waste Event in Little Valley.
- VI. **Other**
- VII. **Public Comment/Questions**
- VIII. **Next meeting** – September 20, 2023 in Susanville
- IX. **Adjournment of Meeting** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm

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.