

1. The meeting was called to order at about 12:30
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by (Rich Kopp).
3. Roll Call: Rich Kopp, Garth Hood, Debbie Kopp, Bob Robertson, Ross Gregerson, Fire Chief Andy McGinnis was present
4. Declarations of conflict of interests with this agenda.
None stated.
5. Consider approval of minutes:
Approval of Minutes from August 18, 2022
Rich Kopp made the Motion
Garth 2nd the motion
Vote
Rich Kopp Aye Garth Hood Aye Debbie Kopp Aye Ross Aye Bob Abstain
Motion passes 4-1

RICH KOPP MENTIONED THAT HE WANTED TO GO AROUND THE TOWN AND ASSESS DIFFERENT AREAS FOR THEIR LEVEL OF MITIGATION NEEDED TO BE FIREWISE HE ASKED FOR ANYONE THAT WANTED TO GO AND LOOK WITH HIM – BOB ROBERTSON VOLUNTEERED AND THEY SCHEDULED A TENTATIVE DATE FOR WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19. RICH ASKED FIRE CHIEF WHAT THE PROCEDURE WE WOULD GO BY BEFORE ENTERING SOMEONES PROPERTY. FIRE CHIEF STATED THAT HE WISHED MORE PEOPLE HAD COME TO THE MITIGATION PRESENTATION BY THE COUNTY THAT WAY THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN AWARE OF WHAT WE ARE DOING – HE ALSO SAID THAT WITH THE RECENT FIRE MORE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE BEEN INVOLVED BUT THAT WAS NOT THE CASE, FIRE CHIEF STATED CERTAIN AREAS LIKE THE BLUFF AND PHASE ONE HAVE TONS OF TREES AND THAT SHOULD BE LOOKED AT.

DEBBIE KOPP SAID SHE WANTED TO MAKE A FLYER WITH ALL THE FOOTAGE INFORMATION THAT WAS GIVEN AT THE SLIDE SHOW PRESENTATION THAT WAY WE COULD HAVE THESE TO HAND OUT TO PEOPLE WHEN WE APPROACHED THEM AND TO HANG ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS - FIRE CHIEF THOUGHT THIS WAS A GOOD IDEA- FIRE CHIEF SAID THIS WOULD BE GOOD TO LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT THIS IS A GOOD POSSIBILITY WITH OUR DRY CONDITIONS AND WE HOPE IT DOESN'T BUT IT'S A VERY POSSIBLE THREAT.

RICH SAID THE PACKET COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE BAGS THEY HANDOUT TO PEOPLE – ALONG WITH A LIST OF ITEMS THEY SHOULD CONSIDER HAVING IN THEIR TO-GO EMERGENCY BAG. FIRE CHIEF ALSO STATED THAT THIS COULD BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH CERT TRAINING AND THAT ROBIN WHITMORE IS IN THE PROCESS OF DOING THAT RIGH NOW

DEBBIE SUGGESTED THAT WE HAVE ANOTHER MEETING ONE DAY AND INCLUDE MITIGATION, CERT TRAINING AND MAYBE SOMEONE THAT IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ON PREPPING AND GETTING TO GO BAGS READY – A VERY INFORMAL PRESENTATION – DEBBIE ALSO MENTIONED THAT WE HAVE A RESIDENT PAMELA CANTRELL WHO IS THE QUEEN OF CANNING AND PREPPING AND MAYBE SHE WOULD DO A LITTLE PRESENTATION.

BOB ROBERTSON STATED THAT GOING ON PEOPLES PROPERTY HAS BEEN A FLY IN THE OINTMENT IN THE PAST SO MAYBE WE CAN HAVE LIKE A FLYER OR A DOOR TAG THAT WE CAN PUT ON PEOPLES GATES THAT LET THEM KNOW WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF GOING DOOR TO DOOR.

RICH STATED THAT HE WAS THINKING OF GOING DOOR TO DOOR TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL FIRE HAZARDS WITH PEOPLE AND ASK IF THEY NEEDED HELP OR WOULD LIKE AN ASSESSMENT OF THEIR PROPERTY. BOB STATED THAT WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL OF ENTERING A GATED AREA BECAUSE MOST PEOPLE HAVE THE GATES IN ORDER TO KEEP THEIR DOGS IN. ROSS STATED FOR MAYBE THOSE THAT LIVE IN GATED AREAS - MAYBE A CALL IS PLACED TO THEM TO LET THEM KNOW WHAT WE ARE DOING AND WOULD THEY LIKE OUR HELP.

ROSS STATED THAT IN ANOTHER AREA WHERE HIS DAUGHTER LIVES THEY SAID IF WE CAN'T HELP YOU OR YOU DON'T TAKE CARE OF IT YOURSELF AND THERE IS A FIRE, WE WILL GO RIGHT PAST YOU BECAUSE WE KNOW WE WON'T BE ABLE TO SAVE THE HOME. FIRE CHIEF ALSO STATED THAT THIS WAS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED IN PARADISE CALIFORNIA – THE FIRE DEPT IS MORE LIKELY TO SAVE A HOME THAT HAS DONE THEIR MITIGATION AND UNFORTUNATELY THERE ARE HOMES THAT ARE MITIGATED THAT WILL BE LOST DUE TO THEIR NEIGHBORS NOT BEING MITIGATED. ALSO DO NOT GET INTO OFFERING YOUR HELP TO EVERYONE UNLESS IT'S AN ELDERLY PERSON OR DISABLED AND NOT JUST A LAZY PERSON – IT'S A FINE LINE FOR PEOPLE TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR OWN PROPERTY. DON'T GET DRAWN INTO DOING THEIR WORK FOR THEM.

FIRE CHIEF SAID WE NEED TO PUSH THIS HARDER AS A FIRE DEPARTMENT AND A FIRE BOARD. IT'S NOT A MATTER OF IF THIS WILL HAPPEN IT'S MORE OF WHEN IT WILL HAPPEN – IF IT HAPPENS UP ON LITTLE CREEK MESA AND CRAWLS DOWN A LOT OF HOMES COULD BE LOST. DEBBIE SAID THAT WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL OF HOW WE STATE THE OFFER OF HELP SO PEOPLE DON'T THINK WE ARE SAYING THAT. THEY ARE NOT DOING THEIR JOB – ALSO SUGGESTED WAS WITH THE FLYER TO PUT CONTACT INFORMATION AT THE BOTTOM IN CASE ANYONE NEEDS HELP TO REACH OUT TO ANY OF THE MITIGATION BOARD

ANDY STATED THAT IF WE DO GET SOME PEOPLE THAT WANT AN ASSESSMENT OF THEIR PROPERTY, HE WOULD BE WILLING TO GO ALONG FOR ASSISTANCE

RICH STATED THAT DOWN IN GOOSEBERRY THERE IS A SITUATION THAT HAS A

SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF MIRIGATION NEEDED ON THE GUBLER PROPERTY – RICH OSOSKI CONTACTED RICH AND SOME OF THE RESIDENTS THERE WANT TO HELP GET THAT AREA MITIGATED. RICH STATED THAT IN THE NEXT 2-3 WEEKS AS THE WEATHER COOL DOWN – CHIEF MCGINNIS STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PHOTOS OF ALL THE WORK BEING DONE BEFORE AND AFTER PHOTOS. DEBBIE VOLUNTEERED TO TAKE THE PHOTOS AND ASKED EVERYONE TO CALL OR TEXT HER IF THEY ARE DOING ANYTHING AND SHE WOULD BE HAPPY TO DOCUENT WITH PHOTOS. CHIEF ANDY STATED THAT THIS WOULD ALSO BE GOOD PR WORK.

RICH ASKED IF ANYONE HAD ANY MITIGATION WORK COMING UP AND HE SAID ROSS HAD JUST DONE A BUNCH AT THIS HOUSE. RICH HAD A QUESTION DOES THE MIRIGATION WORK ROLL INTO A CALENDAR YEAR OR HOW DOES THAT WORK INCASE WE NEED TO MAKE A PUSH TO MEET OR DOLLARS NEEDED – CHIEF SAID THAT HW WAS NOT 100% SURE BUT HE WOULD FIND OUT IF ITS CALENDAR YEAR OR FISCAL YEAR. FIRE CHIEF SAID THERE WAS A LOT OF MITIGATION PUT IN FOR THIS YEAR AND HE THINKS WE ARE PRETTY CLOSE IN GETTING WHAT WE NEED BUT HE STILL HAS TO GO THRU AND FIGURE OUT DOLLAR AMOU-NTS. DEBBIE ASKED HOW MUCH DID THE RECENT FIRE COST US AND CHIER MCGINNIS STATED IT COST THE TOWN ZERO DOLARS AND THE COST WAS APPROXIMATELY 75 GRAND – BOB ROBERTSON ASKED WHY IT DIDN'T COST THE TOWN ANYTHIG AND CHIEF STATED BECAUSE OF ALL THE MIRIGATION WORK DONE BY THE TEAM AND THE RESITDENT THE COUNTY ASSESSES OUR AREA FOR FIRE AND PUTS A DOLLAR AMOUNT ON THAT AND THAT WOULD BE THE GOAL TO TRY AND COVER WITH IN KIND SERVICE. ALL THE LABOR OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE EQUIPMENT GOES TOWARDS THAT AMOUNT. DUE TO US HAVING A FIRE THIS YEAR OUR AMOUNT WILL PROBABLY GO UP NEXT YEAR.

RICH SAID EVEN IF WE MET OUR QUOTA THE MITIGATION WORK WILL NOT BE WASTED IT WILL SAVE A HOME. ANDY STATED AS YOU DRIVE AROUND THE COUNTRY YOU SEE SIGNS IN TOWN SAYING THEY ARE A FIRE WISE TOWN. DEBBIE SUGGESTED MAYBE WE HAVE LITTLE LAWN SIGNS FOR WHEN WE MITIGATE SOMEONES PROPERTY THAT THEIR HOME IS NOW FIRE WISE. RICH LIKE THE IDEA AND THEN BOB SAID THAT IT MIGHT SPARK INTEREST WHEN SOMEONE SEES THEIR NEIGHBOR GET THE RECOGNITION, RICH ASKED ANDY FOR WHAT THE REQUIREMENTS ARE TO BE DECLARED A FIRE WISH TOWN – ANDY STATED ITS ALL ONLINE - DEBBIE SAID SJE WOULD LOOK INTO GETTING THAT INFORMATION

RICH SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR MEMBERS TO HAVE MITIGATION BOARD TSHIRTS SO THEY WOULD BE VISIBLE – RICH THOUGH SOMETHING SIMPLE MAYBE RED WITH MITIGATION BOARD AND POSSIBLE THE FORE LOGO AND NAMES – GARTH SUGGESTED THAT ANY TOWN EVENTS EVERYONE WEARS THEIR SHIRTS AND RICH SUGGESTED WE HAVE A TABLE SET UP AT ANY EVENTS ALSO.

DEBBIE ASKED IF THE FIRE DEPT WAS DOING ANYTHING WITH THE ENGINE AND SANTA AND INVITED THEM TO PARTICIPATE AT THE DEC 10 COOKIE EXCHANGE. RICH STATED THEY ARE WORKING ON GETTING SOME LITERATURE ABOUT FIRE GEARED TOWARDS CHILDREN. ANDY STATED THAT WE WILL JUST HAVE TO START EARLIER NEXT YEAR TO GET THAT INFORMATION FOR THE KIDS BEFORE THE COUNTY RUNS OUT

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MOTION: Member (ross0 motioned to adjourn
SECOND: The motion was seconded by Member (rich).
VOTE: (rich) called for a vote:

Member (RICH) - Aye
Member (GARTH) - Aye
Member (Debbie) - Aye
Member (Ross) Aye
Member (Bob) Aye

7. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:15

Date approved: 12/8/22


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ATTEST BY: 
Jenna Vizcardo, Recorder