



FAB Board Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2021
Location: Zoom Meeting

Call to order at 6:01 PM

Quorum

Attendees:

Jack Roberts
Rex Alford
Monte Poague
Bonnie Smith
Doug Compton
John Van Doren
Luke Bagwell
John Spuler
Lucy Bauer
Tommy Meeks

Old Business:

- 1) Approval of minutes of prior board meeting (October 6, 2020) Approved
- 2) Treasurer's Report - Approved
- 3) Land and Water Trust Fund Grant (aka Pond Project) - John Van Doren
 - Background. There are 35 ponds that are useful for fire suppression between Kenosha Pass and Pine Junction. 15 of these ponds have no water rights. Land and Water Trust Fund has provided Grant monies to determine the cost of obtaining water rights by purchasing augmentation.
 - Park County has requested the US Forest Service and Platte Canyon Fire Protection District provide a priority for the ponds that are most useful.
 - The costs for this project are for managing the project, attorney costs and engineering studies and pond assessments.
 - Letters of intent have been sent to the owners of these ponds by our attorney. These letters spell out our goals and do not obligate the property owners to any costs. Once these letters have been signed, we are free to proceed with the studies for engineering and bathymetric. This will determine the amount of augmentation that needs to be purchased to provide water rights.

- Park County will try to get water rights administratively or through the legislature before any funds are spend on augmentation.
- A few ponds out of the original list of 15 have be removed from the study for various reasons. Letters of Intent have been signed by all property owners except for two. Miller Pond at KZ Ranches and the Magness Ranch Pond.
- A rough estimate for the cost of water rights is \$2M. This could possibly be funded by Land and Water Trust over possibly two to three years. The rights will be purchased as a share in a block of existing water rights or purchased outright. The shares would be considered an asset and the outright purchase will obligate the County to a yearly renewal fee.
- John will provide a map of the ponds in the project. (Luke sent a copy of pond map during meeting)

4) Grants - Collaboration with CUSP on possible FEMA Grant

- Status from Jeff Ravage. We made it into the grant application, and it has been forwarded to D.C. There has been a lot of back and forth and re-examining the data, but in the end, it made the cut. Now we just wait. I have been told that once you make it through the application process without getting rejected, or shooting yourself, that chances are good for getting the award.
- Robin will send the MOU to the Board and ask Jeff for a copy of the grant. (MOU sent, copy of grant requested)

New Business:

1. Evacuation Plans – PACE

- A planning meeting is being organized. The purpose is to create an evacuation plan that is comprehensive.
- Participants will be from Park County Communications, Public Works, Platte Canyon Fire Protection District, Park County Sheriff's Department, Elk Creek Fire Protection District, Emergency Services, Platte Canyon School District, Fire Adapted Bailey, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department.
- Mike Schmidt has offered the use of the High School so we can practice social distancing.
- This initial planning meeting will spawn subgroups that will investigate and plan portions of the overall evacuation plan.
- A copy of the initial presentation was distributed to the FAB Board for their input.

2. Board Process

- Robin, Lucy and Jack attended a class on Non-Profit Boards. A copy of the class handout was sent to the FAB Board.
- A 2021 Planning meeting will be scheduled where we can discuss what we want to accomplish for the year. Robin will send out a Doodle Poll to get that scheduled.

3. FIREWISE Community Updates
 - a) Elk Creek POA. – Luke Bagwell
 - Renewed FIREWISE Certification.
 - Plans for increasing participation by residents by outreach to the community.
 - b) Friendship Ranch – John Spuler
 - Plans to get more people involved by flyers and gatherings.
 - c) KZ Ranch – Tommy Meeks
 - Renewed FIREWISE Certification.
 - Mitigated some properties in the fall.
 - Working on additional mitigation and taking advantage of the BLM permit
 - d) Woodside – Monte Poague
 - Renewed FIREWISE Certification.
 - Planning session with HOA for mitigation activities in 2021
 - e) DCVR – Robin Davis
 - Renewed FIREWISE Certification.
 - Scheduling 2021 planning session
 - f) Burland - Jack Roberts
 - Renewed FIREWISE Certification.
 - Meeting monthly with the FIREWISE team
 - Asking permission from Park County to mitigate the Areas of Refuge so they can accommodate 500 cars. Will work with the Platte Canyon Fire Protection District to accomplish the mitigation.
 - WIRE Rapid Risk assessment project has data that is being analyzed.
 - Promoting green reflective address signs
 - Planning Chip Days
4. John Spuler and Lucy Bauer will be joining the Board. Robin will create a resolution and distribute for electronic signatures.

General Discussion

Module has been doing ROW mitigation work on CR72 at the Pee Wee ballpark. Robin will talk with Joe or Shelby about the CUSP grant. (email sent 1/27)

2021 Dues are due. The cost is \$50 per organization / neighborhood. Send a check to the FAB address, PO Box 465, Pine Colorado 80470. Make checks payable to Fire Adapted Bailey.

Safe 285 Town Hall was discussed. Robin will send out the link to the recording of the meeting. (link to recording sent 1/27) The barrier to keep people turning left on 285 at CR 43A is currently planned to be posts and cables. This will not be removable in the event of an evacuation.

BOCC meeting on 2/10 will be discussing a CUP request to rezone the property at 288 S. Pine Drive for a retreat. This is an opportunity to request egress from that location to 285 from that property by extending Pine Drive.

Lucy has been working with the Platte Canyon Fire Protection District to explore funding and implementation in PCFPD of the Wildfire Prepared Home Assessment Program currently in use by Elk Creek and Evergreen Fire Departments.

Adjourn 7:38 PM