



Promoting Wildfire Safety Through Education and Action

**Santa Barbara County Firesafe Council
Board of Directors' - Special Meeting
December 10, 2020**

Directors present: John Ahlman, Phil Seymour, Rob Hazard, Ray Smith, Paul Van Leer, Kevin Varga, Supv Joan Hartmann, John Powell, Nic Elmquist

Directors absent: Ted Adams, Rolf Larsen, Max Moritz, Chris Smith

Meeting has a quorum as identified in Article IV. Section 9 of the Bylaws

Also present: Scott Coffman, Sharon Byrne, Gordon Sichi, Rebecca August, Dan Fawcett, Fred Tan, George Thompson, Robert Strojek, Victoria Cooper, Rebecca August

Call to Order

06:00 PM- J. Ahlman calls the meeting to order and conducts rollcall

Minutes

No minutes presented.

Treasurers Report

There was not a treasurer report provided.

New Business

R. Hazard shares screen and uses a powerpoint to explain the purpose of the meeting. This includes to provide a summary of the two responses the FSC received for the Gaviota Coast Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), provide an update on the sub-committees recommendation, answer any questions the Directors or general membership may have regarding the process or the plan itself, and vote on the selection of the vendor.

The CWPP will cover approximately 106,000 acres on the Gaviota Coast and is being funded by a \$196,000 Cal Fire Grant. Of which \$166,500 is itemized for "Contractual", \$8500 for "printing, postage, misc.", \$21,000 for "Indirect/Administrative Costs".

Scott Coffman has been hired by the FSC as the Project Manager. He met with a sub-committee of the FSC which includes J. Ahlman, R. Hazard, P. Van Leer, and N. Elmquist to review the proposals on Nov. 24th. The group unanimously supported selecting Dudek because of their expertise in environmental policy, proven ability to outreach the community including hosting virtual meetings, ability to create project website, knowledge of project areas political sensitivities, and lower cost.

Motions:

1. Director Powell motions to select Dudek as the vendor to complete the Gaviota Coast Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Director Seymour seconds the motion. Motion carries with unanimous support from Directors present (9).

Action Items:

1. R. Hazard will notify the two vendors on the selection
2. N. Elmquist will send out a call for agenda items for January 7th Board Meeting

Future Meeting Schedule and Guest Speakers:

1. January 7th – Board Meeting
2. February 25th – Board Meeting / Membership Meeting
 - Guest Speaker – Crystal Kolden (UC Merced – Fire, Conservation, and Land Management)
3. March 4th – Board Meeting
4. April 22nd - Board Meeting/Membership Meeting
 - Guest Speaker- Stephane Ma (UCSB Post Doc studying local wildfire recovery)
5. May 6th - Board Meeting (Virtual Annual Meeting???)
6. June 24th - Board Meeting/Membership Meeting
 - Guest Speaker- TBD
7. July 1st – Board Meeting
8. August 26th - Board Meeting/Membership Meeting
 - Guest Speaker – TBD
9. September 2nd – Board Meeting
10. November 4th – Board Meeting
11. December – No Meeting

January 7th Agenda Items:

1. Discuss voting Dan Fawcett into the FSC in-lieu of Rolf Larsen
2. Update on Ag Pass (P. Van Leer)
3. Update on Regional Wildfire Mitigation Plan (M. Moritz)
4. Update on Gaviota Coast CWPP (R. Hazard / S. Coffman)
5. FSC involvement in Buelton’s “Walk Into Wildfire” (N. Elmquist / E. Turpin) – potential vote
6. Update on North County “Next Door Video”, review E. Turpin’s bid - potential vote

Board Adjourned at 07:10 PM.

Guest Speaker:

None

Minutes respectfully submitted: Nic Elmquist