



**GCWC Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2017
11:30am**

The October 19th GCWC Steering Committee Meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Schelly Olson, at 11:45am. Nineteen people were in attendance. See the list at the bottom of these minutes for the attendees who were present.

First up, everyone helped themselves to a lunch of barbequed brisket and pork from Sagebrush Grill in Grand Lake. While everyone was eating, Schelly played two videos; one about Colorado firefighters (including a crew from Granby) on their way to California to fight some wildfires and the second about the Berkley Fire Department fighting a wildfire in Santa Rosa, California.

Schelly then thanked everyone for attending and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

After a review of the July Meeting Minutes by Schelly, Adam presented the group with financial reports for fiscal year 2017 thus far. We have had of \$46,096.41 in total income so far. Our total income so far is \$72,691.10, most of which come from the cost-share program, chipping, and discretionary funds from Northern Water. We have sold \$2,497.19 worth of addressing signs and received \$1,108 in donations. Expenses for the year so far total \$77,931.41. General and Administrative expenses equal \$3,963.75; Public Education totals \$2,895.78; Wildfire Mitigation expenses equal \$65,437.90; Membership Engagement is \$4,146.31; and Fundraising Expenditures are \$1,487.67 so far this year. Net income so far in 2017 is -5,240.31. The bank balance as of October 19th is \$5,356.00.

Under Old Business and the Mitigation Subcommittee, Brad reported that the combined stats for the 2017 Chipping Program included 238 treated acres and 237 loads. For a complete list of 2017 Chipping stats, see the summary at the end of these minutes. We also gave out 20-\$100 vouchers to people at our last chipping day to be used at local landscaping businesses to purchase Firewise landscaping materials. Two vouchers have been returned so far (both from Ace Hardware), but vouchers can be used all the way through next summer. The vouchers were funded through a "Junk the Junipers" grant by the Grand Foundation.

Also under Mitigation, Brad told the group that the Fuels Reduction Cost-Share Program has finished up for the year. All told, about 288 acres were treated through this program. With Northern Water's \$15,000 they donated to the Council, we treated 26 acres in the Lake Forest Subdivision, created a 6-acre fuel break on County Road 41, and created a fuel break near Winding River Ranch.

Finally under the Mitigation Subcommittee, Brad reported that the Mitigation (Hazardous Fuels Reduction) Crew has been active. It is comprised of firefighters from each of the fire departments in Grand County, and the purpose is to assist landowners with projects that are too small or undesirable to forestry contractors in Grand County. This year, the crew worked on two projects, Stagecoach Meadows and Granby Ranch.

Under the Education Subcommittee, Schelly informed the group that we did a presentation at the Grand County Builders Association about "Creating a Fire Adapted Home". She also said that the Builders Association is looking to push for all building permits given by the county to also include 9-1-1 Reflective Address Signs as a requirement.

Also under Education, the group discussed our Fully Involved Articles in the Sky-Hi News. Topics could include: CodeRed, GCEmergency, and Evacuation Planning. Pat Person also said that might write a few articles.



Finally under Education, Pat discussed how she staffed a GCWC booth at both the Grand Fire and Grand Lake Fire Open Houses. She had info on the Council and 9-1-1 reflective Address Signs. In Granby, she also used the Ember House to demonstrate how flying embers can ignite a home.

Moving on to New Business, Schelly mentioned that the County has agreed to require all new Short-Term rental permits to buy 9-1-1 Reflective Address Signs. For the 300 compliant Short-Term Rentals already in the county, they will get their signs for free. This is a huge accomplishment because most tourists have no clue of the address where they are staying.

Amy, from Grand County DNR, next spoke about the Open Burning Season in Grand County. Open Burning is managed through Grand County DNR. To do any kind of Open Burning (besides ag burning), you must obtain a burn permit through Grand County DNR. Her office is already issuing burn permits for this year; however, the season will not officially open until there is sufficient permanent snowpack (usually around Thanksgiving). Furthermore, there may be daily closures throughout the winter if weather conditions are not permitting. The County is also considering getting the Fire Departments more involved in the management of the Open Burning season this year, but no decisions have been made yet. Finally, Amy mentioned that the cost of burn permits will now be \$20 for a personal permit and \$500 for a commercial permit. To read more about Open Burning and how to correctly build a burn pile, click the following link and scroll down to the deep red box in the left column. [Slash Pile Burning](#)

Next up, Schelly invited each of the attendees to give a report on their agency's happenings. Jeri Pillar, from Rocky Mountain National Park, reported that a change in staffing next year will reduce the number of seasonals on their fire crew and not permit them to work beyond 6 months. This will mean that very little, if any, preventative mitigation measures will occur next year. Noble Curran, from Northern Water Conservancy District, reported that work on the power line is progressing nicely, and because of the power line, Willow Creek reservoir will be reduced to the bare minimum this winter. Ryan, from the Colorado State Forest Service, reported that the CSFS is currently working on a Good Neighbor Agreement with the USFS that will resemble an existing Good Neighbor Agreement between the CSFS and BLM. Ryan also mentioned that the CSFS is currently going through a re-organization, but he did not elaborate much on the topic.

Last, but not least, Schelly told the group about some fantastic news we just received last week. **The Grand County Wildfire County was just awarded \$80,000 from the BLM Community Assistance Fund.** The funds will be used to create a "Fire Adapted Ground County". Specifically, the grant will fund public education campaigns, firefighter training and capacity building, hazardous fuels reduction, and community risk assessments. We are super excited about this grant and cannot wait to start planning out our activities.

Meeting adjourned.

GCWC Steering Committee Members in Attendance

Schelly Olson, GCWC Chair, Grand Fire
Ryan McNertney, GCWC Vice Chair, CSFS
Adam Gosey, GCWC Treasurer, East Grand Fire
Katlin Miller, GCWC Secretary, Middle Park Conservation District
Merrit Linke, GCWC Board Member, Grand County Commissioner
Brad White, GCWC Mitigation Committee Chair, Grand Fire
Paul Mintier, Grand Fire
Nicole Boeckers, Snow Mountain Ranch (YMCA)
Noble Curran, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District

Steve Lawless, Homestead Hills HOA
Pat Person, GCWC member
Linda Spaet, Trail Creek Estates
Cheryl Dale, Grand Lake Fire
Dan Mayer, Grand County Sheriff's Office
Jeri Pillar, Rocky Mountain National Park
Robert Roberts, Colorado State Patrol
Dave Holsinger, Homestead Hills HOA
Amy Sidener, Grand County Division of Natural Resources
Karen Smith, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance



GCWC Chipping Days 2017 - June 10, June 24, July 8, Aug 25th

	<u>Attendees Total</u>	<u>Attendees Towns</u>	<u>acres</u>	<u>hours</u>	<u>Total Loads</u>	<u>donations</u>	
Grand Lake Chipping	44	8 Granby, 34 Grand Lake, 1 Kremmling, 1 Tabernash	59	407	94	\$215	load total includes 1 uhaul
Fraser Chipping	16	3 Tabernash, 3 Granby, 7 Fraser, 3 Grand Lake	34.8	166	44	\$75	
Kremmling Chipping	11	7 Kremmling, 1 Grand Lake, 3 Granby	8.35	31	22.5	???	
Granby Chipping	48	3 Kremmling, 16 Grand Lake, 11 Granby, 1 Fraser, 1 Fraser/Tab, 14 Tabernash, 1 Winter Park, 1 Hot Sulphur	136.45	627.9	77	\$92	1 Uhaul?, 20 \$100 Vouchers Given Away
TOTAL	119	25 Granby, 54 Grand Lake, 18 Tabernash, 8 Fraser, 1 Fraser/Tab, 11 Kremmling, 1 Hot Sulphur, 1 WP	238.6	1231.9	237.5	\$382	



GCWC Steering Committee Meeting Minutes July 20, 2017 11:30am

The July 20th GCWC Steering Committee Meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Schelly Olson, at 11:45am. A total of 25 people were in attendance. See the list at the bottom of these minutes for the other attendees present.

First up, everyone helped themselves to a lunch of tacos and cookies. Schelly then thanked everyone for attending and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Next, Schelly told the group that instead of a guest speaker this month, we would have two video presentations: one about the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control's MMA (Multi-Mission Aircraft) and the other about the 747 Supertanker.

Schelly next presented the group with financial reports for fiscal year 2017 thus far. We have had of \$46,096.41 in total income so far. Most of the income has come from the cost-share program, chipping, and discretionary funds from Northern Water. We have sold \$884.30 worth of addressing signs and received \$701 in donations. Expenses for the year so far total \$34,382.27. General and Administrative expenses equal \$1,232.42; Public Education totals \$2,670.28; Wildfire Mitigation expenses equal \$26,216; and Membership Engagement is \$3,522.49 so far this year. Net income so far in 2017 is 11,714.14. The bank balance as on July 14th is \$22,555.53.

Under Old Business and the Mitigation Subcommittee, Brad reported that the Fuels Reduction Cost-Share Program funded the CSFS was complete. The contract expired on June 15th, and the entire \$60,000 had been expended. We have also received \$15,125 from Northern Water, none of which has been expended yet.

Brad next provided an overview of the results from the Chipping Days. The council has held 3 Community Chipping Days so far in 2017. The first one, on June 10th in Kremmling, has 11 participants; the second one, on June 24th in Fraser, had 16 attendees; and the third one, on July 8th in Grand Lake, had 44 people show up. In total, 71 people attended the Chipping Days (38 from Grand Lake, 14 from Granby, 8 from Kremmling, 7 from Fraser, and 4 from Tabernash). Total acres treated were 102.15; number of hours spent mitigating was 604; and the total number of loads was 160.5 (including a massive U-Haul). Though our numbers are down from 2016, the Board felt more Chipping Days were still needed. As a result, they decided to hold a fourth Chipping Day on August 26th at the Granby Fire Department. This Chipping Day would be a little different than the other days because it will have a special focus on the common junipers. It would tie in with our grant from the Grand Foundation called "Junk the Junipers", and the first 20 participants would receive vouchers to local participating businesses to receive \$100 worth of Firewise Landscaping materials (plants, cement pavers rock, etc...).

Also under the Mitigation Subcommittee, Paul Mintier reported that the Mitigation (Fuels Reduction) Crew has been active. It is comprised of firefighters from each of the fire departments in Grand County, and the purpose is to assist landowners with projects that are too small or undesirable to forestry contractors in Grand County.



Under the Education Subcommittee, Pat Person gave a recap on the Fire Adapted Open House on July 10th in Grand Lake. We estimate that approximately 68 people visited throughout the day. The 911 Addressing Signs were a big hit, and having it during the Craft Fair helped to get people through the door.

Moving on to New Business, Schelly reported that we have arranged to do a **workshop at the Grand County Builders Association meeting on September 21st from 7-8pm at the Inn at SilverCreek.** We will have a PowerPoint presentation and also show some videos that are relevant to building/wildfire prevention.

Schelly next reported that she will be attending the Homestead Hills HOA Meeting on July 22nd at 3pm where the Council will be presented with an Appreciation Award for our donation to their Fire Suppression Pond. Steve Lawless, Homestead Hills HOA President, also thanked the group for our assistance. He presented Schelly with a plaque and gave Schelly a thank you letter. Schelly read the letter aloud to the group. Steve also passed around before and after photos of the pond.

Next up, Schelly informed the group that the Board had decided to send \$650 on unlimited radio ads for the Council to do fire prevention and preparedness messaging. Schelly will work on new ads soon.

Moving on, the group had a lively discussion on fire restrictions, open burning, and fire ordinances. Ultimately, it was explained that we are not currently under any fire restrictions. The County Commissioners discuss the possibility of going into fire restrictions on a weekly basis. Input by the Sheriff and each of the fire departments is considered when deciding whether or not to enter into fire restrictions. The County Commissioners and the Sheriff use a Standard Matrix used by all other Counties in NW Colorado to determine when fire restrictions are needed. At least 4 or the 7 criteria must be met before fire restrictions are enacted. So far, we have not met at least 4 criteria simultaneously.

Finally, Schelly informed the group that we will be applying for another BLM Community Assistance Grant to keep the Council going and help fund future mitigation projects. We will apply for \$100,000 that will be allocated amongst Public Education, Community-level Mitigation Projects (Fuels Reduction Cost-Share and Community Chipping), a Community Risk Assessment Program, and Firefighter Training. The grant is due on July 24th.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.

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Paul Mintier, Grand Fire
Wade Bell, Colorado State Forest Service
Nicole Boeckers, Snow Mountain Ranch (YMCA)
Amy Johnson, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District
Steve Lawless, Homestead Hills HOA
Pat Person, GCWC member



Deb Dobersen, Valley at Winter Park HOA
Mike Dobersen, Valley at Winter Park Water District
Dennis Soles, East Grand Fire
Linda Spaet, Trail Creek Estates
CW Powell, BLM
Sam Parsons, Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control
Jim White, Town of Grand Lake
Cheryl Dale, Grand Lake Fire
Dave Kunkle, East Grand Fire and Kunkle Services
Kristin Rybig, East Grand Fire
Jeff Bauckman, Grand County Sheriff's Office
Brett Schroetlin, Grand County Sheriff
Jon Morrissey, USFS



GCWC Steering Committee Meeting Minutes April 28, 2017

The April 27th Steering Committee Meeting was Called to Order by Board Chair, Schelly Olson, at 11:30am. Eleven members were in attendance. See the complete list of attendees at the end of these Minutes.

First up, Schelly invited all guests to get some pizza and return to their seats. While everyone was eating, Pat Person presented a thirteen minute video on the Black Forest Fire that she watched at the Colorado Wildfire Council last week. The point of the video was that is it better to be proactive than reactive.

The Summit County Fire Mitigation guys that we had hoped to have as our guest speakers were unable to attend the meeting. As a result, Amy and Pat spoke about the workshops they attended at the Colorado Wildfire Conference in Pueblo.

Amy spoke about a Resiliency Working Group that was developed to form guidelines for communities on how to bounce back after catastrophe. It is called the "Colorado Resiliency Framework", and it can be viewed at www.coloradounited.com. Another good websites is www.planningforhazards.com. Amy learned that "for every dollar spent in risk reduction, four dollars are saved in recovery." Amy also emphasized that mitigation might not save your home, but it will definitely increase your chances of survival. Another interesting fact that Amy mentioned was that there were 4800 wildfires in Colorado last year but only seven of them were the result of natural causes.

Pat attended a couple workshops on Rapid Site Assessments. The West Region Wildfire Council developed a Rapid Site Assessment that would provide a qualitative rating of Low to Extreme wildfire risk for each home that was assessed. Homeowners would then receive a postcard in the mail stating the rating of their home and an option for a more detailed home assessment. The program, including the assessments and postcards, cost approximately \$3 per home. A different group, known as the Wildfire Research Team (WiRe), studied the socio-psychologic impact of wildfire risk on people. Through the use of "nudge" letters, WiRe discovered that people with 'Moderate' risk were most likely to not do any pre-disaster mitigation and were also the most likely to lose their home. The "nudge" letters compared each home's risk to that of its neighbors as well as community average. The thought was that the letter would 'nudge' the homeowner into doing mitigation work to make their home more comparable to their neighbors' home and the community's average rating. WiRe also found that finances are not the main reason why people don't do mitigation; people just assume the fire department will save their home. To conclude, Pat mentioned that the Boulder Wildfire Partners have used these Rapid Site Assessments and letters to provide insurance certificates to homeowners that pass the assessments. These certificates are officially recognized and accepted by insurance companies.

Moving on to the Treasurer's Report, Adam reported that the Council currently has \$24,098.07 in the bank account and \$20,000 remaining in the BLM Community Assistance Grant Account. So far this year, the Council's **total income has been \$37,169.22**, including revenues from: the cost-share program, address signs, donations, and grant income. **Total expenses so far this year are \$23,571.87**, including expenditures from: bank charges,



dues, meetings and conferences, insurance, printing, workshops, the website, advertising, address signs, fundraising, and the CSFS cost-share program. **Net income so far this year is \$13,597.35.**

Under the Mitigation Committee report, Paul said that the total funds promised by the CSFS for the Fuels Reduction Cost-Share Program (\$60,000) are expected to be expended by June 2017. So far, eleven people have been paid a total of \$29,435, and 118 acres have been mitigated.

Three dates have been selected for the Community Chipping Days this summer. The first chipping day will be on June 10th in Kremmling, followed by June 24th in Fraser or Winter Park, and finally, July 8th in Grand Lake. Exact locations have yet to be determined, but it was suggested that we do Bighorn Park in Kremmling, the Road/Bridge Department in Fraser, and speak to the Grand Lake Rotary Club about a location in Grand Lake. The Chipping Days will be funded by the fuels mitigation cost-share program and the \$1,750 grant we received from Grand County BOCC.

Schelly and Paul spoke about the Fire Mitigation Crew (or Hazardous Fuels Reduction Crew). They said that Grand Fire is putting together a Fire Mitigation crew, composed of firefighters from throughout the county, that will help with projects that other contractors refuse to do. Prospective projects include: Ten Mile Estates, Stagecoach, and Columbine Lake. Some of these projects may be included in the current Fuels reduction Cost-Share program. If this is the case, the Mitigation Crew would essentially be the contractor for that project. Katlin expressed concern with the potential for "Conflict of Interest" issues. Paul (through his business PMC Wildland Systems) is our hired Cost-Share Program Coordinator and is the one who inspects the projects before and after the work is done. He has also recently been hired by Grand Fire as their Wildfire Specialist. He will be the crew leader for the Mitigation Crew. Katlin just asked that Paul (and anyone from Grand Fire...i.e. Brad and Schelly) not be the individual that approves the cost-share applications for which the Grand Fire Mitigation Crew is the 'contractor'. She asked that Adam or Ryan sign off for those projects to eliminate the "Conflict of Interest" concern. Ryan agreed to do that.

Moving on to Education, GCWC will be hosting a Fire Adapted Open House in Grand Lake on June 10th from 12-4pm. The logistics are still being hammered out, but we hope to have several vendors there that are involved in wildfire prevention, preparedness, and survival. Clancy and Pat are the leads on this program.

At our recent Board of Directors Meeting, the Board decided to host a workshop in the fall (September) for realtors, insurance agents, the builders association, and county planners. It would be similar to the PPWPP workshop that several people attended last year, and a possible speaker might be Carol Walker of the Rocky Mountain Institute of Insurance.

Next up, the group discussed advertising for the Council. We need to get some Community Chipping Day announcements out soon. Schelly next mentioned that Grand Fire will likely be doing a Prescribed Fire on Granby Ranch in the fall, and we should start educating the public about that to build the community's trust. Schelly has also started to run PSAs on the local radio about the Wildfire Council. Schelly and Katlin continue to write Fully Involved Articles, but we have had difficulty getting them into the Sky-Hi News due to their current lack of an Editor. Schelly and Katlin were also able to get information about GCWC on the back of the DMV registration cards that are sent out to every car owner in the county. Approximately 24,000 cards get sent out every year. We also hope to send out info on wildfire preparedness with the Grand County property tax



assessments. Finally, Schelly suggested that we consider implementing a “Neighborhood Ambassadors” program. Neighborhood Ambassadors would represent different communities and HOAs around the county. Those ambassadors would be responsible for being the middle man between the Council and the neighborhoods. They would help getting the word out about wildfire prevention and council activities. Christian Hornbaker agreed to be the first Neighborhood Ambassador.

Moving on to New Business, Schelly informed the group that National Wildfire Preparedness Day is on May 6th, 2017. It also happens to be the same day at the 9news Health Fair in Granby. The group agreed to have our booth at the Health Fair be our community outreach event for National Wildfire Preparedness Day.

Schelly next reported that Amy has begun the process to update the County’s CWPP. She said it will be a lot of work, but, with Schelly’s assistance, Amy hopes to have it done by the end of the year.

Schelly next informed the group that she and Katlin applied for a grant through the Grand Foundation for a “Junk the Juniper” pilot program to encourage people to remove common juniper bushes and replace them with fire resistant landscaping. The program would work as a voucher program to incentivize homeowners to remove juniper. In exchange for removal, homeowners would receive a voucher (up to \$100) to a local nursery or landscaping business to purchase their Firewise landscaping goods.

Afterwards, Schelly stated that we are still waiting to hear back about the Joint Fire Sciences Program Grant that was submitted in 2016 by the Boulder Research Team. This grant was to fund a research project that would identify residents’ expectations of wildfire management and the relationship between those expectations and their management decisions. Though we have not heard any final news yet, the Boulder Research Team told Schelly that they believe we are a finalist and may soon know the result of our application.

Finally, the group discussed future funding sources. Schelly brought up the Western Wildland Urban Interface Grant Program. We would have to submit an application through the Colorado State Forest Service. After thorough discussion, the group decided to wait until next year to apply and instead spend this year doing the necessary planning for the grant application. Ryan also noted that the DNR Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant (WRRG) that we have applied for in the past has made it through the Senate and House of Representatives and is now waiting for the Governor to sign it. Ryan believed this would be a better grant opportunity for us than the Western Wildland Urban Interface Grant.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

Next Steering Committee Meeting: TBD at Grand Fire.

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Merrit Linke, GCWC Board Member, Grand County BOCC
Paul Mintier, PMC Wildland Systems



Amy Sidener, Grand County Division of Natural Resources
Pat Person, Property Manager
Christian Hornbaker, Grand County OEM
David Kunkle, East Grand Fire/Kunkle Services
Jim White, Town of Grand Lake



GCWC Steering Committee Meeting Minutes January 19, 2017

The January 19th Steering Committee Meeting was Called to Order by Board Chair, Schelly Olson, at 11:52pm. Eighteen members were in attendance. See the complete list of attendees at the end of these Minutes.

First up, Eric Lovgren, Eagle County Wildfire Mitigation Specialist, gave a presentation to the group about Fire Adapted Communities. Eric placed an emphasis on the People, Places, and Actions that make a difference in Fire Adapted Communities. Eric also spent some time discussing planning and zoning regulations that are important in becoming a Fire Adapted Community.

Schelly next presented the Minutes from the October 20th Steering Committee Meeting.

Moving on to the Treasurer's Report, the Council currently has \$10,528.61 in the bank account. The Council's **total income for 2016 was \$38,833.84** and included revenues from: address signs, donations, grant income, and the CSFS cost-share program. **Total expenses for 2016 summed to \$31,976.98** and included expenditures from: meetings, insurance, accounting and office supplies, printing, promotional items, the website, conference fees, address signs, the fire suppression pond at Homestead Hills, the chipping program, community assessments, and the CSFS cost-share program. **Net income for 2016 totaled \$6,858.86.** There is still \$20,000 remaining in the BLM Community Assistance Grant account and \$48,851.36 from the CSFS mitigation cost-share program. The \$2,000 from the Grand Foundation will be spent on brochures this month. Finally, the Grand Foundation just notified us that we've been granted \$1,750 for our 2017 Community Chipping Program.

Under the Mitigation Committee report, Brad said that the total funds promised by the CSFS in 2016 for our Fuels Reduction Cost-Share Program are expected to be expended by June 2017. The funds will include 3 Community Chipping Days. Brad also reported that he has requested an additional \$40,000 from the CSFS to continue the cost-share program. There has been no confirmation yet of continued funding. **The next Mitigation Committee Meeting will be February 16th at 11am at Grand Fire.**

Amy Sidener, from Grand County Division of Natural Resources, next reported that her office has issued 290 permits so far this season that includes more than 2,500 piles. Amy estimates that more than 4,800,000 cubic feet of piles has been permitted. On average, Grand County DNR permits about 350 piles per year. The burn season typically lasts until April 1st but may be extended till the end of April, depending on the weather conditions.

Under the Education Committee, Schelly reported that Fire Hydrant Clearing is a hot topic right now. The question of whose responsibility it is to clear fire hydrants of snow and ice has apparently been trending on Facebook. The group verified that it is the owner of the hydrant that is technically responsible for clearing hydrants of snow and ice. In most cases, the owner is the "Water District". Nevertheless, the group agreed that, in practicality, it is EVERYONE'S responsibility to clear hydrants. When a fire ignites in your home, you'd want the nearest hydrant accessible (regardless of whether it was or was not your responsibility to make it accessible). Schelly intends to write our next Fully Involved Article on this topic.



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Also under the Education Committee, we discussed additional ways to get the word out about the Grand County Wildfire Council and Firewise principles. Suggestions included adding info sheets to property tax notices and burn permits. Merrit Linke agreed to follow up on property tax notices. Amy Sidener agreed to hand out info with burn permits. **Post-meeting note: Sara Rosene, Grand County Clerk, contacted Shelly and agreed to add info about Grand County Wildfire Council on Vehicle Registration Notices that go out every month. Sara said that her office sends out about 23,000 of these notices a year.**

Under Old Business, Shelly stated that the Joint Fire Sciences Program Grant that was submitted in 2016 by the Boulder Research Team has not been selected yet. This grant was to fund a research project that would identify residents' expectations of wildfire management and the relationship between those expectations and their management decisions. Grant selection is expected to be finalized by March 2017.

Also under Old Business, the Grand County Board of Realtors is still interested in hosting a Wildfire Workshop in June in the style of the PPWPP Workshop. It was suggested that the workshop include more videos of what happens when wildfire strikes and how various fuel types burn differently.

Moving on to New Business, Shelly reported to the group that the Board of Directors met earlier this month to discuss an Annual Plan of Work for 2017. It is still being finalized, as is the 2017 Budget.

Next under New Business, we held an election for the two Board of Director positions that were expired. The positions had been held by Shelly Olson and Clancy Phillipsborn. First, Shelly asked for nominations. The individuals nominated for the two positions included: Shelly Olson, Merrit Linke, Ron Thompson, Amy Sidener, and Clancy Phillipsborn. Attendees were next asked to vote for two nominees using a close ballot voting system. The results revealed that Shelly Olson and Merrit Linke had the most votes, and were thus elected as Board Members, each for a 2-year term.

Finally, under New Business, Shelly encouraged everyone to join the Fire Adapted Network. You can sign up as an Affiliate Member at www.fireadaptednetwork.org.

Meeting adjourned at 2pm.

**Next Steering Committee Meeting: Thursday, April 27th, 11:30am at Grand Fire.
Possible Speaker: Summit County Wildfire Council Member**

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BRAD WHITE, GCWC Mitigation Committee Chair, Grand Fire



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Paul Mintier, PMC Wildland Systems
Amy Sidener, Grand County Division of Natural Resources
Matt Schiltz, Colorado State Forest Service
Merrit Linke, Grand County BOCC
Bill Steinmiller, Sunset Ridge POA
Hailey Vigil, Allegiant Management
Bill Tetlow, Winter Park Highlands
Deb Dobersen, Valley at Winter Park
Mike Dobersen, Valley at Winter Park Water District
Deb Brynoff, Grand County Board of Realtors
Paul Chavoustie, Town of Granby
Cheryl Dale, Grand Lake Fire
Pat Person, Property Manager

Eric Lovgren, Eagle County Wildfire Mitigation Specialist/Eagle County Community Development