



**GCWC Board Meeting Minutes  
December 15, 2017  
3pm**

The December 15<sup>th</sup> GCWC Board Meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Schelly Olson, at 3:15pm. Other members present were: Ryan McNertney, Vice President; Adam Gosey, Treasurer; Katlin Miller, Secretary; Merrit Linke, Board Member; Brad White, Mitigation Committee Chair; and Pat Person, Education Committee Chair.

First up, Schelly called for a motion to approve the July 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting minutes. Pat noticed a typo stating July 10<sup>th</sup> for the Grand Lake Fire Adapted Open House rather than the proper date of June 10<sup>th</sup>. **Merrit moved to approve the July minutes with the change from July 10<sup>th</sup> to June 10<sup>th</sup> for the Fire Adapted Open House. Ryan seconded. Motion passed.**

Next up, Adam presented the group with a financial report for fiscal year 2017. We had of \$84,863.78 in total income. Income came from: Hazardous Fuels Reduction Cost-share Program (\$66,885.91), Chipping (\$3,750), Discretionary Funds from BLM (\$10,000), Address Signs (\$3,119.87), and Donations (\$1,108). Expenses for the year totaled \$85,897.73. General and Administrative expenses equaled \$4,120.07; Public Education totaled \$2,895.78; Wildfire Mitigation expenses equaled \$73,507.90; Membership Engagement was \$4,146.31; and Fundraising expenditures were \$1,227.67. Net income for 2017 was -\$1,033.95. **Katlin moved to approve the Financials, Adam seconded, and the motion passed.** The group also discussed the reimbursement of cost-share projects that had already been completed prior to sending in an initial application. **Katlin moved to NOT reimburse any projects that have not or did not receive preapproval from the Council prior to completing work on their properties. This includes past projects and future projects. Merrit seconded. Motion passed.**

Under the Mitigation Subcommittee, Brad reported that the Fuels Reduction Cost-Share Program has been closed out. The Mitigation Crew plans to continue working on projects that no contractors want to do in the future. It will remain separate from the Council. Landowners that use the Mitigation Crew will need to pay the Fire Departments for the crew's work and then provide the Council with receipts for reimbursement.

Under the Education Subcommittee, we discussed putting more time an effort into social media advertising and education. We again discussed that the Council-formatted Fully Involved articles are too expensive to run on a regular basis, but we can send them in as guest editorials for them to format and edit as they desire. Though that sounds like a good compromise, it does come with risks in the sense that the newspaper could edit out important points. **Ryan suggested that we speak with Dan Schroeder of Summit County to see how he advertises there. Schelly also mentioned that Andy Lyon of Larkspur Fire could maybe do a video for us.**

Moving on to New Business, we discussed the 2017-2022 BLM Assistance Grant we were awarded. We currently have \$90,000 to spend on Firefighter Training and Capacity Building, Public Education, Fuels Reduction Projects, and Community Risk Assessments. Brad asked how much money could use for training this year. **The group decided that the Brad should come back at the next meeting with a proposal and budget for 2018 training expenses.**

In discussing future funding requests, **it was decided that the Mitigation Committee should develop some policies and procedures for the Cost-Share Program, and ALL future projects MUST to be pre-approved.**



Next up, Schelly mentioned that she has begun to look at the Fire Danger Signs again. Scott Spade has again requested a sign be put up in Kremmling. The group discussed possible locations, including the intersection of Hwy 9 and Hwy 40. An additional sign could also be used at the intersection of Hwy 34 and Hwy 40. The question remains, who will maintain the signs? The group agreed to continue working on this issue.

Looking towards 2018, we decided that we need to 1) increase stakeholder involvement, especially from the private sector, 2) increase fire danger and red flag warning education, and 3) have more chipping days. We elected to table the writing of the 2018 annual plan of work until a later date. Schelly also asked everyone about their future involvement with the group. Everyone committed to continuing their involvement with the Council. That being said, **Ryan, Adam, and Katlin are all up for election in 2018. The election will be held at the January Steering Committee meeting.**

Finally, Schelly asked the Board to take home the Bylaws to review and comment on any changes that are needed. Katlin also told the Board about a policy by the Colorado Department of Revenue that requires organizations that conduct sales for more than 12 calendar days a year or receives more than \$25,000 in net sales from these events to acquire a sales tax license and collect sales tax. Because we sell address signs year around, Katlin believes we should be collecting sales tax. **The group agreed to review the policy and bylaws prior to the next meeting, at which time we will vote on the approval of both documents.**

*Next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2018, at 10am at Grand Fire in Granby. The Steering Committee meeting will begin at 11:30 am on January 18<sup>th</sup>.*

Meeting adjourned at 5:10pm.