



GCWC Board Meeting Minutes July 12, 2016

The July 12th GCWC Meeting was called to order by Board Secretary, Katlin Miller, at 10am. Other members present were: Ryan McNertney, Vice President; Adam Gosey, Treasurer; and Brad White, Mitigation Committee Chairman.

First under Old Business, Katlin presented the statistics from the Grand Lake Chipping Day. We had 31 people drop off slash, 27 from the Grand Lake area and 4 from the Granby area. In total, we had 38 truckloads and 22 trailer loads dropped off that day. The combined total of acres served was approximately 85 acres. Finally, we received \$250.27 in donations. Brad calculated the cost per acre to be approximately \$14, well under the CSFS standard of \$400/acre. Brad also suggested that next we should we ask people how many hours they've spent doing fire mitigation so that we can use that as in-kind match. Katlin agreed to help for a few hours at the Red Dirt Hill site, and Brad agreed to get a resident to help as well. Everyone agreed that we should allow people to take chips from the chipping sites as long as they pick up the chips on the day of, prior to 5pm.

Next under Old Business, Brad reported that the Kremmling Roadside Fire Signs are on hold until someone agrees to maintain them in perpetuity.

The group next discussed the consulting firm that had wanted to meet with us regarding RealFire. The overall consensus was that we weren't really sure what we were getting for our \$800 expense. Furthermore, some of us were confused because we thought that the Vail Realtors were handing us a completed guide that only needed to be tweaked for Grand County. If that were the case, we weren't sure why we needed consultation. Because Schelly wasn't there to clarify some of our concerns, we decided to table the meeting with the consultant until after we speak with Schelly about it.

Also under Old Business, Katlin informed the group that we received \$2000 of the original \$10,000 requested from the Grand Foundation. These funds are to be used for Marketing Support for the Wildfire Education Program.

Katlin also made sure everyone had received the email from Schelly regarding the General Liability and Directors/Officers Insurance policies totaling \$1,790 in premiums.

Finally, Katlin reminded everyone to think about and submit Fully Involved Articles to Schelly for the Sky-Hi News.

Under New Business, Brad explained that Ron Cousineau, District Forester for the CSFS Granby Office, came to him recently about some grant money that was available through the CSFS for mitigation work. Brad and Schelly worked together to fill out the grant application, and as a result, we received verbal confirmation that we have been approved for approximately \$60,000. We haven't received all the details of the grant just yet, but we are hoping to get some projects done this summer and fall. The deadline for grant expenditure is September of 2017.



Moving on, Ryan and Katlin told the Board about a new grant opportunity through the Colorado DNR for fire mitigation. The grant deadline is August 8th. Brad suggested that we apply for funds to do fuels reduction via prescribed burns. Brad agreed to read the grant more thoroughly and contact them to see if prescribed burning would be eligible for funding.

Next up, the board discussed developing a “Project Request Form” for all projects that are proposed to the Grand County Wildfire Council. This form will help the board prioritize funding and minimize conflict of interest and/or favoritism. Katlin agreed to draft up a form and present it at the Council meeting on July 21st.

Finally, the group agreed on following agenda for the next week’s Council Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11am.

**GCWC Quarterly Council Meeting
Thursday, July 21, 2016 @ 2pm
Grand Fire Protection District #1**

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

Treasurer’s Report

Mitigation Committee Report

Chipping Program
CSFS Grant

Education Committee Report

Grand Foundation Grant

Old Business

Homework Assignments

New Business

Realtor’s Meeting
Project Request Form

Adjourn