



GCWC Board Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2018
9am

Call to Order: 9:05am

Attendees: Schelly Olson (Chair), Katlin Miller (Secretary), Adam Gosey (Treasurer), Merrit Linke (Member), Brad White (Mitigation Committee Chair), Paul Mintier (Cost-Share Program Coordinator)

New Business

• **Mitigation Committee**

- **Chipping:** The Grand Lake Chipping was a huge success. We had 85 attendees, 221 loads, and 89 acres treated. Kremmling will be the last chipping day of the year on August 11th.
- **Cost-Share:** Eight people have shown interest so far, for a total of \$8,181. Six of the interested landowners have submitted applications. Two of these projects have been completed for a total of \$3,150.
- **Other Projects:**
 - Lake Shore and Shorewood HOAs are both looking to do large Green Space mitigation projects.
 - Grand Fire received a \$43,000 Ready, Set, Go grant to have 10 weeks of truck time doing mitigation work, 3 weeks of pile burning, and one week of prescribed burning.

• **Education Committee**

- Schelly needs to print 1,000 trifold "Fire Restriction" brochures.
- We need to work with the county on Evacuation Planning. Merrit will see if the county has an evacuation plan.

• **Wire Research Team**

- The letters and surveys have been finalized. Now we need to print and send out the initial letters. Katlin agreed to print the envelopes. Schelly said she would print the initial letters for the Winter Park Highlands at Grand Fire.

• **County Mill Levy**

- Schelly proposed that we consider a mill levy to assist with fire mitigation. Merrit told the group that there are two ways to get a mill levy on the ballot: 1) by petition, and 2) by a resolution from the Board of County Commissioners. On one hand, this may be a good year to push through a resolution due to the recent Golf Course Fire. On the other hand, we will have to act soon to get the resolution passed and advertised with any success. Schelly agreed to contact Summit County and see how their resolution and ballot measure read. She will send any information she receives out to the rest of the group. September 7th is the last day to add anything to this year's ballot.

• **Fire Restrictions**

- The County is still on Stage 2 Fire Restrictions. The BOCC will consider revisions to the restrictions at their July 24th meeting. Otherwise, the restrictions will automatically expire on August 3rd (30 days after they began).
- Firearms (except for what is already illegal) have NOT been added to the fire restrictions. Furthermore, the Byers Canyon Shooting Range, operated by Colorado Parks & Wildlife, is considering reopening.



- **Media**
 - Our current contract with the Always Mountain Time Radio is soon set to expire. The Board agreed that the ads are beneficial, so Schelly will negotiate with them for a new contract.
 - Merrit suggested that we speak with our local television station, TV18, to do a remote interview at a chipping day.
 - It was also suggested that we get in touch with Matt Renoux of 9 News and Matt Kroschel of CBS4 to do remote interviews at our chipping days (next year).
- **Era of Megafires Screenings**
 - Colorado Timber Resources has scheduled two additional screening of “Era of Megafires”.
 - July 28th at 11am at the Foundry in Winter Park
 - August 17th at 6:30pm in Grand Lake
- **Charitable Organization Registration/Colorado Gives**
 - Katlin is working on getting registered with the State of Colorado as a Charitable Organization. Once registered, we can get on the Colorado Gives website.
 - Katlin will also look into Amazon Smile and getting on there.
- **Agenda for Steering Committee Meeting**
 - Era of Megafires Ted Talk
 - IC for Sugarloaf Fire
 - Increase in Board Members from 5 to 7?
 - Update on all activities
 - We will order BBQ for the meeting
- **Election of Vice President**
 - Merrit was nominated for the position of Vice President. He accepted the nomination, and all voted in favor of electing Merrit as the Vice President.
- **Other Business**
 - Merrit suggested that we contact John Brackney of Webolutions (www.webolutions.com) some time to chat about his organization and how they can help us grow. (303.300.2640)
 - Merrit also suggested that we join Club 20 (an advocacy group for the 22 counties in Western Colorado). Their website is <https://club20.org/>. Grand County Wildfire Council could join as a business partner for \$300 per year. Merrit will be at the Club 20 meeting in Granby on Wednesday and Thursday (July 26th and 27th).
 - Colorado Counties Inc. (CCI) will be meeting in Poncha Springs, CO, on August 23rd. The main topic of discussion will be Pre-Disaster Plans. Merrit will be attending, but he invited other interested parties to attend as well.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:15 am