



Lunch: We had BBQ from Sagebrush Grill for Lunch.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Schelly Olson at 12:05pm.

Members Present (24):

Schelly Olson (Grand Fire, GCWC Chair)	Deb Doberson (Valley at Winter Park)
Katlin Miller (MP Conservation District, GCWC Secretary)	Mike Long (Grand Lake Fire)
Brad White (Grand Fire, GCWC Mitigation Chair)	Bob Colosimo (Winter Park Highlands)
Pat Person (Homeowner, GCWC Education Chair)	Geoff Elliot (Grand Environment/UCRWG)
Paul Mintier (Grand Fire)	Dave Holsinger (Homestead Hills)
Christian Hornbaker (Grand County OEM)	

Review of Past Minutes:

The group reviewed the Minutes of the January 2018 Steering Committee Meeting. **Bob moved to approve the minutes. Pat seconded the motion. When called for a vote, the MOTION PASSED!**

Financial Update:

Schelly presented the checks/deposits report from April 27th to July 26th, 2018. Gross income for the quarter was \$-4,377.19. Most checks and deposits involved address signage, fire danger signs, Junk the Juniper vouchers, chipping, and our 990 tax filing. **Bob moved to approve the financial report. Deb seconded the motion. When called for a vote, the MOTION PASSED!**

Mitigation Committee Report:

- Cost-Share Program: 8 potential projects totaling \$13,431
- Chipping Program: 3 dates down, 1 to go (Kremmling on August 11th). Grand Lake was super successful (85 attendees, 221 loads)
- The Mitigation Committee will be meeting on September 6th and November 8th at 3pm at Grand Fire.
- Mitigation Crew is currently working on projects at Winding River Villas.

Education Committee Report:

- Era of Megafires: 2 more dates hosted by Colorado Timber Resources
 - Saturday, June 28th at 11am at the Foundry
 - Friday, August 17th at 6:30pm at Grand Lake Community House
- We will be printing 1000 copies of our Fire Info Brochure

Old Business:

- Fire Danger Signs: We ordered 3 large rainbow dial fire danger signs, but they were damaged during shipping and sent back for repair. Waiting to get them back
- Colorado Gives Day/Amazon Smile: Katlin is working to get us registered with the State of Colorado as a Charitable Organization, so we can begin accepting donations through Colorado Gives and Amazon Smile
- Wire Team: We will be meeting with the Wire Team next week to begin surveying the Winter Park Highlands. Communities that will be assessed next include: Columbine Lake, Winter Park Ranch, and Big Horn Park.



New Business:

- Fire Restrictions: The BOCC downgraded the Fire Restrictions from State 2 to Stage 1 as of July 24th at 4pm.
- Board Member #: The Board asked the members if we should increase the number of board members from 5 to 7. No one immediately volunteered, so the number remained at 5. Deb said she might be interested starting next year, so we will revisit the idea in October and/or January.
- Vice Chair: Schelly noted that the Board had elected Merrit Linke as the Vice Chair at their last Board Meeting (July 18th).
- County Mill Levy: Schelly told the group that the Board is considering asking the BOCC to adopt a mill levy for wildfire mitigation and prevention. Overall, the group seemed for the mill levy with a sunset provision. The Board will continue to work on it and see if we can get it on the ballot this year.

Agency and Attendee Reports:

Valley at Winter Park

- Deb is working on a letter to the BLM asking them to create a fire break at the bottom of Sheep Mountain. She asked the Wildfire Council to support and endorse the letter. The Council said that we would endorse the letter. Deb agreed to work with Brad and Paul on the letter.

Grand Fire

- Looking at purchasing a new wildland truck
- Has gone on 9 resource orders thus far this year
- Working on an inclusion of Trail Creek Estates into GFPD #1
- Looking to put a De-Gallagherization question on the ballot this year
- Has worked to organize the Mountain Area Mutual Aid group between 10 counties in NW Colorado. This group provides mutual aid for the first 24-hours of initial attack on wildland fires.

East Grand Fire

- Very busy with new construction
- Has had a few fires in district
- Has helped out with a few Mutual Aid calls in and out of county

Pat Person

- Pat is reading a book called *Megafire* by Michael Kotis. She recommends it to everyone.
- RMNP is looking to do mitigation work along the NP/FS boundary near Sloopy's.

Middle Park Conservation District

- Hosting a Water Law in a Nutshell Workshop in Grand Lake on August 24th. Cost is \$52. Contact Katlin at middleparkcd@gmail.com to sign up.

Upper Colorado River Watershed Group (UCRWG)

- Wrote a Watershed Resiliency Plan for the Bureau of Reclamation Water Smart program. It was approved, so now they are working on a 9-step watershed plan.
- Has been working with Grand Lake Metro Rec District on wildfire mitigation projects along their trails. GLMRD has a new intern, Samantha Cathey, who will be working on improving their social media presence.
- Geoff watched a webinar of wildfires and hydrophobic soils. He said that it takes 5-10 years for soils to recover and bring back their "sponginess". You can expect 2 years of flooding to occur after a fire due to the hydrophobic properties of soil after wildfire.



**GCWC Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2018
11:30am**

Grand Lake Fire

- Hosting a Community After Action Meeting regarding the Golf Course Fire on August 7th at 5pm at the Grand Lake Fire Station #1.
- There were over 100 spot fires up to 4/10 of a mile away from the Golf Course Fire. However, the mitigation work previously completed in the area, along with the quick actions by firefighters, helped reduce the spread of those fires to neighboring structures. No structures were lost in the fire.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.