



Approved Minutes – August 3 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Location: In-Person at Leoni Meadows

**1. Call to Order** - Please make sure your comments and discussion are appropriate to the particular agenda item that we’re discussing. Anything not related to a specific agenda item should be brought up during Council Member Comments, if it’s related to Council business. If it’s not related to Council business it needs to be brought up during Public Comment. Public Comments are limited to 3 minutes and there will not be any discussion or interaction following each comment.

- The meeting was called to order at 9:31 am by Chairman Mark Almer.

**2. Flag Salute** - The flag salute was conducted by Kris Kersmarki.

**3. Roll Call** - The attendance was taken by Secretary, Deirdre Marsh-Girardi.

**4. Timekeeper Volunteer** - Timekeeper was David Manske

**5. Approval of the August 3, 2024 Agenda** - A motion was made by Mel Kelley to approve the agenda as amended. A second was made by Liz Lawless. The motion passed unanimously

**6. Approval of the July 6, 2024 Minutes** - A motion was made by Roy Rodgers to approve the minutes as submitted. A second was made by Mel Kelley. The motion passed unanimously.

**7. Treasurer’s Report – Mark Almer** - Treasurer Mark Almer gave a report of the treasurer’s report. Document linked here: [GFFSC Treasurer's Report 08032024](#)

**8. Agency Reports**

- a. Pioneer Fire Protection District – PFPD Chief Dave Whitt/Fire Marshal Ken Earle - not present
- b. Report of Information from Pioneer FPD meeting/GFFSC Information to be shared at PFPD Board Meeting – David Manske/Robin Kelley - no new updates
- c. El Dorado County Sheriff's Office / OES – Deputy Scott Bare/Deputy Greg Almos/Deputy Kris Kersmarki - Deputy Kris Kersmarki reported that he recently returned from assisting with the Butte Park Fire. No new updates on local issues.

- d. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council – Ernie Lory - Mark Almer reported out on behalf of Ernie Lory. Minutes linked here: [EDCFSC 7-17-2024 Notes](#)
- e. California Highway Patrol – Public Information Officer Andrew Brown - not present
- f. El Dorado Resource Conservation District – Mark Egbert - not present
- g. U.S. Forest Service – Placerville Dist. Ranger Andrew Mishler - not present
- h. CAL FIRE, Amador-El Dorado Unit – Battalion Chief Josh Vickers / Public - Information Officer Wendy Oaks - not present
- i. State Senate District 4 – Heidi Mayerhofer - not present

## 9. Neighboring Fire Safe Councils

- a. Aukum/Fairplay - not present
- b. Omo Ranch - Shiela Triebull reported that the Omo Ranch FSC installed a new cargo container at Fire Station 37. She also shared that there will be a meeting at the West Slope office on August 14 and September 11. The objective of these meetings is to present the results of the wine signage pilot project.
- c. Sand Ridge - not present

## 10. Old Business

- a. GFFSC Vacancies – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action - Mark Almer reported there are 11 vacancies and to tell friends and neighbors.
- b. Time Sheet Submittal – David Manske – Discussion - David Manske shared that he has been receiving timesheets.
- c. Cemetery Clean-up (proposed date July 21) – Mark Almer / Ernie Lory – Discussion/Action - Mark Almer reported the project was successful and they were able to clear between 1/3-1/2 acres of brush.
- d. Community Clean proposed date September 28, 2024 - Mark Almer - Discussion/Action - Mark Almer reported that David Manske will be in charge of the project with Craig Heimrich coordinating the project.

## 11. New Business

- a. August 17 Food Bank Distribution/Caldor Fire 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary request to FSC – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action - Mark Almer led a discussion about GFFSC participating in this event. Due to the fact that none of the council members are available to work this event, it was decided that the GFFSC will pass on participating in the event.
- b. Budget amendment request, website - Mark Almer / Deirdre Girardi - Discussion/Action - Mark Almer led a discussion about the increased cost of GFFSC website's web platform, Streamline. This increase in Streamline's service will increase upon renewal on September 1, 2024. He also shared how the website cost has increased due to the company's increased cost of developing tools to help websites comply with new DOJ ADA requirements to begin in 2026. A motion was made by Mel Kelley to approve the council paying for the increase

of the website subscription from \$300 to \$660. A second was made by Liz Lawless The motion passed 7/1 .

**12. Committee Reports**

- a. Public Education – Mark Almer - Mark Almer provided an update of public events including updates on social media and the GFFSC website and banners at the post office bulletin board.
- b. Defensible Space – David Manske / Liz Lawless / Matt Nunley / Robin Kelley - David Manske shared that he has not had any recent requests for defensible space and assessor training.
- c. Grants – Ernie Lory / David Manske - David Manske shared that there is nothing new to share out.
- d. Fundraising – David Manske / Robin Kelley / Kelly Krohn - David Maske shared that he had one request for a sign which he completed recently. Mark Almer requested that David Manske reach out to Kelly Krohn about fundraising ideas including selling GFFSC merchandise.
- e. Website – Deirdre Girardi / Kelly Krohn / Robin Kelley - Deirdre Girardi had nothing new to report.
- f. Membership Recruitment Committee - Kelly Krohn / Olivia Moreno - Olivia Moreno had nothing new to report.

**13. Public Comment** – Limited to 3 minutes for items not already on the agenda. - none

**14. Council Member Comments** – Limited to 3 minutes for items not already on the agenda. - none

**15. Public Announcements** - Mel Kelley reported that there is a public meeting on August 10, 2024 regarding county ordinances concerning Grizzly Flat residents living on their properties in RVs. Mark Almer shared information about the gravesite services for Kathie Hawkins scheduled for Saturday, August 24 at 11am, Westwood Hills Memorial Park, 2720 Cold Springs Rd, Placerville, CA 95667. See linked document for more information: [☰ Kathie Hawkins' gravesite services](#)

**16. For the Good of the Order** - none

**17. Adjourn** - Liz Lawless motioned and Charlene Ank seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:05. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Deirdre Girardi*

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Secretary