



The mission of the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council is to preserve Grizzly Flats' natural and manmade resources by informing, educating and mobilizing all residents and landowners to make their homes, properties, neighborhoods and the community fire safe, supporting emergency response efficiency, and to provide area-wide cooperation, innovation, and action in an effort to buffer the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council's Sphere of Recognition from catastrophic wildfire.

Minutes – June 1, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Location: In-Person at Leoni Meadows - in the large room on the left in the main building.

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.

- a. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Chairman Mark Almer.

2. **Flag Salute** - The flag salute was conducted by Roy Rodgers.

3. **Roll Call** -- The attendance was taken by Chairperson Mark Almer.

4. **Timekeeper Volunteer** - none

5. **Approval of the June 1, 2024 Agenda** - A motion was made by Kelly Krohn to approve the agenda as amended. A second was made by Liz Lawless. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Approval of the May 4, 2024 Minutes** - A motion was made by Mel Kelley to approve the minutes as submitted. A second was made by David Manske. The motion passed unanimously.

**10.**

h. 2024 Executive Board Elections - Election Committee Kelly Krohn & Scott Edwards - In Scott Edwards' absence, Charlene Ank served with Kelly Krohn on the election committee. After the ballots were counted, the voting was unanimous, Mark Almer was re-elected Chairperson, Ernie Lory re-elected 1st Vice Chairperson, David Manske re-elected 2nd Vice Chairperson, Deirdre Girardi re-elected Secretary and Mark Almer elected Treasurer

**11.**

a. FY 2024-2025 Budget – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action -Chairperson/Acting Treasurer Mark Almer presented the proposed 2024-2025 budget to the Council. The only

suggestion, which was presented by Roy Rodgers, was to include the annual cost of the Verizon One-Talk phone plan (\$250). A motion to approve the budget, as amended, was made by Mel Kelley with a second by Scott Edwards. The motion passed unanimously. Approved budget linked here: [GFFSC 2024-2025 Council Approved Budget.pdf](#)

- b. Community Service Award Presentation - Ernie Lory - see linked declaration [2024 GF CSA Mark Almer & Susan Kim- Almer.pdf](#)

**7. Treasurer's Report – Mark Almer** – Mark Almer presented the Treasurer's Report - the report is linked here: [GFFSC Treasurer's Report 06012024\(1\)](#)

### 8. Agency Reports

- a. Pioneer Fire Protection District – PFPD Chief Dave Whitt/Fire Marshal Ken Earle - Chief Whitt provided an update including staffing, current training, equipment, facilities, and policy updates
- b. Report of Information from Pioneer FPD meeting/GFFSC Information to be shared at PFPD Board Meeting – David Manske/Robin Kelley - David Mankse declared that he had nothing else to add to Chief Whitt's report about staffing, current training, equipment, facilities, and policy updates.
- c. El Dorado County Sheriff's Office / OES – Deputy Scott Bare/Deputy Greg Almos/Deputy Kris Kersmarki - not present
- d. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council – Ernie Lory - see notes from Ernie [EDCFSC Mtg 5-15-2024\(2\)](#)
- 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
- j. Team Rubicon – Corde Wagner - not present

### 9. Neighboring Fire Safe Councils

- a. Aukum/Fairplay - not present
- b. Omo Ranch - Shiela Triebull reported that the Omo Ranch FSC recently had a chipping day. She also shared that they completed the second phase of the water project and that plans for the next two phases of this project will be presented at their next FSC meeting. Sheila discussed the wine signage project and how this project's goal was to show how south county fire safe councils could share resources and collaborate. She expressed that the result of the pilot was not primarily about fundraising but about showing how this type of project can effectively educate the public about the role of fire safe councils and show how the south county fire safe councils can work collaboratively. She also wanted

the GFFSC to know how all of the other south county FSC have learned much from observing the GFFSC and how it functions. She concluded her presentation by asking the GFFSC to consider whether the council would be interested in collaborating and participating in future projects.

- c. Sand Ridge - not present

#### 10. Old Business

- a. GFFSC Vacancies – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action - Mark Almer reported there are 10 vacancies and to tell friends and neighbors.
- b. Time Sheet Submittal – David Manske – Discussion - David Manske gave an update on the timesheets and reminded everyone to turn in their time sheets.
- c. Routes Out of the Community Signage – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action - Mark Almer reported that we are still waiting to hear from the USFS.
- d. GFFSC 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee – Ernie Lory / Deirdre Girardi – the 20th Anniversary slide deck will be posted on the GFFSC and the book can be purchased for \$70.
- e. Green Waste Bag Distribution Final Report - Mark Almer - Discussion/Action - Mark Almer thanked all who volunteered to give out 2036 bags during this event. The remaining bags will be given out at the upcoming Firewise Event.
- f. Defensible Space Assessor Training - Ernie Lory / David Manske – Mark Almer reported that the training is pending and future dates have not been determined. Mark Almer shared that the council will be purchasing a tablet for assessors to use for entering data.
- g. 2024 Firewise Day / June 22, 2024 – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action - Mark Almer reviewed all of the committee assignments.
- h. moved to beginning of agenda
- i. FireWise Silent Auction Donations – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action – no updates
- j. Residential Chipping Event: Final Report – Ernie Lory – Discussion/Action – Discussion/Action - Ernie Lory reported that this event was canceled because no one signed up for the chipping.

#### 11. New Business

- a. moved to beginning of agenda
- b. moved to beginning of agenda

#### 12. Committee Reports

- a. Public Education – Mark Almer - Mark Almer reported that the banners for the upcoming Firewise Event and GFFSC awareness and recruitment have been posted at the post office.

- b. Defensible Space – David Manske / Liz Lawless / Matt Nunley / Robin Kelley - David Manske shared that he has not had any new requests for defensible space evaluations.
- c. Grants – Ernie Lory / David Manske - no new updates
- d. Fundraising – David Manske / Robin Kelley - David Manske reported that he has had two requests for address signs this month.
- e. Website – Deirdre Girardi / Kelly Krohn / Robin Kelley - Deirdre Girardi reported that she has updated the website with current updates and events.

13. **Public Comment** – Limited to 3 minutes for items not already on the agenda.

14. **Council Member Comments** – Limited to 3 minutes for items not already on the agenda.

- a. Mark Almer shared that the West Slope Foundation requested a GFFSC council member to attend their West Slope Disaster Preparedness Event. David Manske will represent GFFSC at this event.
- b. Mark Almer shared that Scott Edwards submitted his resignation as a council member. He is relocating to Denver, CO.
- c. Ernie Lory gave an update on RCD's projects.
- d. Mark Almer reported that he has been in touch with Robin Kelley and Ernie Lory regarding the possibility of having a cemetery fuel reduction project. The deer brush and manzanita have taken over several plots. If it moves forward, it would need to be conducted during the early morning hours to avoid the heat and fire danger. It could be done in either July or August.

15. **Public Announcements - none**

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

17. **Adjourn** - Scott Edwards motioned and Liz Lawless seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:38. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Deirdre Marsh-Girardi*

Deirdre Girardi

Secretary