

SHASTA COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL, INC.  
9444 Deschutes Road (at the Shasta Co. Farm Bureau), Palo Cedro, CA 96073  
(simulcast on Zoom)  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
August 19, 2021

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Richard Sealana, President.

**Present:** Board Members and Guests were welcomed.

Introduction of Officers: Dr. Richard Sealana, President  
Roger Jaegel, Vice President  
Jim Chapin, Executive Director  
Frances Belden - Recording Secretary

Introduction of Board Members:  
Richard Karem  
Tania Greenwood

Absent: Ed Stewart - Chief Financial Officer  
Mike Berry - Board Member  
Barbara Holder - Board Member  
Garrett Costello - Board Member

Guests: Several Guests were in attendance who were interested in what Shasta County Fire Safe Council is doing.

**President's Reports & Comments: Richard Sealana**

- A. July 20, 2021, Presentation to the Shasta Co. Board of Supervisors
- This presentation's purpose was to apply for California State Fire Safe Council County Coordinator Grant (\$175K). Richard Sealana stated that the presentation went well and was confident we would receive this grant.
- B. Signed agreement with Lassen Fire Safe Council (LFSC)
- This was discussed and some clarity was established. It was the consensus that SCFSC will hold one meeting every month instead of a Board of Directors meeting and then a General Meeting, primarily because the same items were on each agenda.

- C. SCFSC Committees - need for Director participation (exhibit).
- This was discussed and still in progress.
- D. Website development (Garrett Costello)
- Garrett and Kayla Costello shared that we should follow the Shasta County Fire Safe Council's FaceBook page and 'like' it.
  - Kayla Costello shared that Roger Jaegel's bio was still needed and also the pictures that Mike Berry said he would provide.
  - Regarding our Mission Statement, "Corp." needs to be changed to "A Non-Profit" or "Community based."
  - It was the consensus of those present to take this up at an Executive Board Meeting.

### **Executive Director Updates & Reports**

- A. CWPP
- Updating of the Shasta County FSC CWPP was done by Western Region of the Redding Conservation District several years ago in 2015-2016. Lassen FSC updates their CWPP every year with new projects, etc. and we will be following their lead.
  - Jim shared that he met with several counties regarding needed projects and details of each. CWPP is a living document.
  - CWPP will be looking to start some projects soon by Roger Jaegel and Richard Karem.
  - Two big grants have been applied for: Whitmore with 2,400 acres and Shingletown with 16,000 acres. They have been approved and funded.

### **Committee Reports**

- A. Executive Committee
- No Report
- B. Nominating Committee
- No Report
- C. Grant Management Committee
- Jim Chapin is anticipating grants - Whitmore CalOES using FEMA money for Home Hardening for approximately 20-25 homes. On hold for now due to fires...may start this fall.
  - Richard Seleana reported that a grant for \$75,000 from PG&E Wildfire Ready & Resilient is going to be applied for.

- Katlyn Lonergan, Lassen Fire Safe Council, is currently filling out the County Coordinator Grant for SCFSC.

D. Education and Outreach Committee

- Those present were invited to view the Education Trailer. “Home Hardening” information needs to be added.
- The Education Trailer is now road worthy and can be brought to many more communities.
- SCFSC also helping to organize Fire Wise Communities.

E. Project Development Committee

- Jim Chapin talked about possible sites. Shingletown FSC shared that they may have some sites.
- Richard and Jim met with the communities of Lakehead, Oak Run, and Montgomery Creek about CWPP.

**Old Business & Followup from Previous Meetings**

A. Risk Assessment in Home Ignition Zones Project

- Tom Esgate reported that this workshop was cancelled due to fires.

B. Safety Zones and Signs Project

- Ed Stewart reported that along with signs, reflector lights are also very helpful in showing escape routes away from fires.

C. Meeting with McConnell Foundation - Carr Fire Mitigation Grant

- Alex Carter, McConnell Foundation, is tied up with Trinity County Fires. Roger Jaegel and Richard Karem will meet with Alex when he is available. Jim Chapin will also attend regarding new Executive Director funding.

**New Business**

A. Recruitment

- Coordinator/administrator/project manager position(s) will be discussed at an Executive Board meeting.
- Jim Chapin agreed to continue as Executive Director until another one can be found.

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- Jim Chapin gave some history on Shasta County Fire Safe Council. It started when he attended a Healthy Forest Initiative Meeting

representing Forest Landowners of California (Shasta County was not represented) at the Gaya Hotel. At that meeting, Mary Rickert, Shasta County Board of Supervisors, asked if Jim would help revive the Shasta County Fire Safe Council. He accepted and applied for our 501(c)3 from the IRS. With the help from Lassen Fire Safe Council, we were able to accept some funds through grants. The first SCFSC Board Meeting was on July 17, 2020.

- Sarah Hendrix shared that she hope SCFSC could help the Oak Run Community with fuel reduction in the near future.
- Some discussion followed. Work with commercial partners like BLM, SPI, Beatty is very helpful in reduction of fuels.
- Shingletown FSC owns equipment that aids in fuel reduction, ie, chipper, chain saws, wood splitters, etc.
- Roger Jaegel shared how important is it to expedite fuel reduction from previous fires, ie, the Carr Fire.
- There was agreement that the Fountain Wind Power Project will not be good to protect forested land.
- Prevailing wages are high and area huge road block to getting projects done which is why we are involving McConnell Foundation and applying for grants from them.

### **Meetings to be Set**

- A. Executive Committee
- B. Nominating Committee
- C. Grant Management Committee
- D. Education & Outreach Committee (Chair - Richard Sealana)
- E. Budget & Finance Committee (Chair v- Ed Stewart)
- F. Projects Development Committee
- G. Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) (Chair - Jim Chapin)
- H. Other \_\_\_\_\_

### **Next Meeting**

Thursday, September 16, 2021

**Jim Chapin moved and Roger Jaegel seconded to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.**