



Pikes Peak Wildfire Prevention Partners Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday, June 11, 2009
Meeting Time: **1:00 – 3:00 pm**
Meeting Location: University of Colorado Colorado Springs
Colorado Springs, CO

Thank you to Mark Janssen for hosting the meeting.

1. Call to Order at 1:02, and Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes. Motion made, 2nd and passed to approve minutes of May 14, 2009.
3. Treasurer's Report- Starting balance of \$7,054.41 and ending balance of \$6,815.17. Motion made, 2nd to accept Treasurer's Report.
4. New Business
 - a. Dana Butler (USFS) was unable to attend and present on the recent Australian fires. He will be rescheduled for July.
5. Old Business
 - a. Mitigation Project updates
 - i. New Santa Fe Trail- tentatively set for Sept 18th/19th or Sept. 25th/26th. Also pending El Paso County approval. A chipping contractor is needed for the day.
 - b. Campfire Soup- No report.
 - c. Insurance and liability coverage for the board and members was discussed. The executive board will meet to discuss the issue.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. The Woodland Park Firewise Fair was poorly attended. Future topics for discussion may be firewise conferences, annual awards, and educational projects.
7. County Reports
 - a. El Paso
 - i. Matt Matwijec was recently hired as a new forester for the Woodland Park District CSFS.
 - ii. Wescott Fire CWPP partners meeting held.
 - iii. Whistler Ranch CWPP first draft received.
 - iv. Interpretive signs were installed at the PPWPP 2008 project area along Herring Road.
 - v. Bill Tessmer, EP OEM, introduced himself and will be attending future PPWPP meetings.
 - vi. USFS reported on educational efforts of returning war vets on wildfire safety.

- vii. AFA- completing Gambel oak treatment and working with NORAD staff on fuel treatments abutting Broadmoor Bluffs.
 - viii. C. Springs- Fuels crew fully staffed with projects in Neal Ranch, Skyway/Bear Creek.
 - ix. UCCS now using building construction as fire mitigation tool to prevent loss to fires by putting up buildings.
 - x. Judy Von Ahlfeld working on an evacuation route grant for the Black Forest Area.
 - xi. Jinks site at Cheyenne Mountain State Park to be bid soon.
- b. Douglas-
- i. DC Government- Dawson Butte Open Space project has been bid and to be awarded soon. Public Service Announcement now being developed on property loss. Franktown now has a RAWS weather station. DC-OEM now assembling pre-designated county resources. The May 2nd Wildland Drill after action report will be released soon.
 - ii. Woodlands-Escavera- Firewise Day set for July 11th.
 - iii. Roxborough Park- Emergency Egress construction delayed by State Parks (fur/feather issues).
 - iv. Perry Park- Massive storm damage (mitigation!) in process of being cleaned up. Project layout will begin soon as authorized by PPMD board. USFS owl hooting survey now in progress for potential Mexican spotted owls.
 - v. Larkspur Properties- Treatment completed on 16 acres of 45 total acres.
- c. Teller
- i. Dave Root announces FRFTP grant deadline of July 15th and WUI Grant deadline of August 12th.
 - ii. Woodland Park Healthy Forest Initiative projects in progress and planned for more in the future. A CWPP is now planned for the WPHFI treatment area.
 - iii. USFS activities included a Forest Stewardship award for up to 25,000 acres of treatment. Long John project in progress. June 30th legislative trip planned.
8. Upcoming Events
- a. Chris Barth to bring Cedar Height evacuation drill DVD's to next meeting.
9. FYI
- a. Rocky Mountain Educational/Information Committee needs potential members.
 - b. Smokey Bear will be celebrating his 65th birthday.
 - c. 7th anniversary of the Hayman Fire was acknowledged.
 - d. Front Range Fuel Treatment Partnership grants due by July 15th.
10. Next Meeting: Cedar Heights, Colorado Springs
11. Adjourned at 2:55pm.

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