

**Prescott Area  
Wildland/Urban Interface Commission  
Minutes  
August 6, 2015**

**Participants:** Ric Nargie, Ben Tuttle, Eric Steffey, Denny Foulk, Bill Brye, Cal Willahan, Dennis Light, David Bowden, Jack Smith, Mary Ann Clark, Larry Gray, Earl Carpenter, Ken Murray, Cindi Miner, Loren Bykerk, Greg Clark, Al West, Jerry Borgelt, Paul Mazade, George Sheats, Ken Karkula, Roger Swenson, Paul Beck, Judy Egan, John Beddow, Betty Higgins, Andie Smith, Rick Chase, Harry Oberg, Mary Beth Hein, Cynthia Gentle, Randy Virden, Craig Brown, Ginny Shugars, Don Devendorf, Mike Brockert, Toby Cook, Hugh Vallely, Marsha Collier, Matt Lettrell, Darrell Anderson, Cheri Ditto, Tim McFarlan, Russ Shumate, Shirley Howell, Bob Betts, Ron Sauntman

**Recorder:** Shirley Howell

**1. Call to Order/Introductions**

Meeting was called to order and introductions were made.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

June 2015 minutes were approved.

**3. Financial Report- Voted on and approved by Commission.**

**Treasurer's Report**

May 29, 2015 Starting Checkbook Balance \$ 22,669.11  
Subtotal plus Credits/Deposits \$ 22,696.30  
Debits/Expenses \$ 4263.30  
Ending Bank Balance \$ 18,433.00  
Pending Deposits \$28,257.40  
Pending Expenses Balance \$ 686.97  
Checkbook Balance as of June 30 \$46,003.43  
Title III Monies \$ 9,842.60  
Actual Operational Monies \$ 7,903.43

June 30, 2015 Starting Checkbook Balance \$ 18,433.00  
Subtotal plus Credits/Deposits \$48,866.40  
Debits/Expenses \$ 26,641.24  
Ending Bank Balance \$ 20,225.16  
Pending Deposits \$00.00  
Pending Expenses Balance \$ 1,464.91  
Checkbook Balance as of June 30 \$18,760.25  
Title III Monies \$ 9,596.90  
Actual Operational Monies \$ 9,163.35

**4. Agency and Community Activity Reports**

**Board of Supervisors/Emergency Management-** Chairman Craig Brown, Board of Supervisors, announced that the new county Probation crew would be doing mitigation work on county property from Granite Oaks to Buchanan Drive. He stated the crew had been used in Ponderosa Park in a creek bed and encouraged all county communities to use them if available. They are free and completing court mandated community service. They are most available on weekends. Denny Foulk explained that he is working with

Hassayampa and Prescott Skyline to reach an agreement regarding egress from Prescott Skyline. He encourages all to work with their neighbors to reach agreements at the lowest level possible. Denny encouraged all communities to create or review a current evacuation plan as a part of their Firewise commitments. Denny also reminded everyone though we've had an unusual lack of fire, hazardous conditions still exist so please be careful when you are out and about. Supervisor Smith had no updates and Bob Betts reminded everyone that the Yavapai County slash program would begin again August 21. Bob also recognized mayoral candidate, Harry Oberg.

**PFD-** Marsha Collier stated that PFD participated in National Night Out. They are currently pursuing 2 grants, one due in August and one due in October. The chipper crew continues to work with communities.

**CYFD/Chino Valley Fire Department** – Several folks are out on fires in California and Washington.

The chipper is fixed and they will begin working with communities again to help eliminate slash.

Property assessments continue and Assistant Chief Andie Smith continues to provide educational talks to various community groups. Things are very dry and all are hoping for moisture.

**Arizona State Forestry Division-** Russ Shumate had no report in fuels management.

**PNF-** Toby Cook reported on the SA fire stating that 2,000 acres had burned as of 8/6/15. The Cleator fire is the first in an unknown amount of time and it is cleaning up a lot of fuels. The mastication project along Walker Road is coming along as is the thinning project at The Ranch at Prescott along Senator Highway. Crews have been fairly busy with lightning strikes. Matt Latrell said thinning projects in the Groom Creek area are going well.

**Wildfire Communities-** Al West of Southview explained that ticket sales are slow and they had about \$100 to share but the Board had decided to donate \$5 per lot to PAWUIC. Al West presented a check for \$830.

## **5. Old Business**

**Grant Updates-** Shirley Howell reported that monies were available through Title III and WFHF 2014. If interested, please contact her on her cell, 928-533-7338. She also stated that the SFA 2016 grant application is now posted and application must be submitted to AZ State Forestry by August 21. Shirley stated that all interested need to contact her immediately and submit their request to her by August 15. Shirley explained that PAWUIC did not receive any of the SFA 2015 monies. One grant was awarded in the state and it went to Coconino County.

**Christmas Parade Ride-Along** - Bob Betts reported that ticket sales appear to be slow. There are 4 communities that have not picked up their materials yet. The raffle drawing will be done at the November meeting.

**Retailer Rebates** - Bob asked for a show of hands of those who had signed up for Fry's or Amazon Smile. There was a show of 5 hands. He asked all to please do this. Bob also stated that Fry's requires a renewal sign-up every August 1.

## **6. New Business**

Russ Shumate announced a grants workshop at 10 a.m. on August 12, 2015 through Arizona State Forestry Division.

Denny Foulk introduced the Emergency Management Planner, Ron Sauntman.

Bob Betts met with candidates to inform them of PAWUIC issues, concerns and interests.

Bob announced that he and Shirley had met with Arizona State Forestry Division's new Forester Jeff Whitney. We were challenged to identify and do a joint project with ASFD. Bob also explained that he and Shirley had met with a group from Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project to explore if a similar program might be implemented in Prescott.

The PAWUIC Q2 2015-quarterly report will be distributed next week.

## **7. Committee Reports-**

**Website-** Dr. Mary Ann Clark reminded all to send information including firewise/ chipper days, inspiring stories, and photos to her for PAWUIC's website and Facebook page. Agendas, minutes, announcements and other reports are highlighted on the website. She also reminded all that a new url, yavapaifirewise.org will take you to the current pawuicaz.org website. There are also links to Facebook and Twitter. The hope is that the new url will be easier for folks to remember.

### **Back to New Business:**

Denny Foulk asked that a return to new business be allowed so that Chief Light could discuss the City of Prescott's Question 3 on the upcoming ballot. Chief Light stated that the new budget was predicated on the failure of Question 3. He reported that payment had already been made toward the retirement debt as that is a part of the City's financial responsibilities. Several positions are currently open. There have been \$1.8 million dollars in cuts and this is expected to continue over the next several years if Question 3 is defeated. Cuts will be made through collaboration of all departments included in the general fund

**8. Award Presentation-** County Board of Supervisor Chairman Craig Brown and Bob Betts presented Toby Cook with a plaque of appreciation for his services to PAWUIC. Toby stated that he had enjoyed working with PAWUIC and thanked all for their support. He shared that Aaron Folberg will replace him as FMO.

## **9. Guest Speaker- Firewise Certifications and Awards, Russ Shumate**

Russ Shumate congratulated and welcomed High Valley Ranch as a newly certified Firewise community. Ric Nargie, Firewise Chair, and Dawn Stoner, HOAMCO representative, received the signs and award.

Russ presented Manzanita Village with a banner for five (5) consecutive years as a Firewise community. Forest Trails did not have a representative present so the ten (10) year award for them as a Firewise community will be presented next month.

Agency representatives were told they could leave if desired as the next section of the meeting was specific to Firewise Communities and a research project under exploration by Eric Steffey, an ASU doctoral student.

## **10. Eric Steffey, A.S.U. Doctoral student**

Eric is conducting a study in the area of mitigation. What are the factors that make people want to mitigate fuels? Is it education? What are the driving forces? Risk? What are the community's attitudes towards the intention to mitigate? Do people feel that mitigation is their responsibility or someone else? Eric explained that he is looking for a place to do this research that may inform policy and direct resources. He is just getting to know Prescott. He sees it as a unique and dynamic place and is working to learn current policies. He is currently developing relationships and would like to know if communities in PAWUIC would be willing to work with him. Rancho Vista Hills, Highland Pines, Manzanita Village, Prescott Lakes, Ponderosa Park, Quail Hollow, Kingswood, and Walker all expressed interest.

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**Adjourned:** 8:40 AM