

**Prescott Area
Wildland/Urban Interface Commission
Minutes
November 5, 2015**

Participants: Shirley Howell, Roger Swenson, David Bowden, Ken Murray, Lois Hoskinson, Mary Ann Clark, Lou Burrell, Cindi Miner, Yvonne Brendecke, Jeff Phillips, Ben De Blois, John Alden, Ben Roche', Judy Egan, Ginny Shugars, Andie Smith, Jeff Schalaus, Dennis Light, Ken Karkula, Douglas Stevanko, Darrell Anderson, Don Devendorf, Jerry Borgelt, Cheri Ditto, Mary Conner, Loren Bykerk, John Beddow, Cynthia Gentle, Billie Orr, Betty Higgins, Paul Scrivens, Larry Gray, Jim Poore, Neil Cooperrider, Russ Shumate, Ronnie Gamble, Jim Buchanan, Bob Betts, Eric Steffey, Rick Chase, Judy Rae Haley, Aaron Hulburd, Linn Lisbona, Marty Zytkowski, Michael Orr

Recorder: Seleatha Mendibles

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Meeting was called to order and introductions were made.

2. Approval of Minutes

September 2015 minutes were approved.

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

• **Treasurer's Report**

September 1, 2015 Beginning Bank Balance	\$	18,291.64
Total Deposits	\$	882.37
Subtotal plus Credits/Deposits	\$	19,174.01
Debits/Expenses	\$	1,402.67
Ending Bank Balance	\$	17,771.34
Pending Balance	\$	607.50
Checkbook Balance as of September 30	\$	17,240.30
Title III Monies	\$	9,106.30
Actual Operational Monies	\$	8,134.54

October 1, 2015 Beginning Bank Balance	\$	17,771.34
Total Deposits	\$	7,477.63
Subtotal plus Credits/Deposits	\$	25,248.97
Debits/Expenses	\$	7,382.54
Ending Bank Balance	\$	17,866.43
Pending Balance	\$	570.93
Checkbook Balance as of October 30	\$	17,295.50
Title III Monies	\$	9,106.30
Actual Operational Monies	\$	8,189.20

4. Agency and Community Activity Reports

Board of Supervisors/Emergency Management- Craig Brown's assistant reported that he was very happy with the third quarter report and all the work being completed through PAWUIC.

PFD- Firewise assessments are provided for free to communities within the PFD district. Curb side chipper service is also provided, preferably scheduled at least one month in advance. Communities have been coordinating chipper days with their firewise days. Please call (928) 777-1730 or (928) 777-1733 to schedule. A grant project near ERAU starts next week.

CYFD/Chino Valley Fire Department- The official transition to a combined department is in progress which will result in expanded service to the community. Chipper service on community chipper days is also available. CYFD completed property assessments to the community of High Valley Ranch. Crews from Chino FD returned home safely from fire assignments.

AZ State Forestry- The transition from three to five districts begins this month. Russ will remain in Yavapai County with his office moving to Chino with engine 61. The firewise organization will remain the same for now. Crews will be working on a fuels project in Yavapai Hills.

PNF- Timber updates- Contractors started working on the 250 acre Spruce Ridge Thinning Project (Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership project). Another contractor may start working on the 180 acre Oak Knoll Fuel Break. Student Conservation Association (SCA) crew will start thinning another 10-15 acres at the Highland Center for Natural History. Fire personnel have been working on the 100 acre Walker Corridor Thinning Project (Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership project) and will also start working on a 75 acre hand thinning project located between Highland Pines and Deering Park. Fire/fuels updates- Spence burn completed on 10/02 for a total of 881 acres and Ponderosa Park burn completed on 10/16 for 500 acres. Mastication project in Lynx Lake/Walker corridor was completed on 10/23 for 1000 acres. Crews plan on doing the same type of work off Senator Highway over the next year. Crews continue to burn piles through November as weather permits.

U of A Extension- New forest specialist is on board and will attend the December PAWUIC meeting. He has been on for about a month and defensible space education is his main focus area.

Firewise Communities-

Ponderosa Park- Thanks to Arrow fire for all their hard work.

Thumb Butte- Expressed concern over the many slash piles in the community.

Prescott Skyline- Still working on escape routes in the community. Not a great deal of progress lately.

5. Old Business

Grant Updates- Lois and Shirley are working on the 90/10 grant submission. The 50/50 grant has been submitted, but won't hear anything until the summer.

Fundraising Update- Remember to sign up for the Fry's community program. By simply shopping with your VIP card, a portion of money will be donated to PAWUIC. In theory, of the 45-50 people who come to PAWUIC meetings were to sign up for the program, PAWUIC would receive up to \$350 per year. That translates to the cost of the phone or internet or a projector for PAWUIC. Lois will be staying after the meeting to assist people in signing up.

Christmas Parade Ride-Along- The winning ticket was drawn today. The total amount raised will be announced at the December meeting.

6. New Business

Formation of Officer Nominees 2016 Elections-

The positions needing to be filled are Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, and Grant Maker. The slate of officer candidates including a designated grant maker can be individuals from our agency or community membership, including existing officers. They could even include persons from outside the immediate membership. Please take some time to consider

volunteering for the positions or think about whom you'd like to nominate. These nominations will be presented at the December meeting. Should this process be unsuccessful, the Executive Board has had preliminary discussions regarding a lottery system for drafting officers from the existing Firewise communities. This course of action as well as any other Commission altering actions will be discussed at the appropriate time with the entire membership. For additional questions or clarification, please reference the October 27 email from Bob, or speak to him directly. For Treasurer related questions, Shirley is also available.

Task Force Creation-Watershed Management-

Bob and Shirley met with the Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project and the Flagstaff Fuels Management Department within the Fire Department over the summer regarding the subsequent watershed issues and flooding created after the Shultz fire. The Prescott area has a looming water supply issue and potential for the same issues. After meeting with Sarah Tomsy, Bradshaw District Ranger and Ben De Blois to discuss this vulnerability, it was recommended to create the same type of task force to get ahead of the potential issues and prepare recommendations for implementation. The Commission voted to create the taskforce with Ben De Blois as Chairman. The taskforce would include members from other local organizations, such as Prescott Streams, CWAG and others.

Recognition Award- Russ Shumate with Arizona State Forestry was recognized for his great work and contributions to PAWUIC and to Bob directly as he took on the role of Chairman. His insight and leadership has been invaluable to PAWUIC and its forward motion. He continues to champion PAWUIC's efforts with the new leadership at ASFD, while keeping up with his role as Acting Phoenix District Forester.

Committee Reports/Task Force-

Website and Social Media Traffic Analysis- Dr. Mary Ann Clark- Mary Ann provided an overview of traffic from the website, Facebook page and Twitter account. Her analysis shows that social media is a vital way to get PAWUIC's message and mission out to the public. There are lots of important materials and much more information available on PAWUIC's website. Please submit stories, information regarding firewise/ chipper days, and photos to Mary Ann Clark for inclusion on the website as well as the Facebook page.

Mitigation Study- Eric Steffey Report

Eric is a PHD student at ASU and has been in the Prescott area to research and learn more about mitigation efforts from homeowners and community leaders. Eric will be available after the meeting to discuss his research, goals and schedule additional interviews.

7. General Announcements and Round Table Discussions

- Many thanks to Long Meadow Ranch for their donation to PAWUIC.
- Please take a moment to fill out the index card regarding why you attend PAWUIC meetings. Please identify yourself only as "government agency" or "individual member".
- No matter your firewise status, there are grant monies available for use. See Shirley for questions.
- Firewise renewals are due by 11/15. The form is available on www.firewise.org.
- Arrow Fire is able to obtain dumpsters at a lower rate for communities. They also provide composting service. Please call (928) 713-9085 with questions.
- It is extremely important to report volunteer hours as it assists in reporting and competing for match funding for agencies.
- Please take some time to discuss amongst yourselves to establish a group to interview potential officers as a way to vet and see if they would be a good fit for PAWUIC leadership. Lois has offered to assist the nominating committee in any way necessary.

Adjournment at 8:28 a.m.

Note: Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 3 at 8:00 a.m.