

**Prescott Area
Wildland/Urban Interface Commission
Minutes
April 2, 2015**

Participants: Sylvia Dodd, Toby Cook, Jason Clawson, Kris Trainor, Craig Brown, Douglas Stefanko, Lou Burrell, Bill Brye, Loren Bykerk, Jim Peterson, Ginny Shugars, Judy Egan, Andie Smith, Jeff Phillips, Dave Shingledeker, Ken Murray, Mary Ann Clark, Ken Karkula, Cynthia Gentle, Dennis Light, Larry Gray, Al West, Sarah Tomsy, Marty Trembly, Roger Swenson, Henry Dahlberg, Marty Zytkowski, George Sheats, Paul Mazade, Neil Cooperrider, Betty Higgins, Mike Brockert, Bruce Gustin, Rick Chase, Art Mandel, Ronnie Gamble, Marsha Collier, Janet Seely, Jerry Borgelt, Jeff Schalau, Jim Buchanan, Sue Unverricht, J.D. Greenberg, Karen Goldstein, Darrell Anderson

Recorder: Seleatha Mendibles

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Meeting was called to order and introductions were made.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved.

3. Financial Report

• **Treasurer's Report**

February 27, 2015 Starting Checkbook Balance	\$	19,676.09
Credits/Deposits	\$	265.00
Debits/Expenses	\$	1,272.08
Ending Bank Balance	\$	18,669.01
Pending Balance	\$	300.00
Checkbook Balance	\$	18,369.01
Title III Monies	\$	9,842.60
Actual Operational Monies	\$	8,526.41

4. Agency Activity Reports

Board of Supervisors- Flyers regarding the free slash drop-off program were provided to the group. This free program is ongoing until 6/1. All County transfer stations are participating, but only during normal working hours. For additional information, contact the Yavapai County Public Works Department at (928) 771-3183.

PFD- Camp Yavapines mitigation/clearing projects are complete and about 30 acres at UCYC are pending. Currently processing a grant request for fuel breaks near ERAU. Dumpster day in Yavapai Hills is complete and was successful. Dumpster day in Forest Trails is next.

CYFD- Fire crews have completed training and are ready for the season. Working on obtaining a grant for mitigation work. Two firewise signs went up in the Dewey area. Many thanks were given to PAWUIC and the County for their assistance in obtaining and placing them. A recent assessment call can be contributed to an article in the paper and the new signs in Chino Valley.

ASFD Forest Health- Russ Shumate is Acting District Forester in the Phoenix area and won't be at meetings during this detail. A great deal of Pinon needle scale was noted in Williamson Valley. They are still in the egg stage but need to be removed ASAP.

PNF- Timber updates- Spence Basin TS, the Purchaser is almost done (piling, erosion control, closeout work). The closure should be lifted as planned on April 15th. The contractor on the fuel break project is now working near The Ranch for the next week or so. All the piling work is complete for the tornado blowdown project. We are now monitoring bark beetle activity with Forest Health Protection. Still compiling input from all of our partners within the Joint Chiefs' Project. A more finalized map should be complete to share with the group at the next meeting. Fire/fuels updates- There have already been a few small fires in the area, but were knocked out fairly quickly with combined efforts from local agencies. Seasonals start next Monday and will be ready after the required training over the next two weeks.

Emergency Management- A GIS identification study will highlight non firewise communities in the area. Participation at the Earth Day celebration will help reach many people and communities.

5. Task Force Reports

- **Jeff Schalaus U of A/Yavapai County Cooperative Extension-** The firewise education day scheduled in Yarnell on 4/3 was canceled due to lack of participants. There are 4 candidates for the Forest Health Agent position. Interviews will be scheduled in the coming months.
- **Tony Sciacca – Wildfire Academy-** Not present.

6. Old Business

- **WFHF 14-206** Still at AZ State Forestry for review.
 - Still pending but has cleared AZ State Forestry
 - Second Submission- In process, being prepped for Bob's signature next week.
- **Agency Support-** PAWUIC was unable to draft a letter to the Governor regarding State Forestry funding in time for the vote, but was able to draft a letting regarding Senate Bill 1335. It is currently on the Governor's desk for review.
- **Assessor certification registration with PAWUIC-** Just an additional reminder, to please provide your certificate or the year you were certified to Lois.

7. New Business

- **New WFHF 2015 grant (Shirley)**
 - **Writing up grant now-** PAWUIC is requesting letters from agencies in support of the grant. The grant is for close to \$200,000.
- **Marketing Committee-** Leigh Cosby is chairperson of this group and is working on making PAWUIC more visible in the community by submitting newspaper articles and participating in community events.
- **Finance Committee-** Roger Swenson chairs this committee and is working on creating additional revenue streams for sustainability instead of being so dependent on grant monies. Requested base numbers of HOAs and acres from each community. The committee will also be focusing on creating more fundraising opportunities. Thanks to Chief Light who donated a family ride along for the 2015 Christmas parade. Tickets will sell for \$2.00 each. One third of the money raised will go toward scholarships for attendance at the Wildfire Academy.
- **Firewise Community Recruitment Committee-** Judy Toth wasn't present today, but is working with several new communities to obtain firewise status.

- **Social Media** – The website, Facebook page and twitter feeds are quite active. If you have updates or pictures, let Mary Ann Clark know. An updated roster is also on the website. The password is Firewise. www.PAWUICAZ.org
- **Firewise Communities- updates**
 - Yavapai Hills-** The spring chipper day had lower participation than last year, but was still successful.
 - Manzanita Village-** Firewise day is scheduled for 4/4 from 9-1. Denny is presenting.
 - Rancho Vista Hills-** Firewise day is scheduled for 6/20 with a local firewise trained contractor presenting.
 - Foothills-** Firewise day was last Saturday with about 30 participants. Property assessments were a main topic of discussion.
 - Highland Pines-** The first of 4 annual chipper days is scheduled for 4/11. There are several new homeowners in the area who are motivated to keep their property firewise.
 - Walker-** Dumpsters are available from 3/13-5/15. The fire department will be hauling slash and debris away during that time.

8. **Guest Speaker- Animal Disaster Services**

Karen Goldstein is a resident of Highland Pines but works with Animal Disaster Services (ADS). The program was founded in 1999 and is an organization of community volunteers that work under the direction of Yavapai County Emergency Management Services. It is also a division of United Animal Friends, a Prescott-based 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization devoted to the welfare of companion animals in Yavapai County. ADS exists to create and maintain a shelter for animals during emergency evacuations and is the only organization of its kind in the state. Karen provided brochures to the group. She will be attending future meetings and be available for questions.

9. **Announcements**

- Fire season has begun and Jason McDade is an assistant on a Type 1 engine. His company will be back to help with defensible space needs in September.
- Rick Gonzales with the "Hire a vet" program is available for clearing/mitigation work.
- CYMPO has a transportation plan that will expand highway 89 and 69 to 6 lanes. Wildlife crossing is a concern for many. Please take a moment to review the plan and comment regarding wildlife concerns. www.CYMPO.org
- There will be window stickers available at the expo to alert fire personnel that the home has pets.
- Lois will be available at the office Tues-Thurs from 10-3 to receive boards and signs for the upcoming expo. It's always best to call prior to coming by.

Adjournment at 8:10 a.m.

Meeting for Expo 2015 immediately following today's meeting.

Note: Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 7th at 7:00 a.m.