

## MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Yavapai County Emergency Management Building  
1100 Commerce Dr, Prescott, AZ  
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## Member Meeting Minutes for Thursday, November 2, 2023 8:00 AM

### 1. Call to Order

- At 8:02 (followed by long pause while trying to get ZOOM including PowerPoint)
- Announcements by John regarding facility
- Started meeting at 8:10

### 2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

- Agenda for November Meeting approved by acclimation + show of hands
- Minutes for October Meeting approved by acclimation + show of hands

### 3. Agency Reports

- *Announcement: Supervisor Brown's wife (Sandy) passed away on Sunday October 29*
- AZ Department of Forestry & Fire Management: Bob F. treatments near Ruger Ranch (winter), Prescott near Costco and south, James Robbins: agency growing, lots of new faces, we have people on board and things are smoothing out; No Lewis crew availability.
- AZ State Land Department: none
- APS: none
- Bureau of Land Management: none
- Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority: none
- Cottonwood Fire Department: none
- Groom Creek Fire Department: none
- Jeep Posse: none
- Jerome Fire Department: none
- Large Animal Shelter & Emergency Services (LASER): none
- Natural Resources Conservation Service: Randy Snow is new lead
- Prescott + Prescott Fire Department: Conrad: moved to new City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, lost connectivity regarding chipping program, phone (lost phone connection) or online (search for chipping), turn-off time typically 1-2 weeks.
- Weaver Mountain: Engines in California; walk-through around community + Buckhorn Project mitigation project (Fire Break from State side); contracts to be signed soon; couple other projects to start soon (new sites Weaver Mountain + Pinon Estates); 2 wildland fires recently, but not houses lost; submitted CWPP grant for 250,000 acres); many community outreach event has distributed the message about mitigation. Weaver Mountain Fall Festival was well attended and big success (many people).
- Prescott National Forest: Dale (retiring), new director soon (before Dale leaves)
  - Andrew Shiber NEW, wildfire crisis strategies,
  - Ansgar is moving to Regional Office;
  - [https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/prescott/fire/?cid=fswdev3\\_009865](https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/prescott/fire/?cid=fswdev3_009865) or use QR code regarding prescribed available hand-out, Groom Creek prescribed fire; 9,621 acres of **prescribed fires** (broadcast & piles) + information booths and outreach; Grand opening of REI; community education outreach with highland center (smoke management from prescribe fires; Thank you- DFFM & fire department for collaborations with prescribed burns;

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- Joe Conley- 38,000 planted seedlings; big bug wood sale starts soon
  - Sarah – fuels planning in 2 weeks (bi-annually); focus on priorities for future work
  - Smokey Bear – reach-out to Sarah or Ansgar to schedule his appearance
  - Aaron Casem can help with Smokey Bear too
  - Sedona Fire: none
  - University of AZ Cooperative Extension: none
  - Yavapai County Board of Supervisors:
  - Yavapai County Office of Emergency Management:
    - Ashley - Recent public comment closed for Emergency Management Plan,
    - Fred: YCCWPP updated, more pictures, many additions, many changes, + maps, 20-year history of fires, link to highest risk, + list of Firewise sites, add flood plains information; Connect to website (<https://www.yavapaiaz.gov/Resident-Services/Environmental-Safety/Emergency-Management/Emergency-Preparedness-Resources>)
  - Williamson Valley / Bagdad Fire District: none
4. Lamont Bain – NOAA, Weather Projections ([Lamont.Bain@noaa.gov](mailto:Lamont.Bain@noaa.gov)) website: [weather.gov/fgv](http://weather.gov/fgv)
- Warmer than normal in equatorial Pacific, El-Nino means more active weather or wetter weather for November-February; above normal precipitation north of I-40; near normal temperatures; near normal for wildfire risk; (normal is the 20-30 year average);
  - Preparedness Tools at [weather.gov/fgv/Snow](http://weather.gov/fgv/Snow) Tables; highway snowfall Forecast; Winter weather forecast page;
  - Storm Spotter class in spring
5. Election of Officers for 2024 ... discussion lead by Shirley, second, unanimous vote
- Tom Davis - Chairperson
  - David Soto – Vice Chairperson
  - Julius Koenigsknecht - Secretary
  - Lisa – Treasurer
  - Donna - Development Director
6. Gift Card Raffle
- 666-514 Corey Bomare
7. Treasurer Report – Shirley
- Mitigation payments in Sept \$10,291.62
  - Balance \$96,068.21 as of Sept 30 (about \$16,000 in pending checks to be sent)
8. Grants Report – Shirley
- WFHF 20-204; 6/30/2023
  - NFHF 21-205; 12/31/2023
  - NFHF 22-204; 6/30/2025
  - FHP 20-201; 9/30/2023
  - HFI 22-319; 3/31/2024
  - Title III 22-23 FF (\$5,000)

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### 9. Communities Highlights

- a. Invited Site – Dewey-Humboldt – Debbie Miller
  - 6 years as leader; moving to Virginia, resigning, but continuing to chair until new chair
  - NOW – significantly improved communication and awareness; smoke might inspire
  - Constant education of residents; still too many that are unaware; targeting kids with information; EVENT at Mortimer Farms on Saturday May 4 + art contests with KIDS
  - 800 Firewise road signs (40 private street signs too)
- b. Open to ALL sites
  - Sylvia Hill - Crossroads Range 2 Firewise-USA certified
- c. USAA insurance – gives 10% discount for Firewise-USA certified communities
- d. May be discounts by AAA, SafeCo
- e. California lists companies that give discounts for Firewise-USA certified communities

### 10. Announcements / Upcoming Events

- December 2<sup>nd</sup> Holiday Parade – Volunteers needed

### 11. Adjournment at 9:28