

Minutes

February 3, 2022



Zoom and In-Person Meeting (Hybrid Meeting)

- **Welcome/Kickoff 2022**
 - Shirley called the Meeting to order at 8:00 AM
 - Welcome and introduction
 - Thank you to PFD Forestry Crew and Marsha Collier for the set up of the room
- **Approval of December 2021 Minutes (Motion/Vote by acclamation)**
 - Hugh Valley moved to accept the December 2021 Minutes
 - Bill Fields seconded the motion
 - The minutes were approved by acclamation
- **Treasurer and Grant Reports**
 - December ending operating budget \$66,923.67
 - January ending operating budget \$65,879.992
 - PAWUIC is not meeting their budgetary needs
- **Agency Reports**
 - **AZ DFFM – Derrick Piper (dpiper@dffm.az.gov)**
 - Last months mitigation was curtailed due to the virus.
 - March - Firewise Classes on March 22 & 23
 - April 16th invitation to participate in the Expo. Will coordinate with Russ and have a truck in the event
 - In Yavapai County a handful of Firewise Communities did not renew.
 - The Rural Fire Capacity grant application ended Monday Jan. 31st. The grants department will be reviewing to see who qualified.
 - **APS – Alanna English (alanna.english@aps.com)**
 - Full fire mitigation team of 3 onboard.
 - Continued on with defensible space around poles program.
 - Ramped up in January
 - Pre-inspectors are working in Cottonwood, Camp Verde & Cornville area currently.
 - Crews will move into the Prescott and Yavapai County area in June & July.
 - Perform the defensible space around poles
 - Regular routine work
 - **BLM-Phoenix-Carlos Payan (cpayan@glm.gov)**
 - Representative for the BLM-took over from Shawn Jackson in mitigation and trespass for the district. Derrick Youngerman is the Mitigation Specialist.
 - Projects-
 - Costco mechanical maintenance
 - Cherry Ridge fuel break-Working in conjunction with the state.
 - Waiting to finish the agreement and paperwork.
 - Plan to start in 2022
 - Skull Valley Mechanical treatment & maintenance

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- **PNF-**
 - **Ben Roe** (Benjamin.roe@usda.gov) Forester on the Prescott
 - In the last 8 weeks 450 acres have been hand thinned
 - 170 acres on Spruce Mountain
 - 275 acres in Granite Basin
 - Anyone who wants can pick up the oak in Granite Basin
 - Good News-Receiving increased funding through the Infrastructure bill.
 - Big projects planned in the WUI around the Prescott area.
 - **Bucky-** (kyowell@usda.gov) Fuels AFMO West side of Prescott
 - Hiring seasonal work force
 - Fuels News-Wilhoit Mastication project started-planned 6500 acres.
 - Have completed 300 acres
 - Burning this year very successful
 - 1000 acres of Prescribed burn piles completed
 - **Question** regarding Forest Road 101 by Ponderosa Park
 - **Concern over the condition of the road**
 - **Sarah Clawson** (sarah.clawson@usda.gov) District Ranger PNF
 - Working with the county to identify several roads that need work, FR 101 included, that are critical for ingress and egress.
 - Part of their near-term plan and hoping that additional funding received through infrastructure bill will allow them the ability to address these roads.
 - The infrastructure funding will also help the Pace and Scale of the hazardous fuels mitigation & restoration work around communities at risk.
- **Yavapai County Office of Emergency Management – Brian Hunt** (brian.hunt@yavapaiaz.gov)
 - **Part of Emergency Management since July**
 - Previously worked for 20 years with the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office-retired as a Sargent
 - Born and raised in Arizona, living in Yavapai county since 1989
 - **Ashley Alquist**-Planner (Ashley.alquist@yavapaiaz.gov)
 - **John Jones**-Deputy Emergency Manager (john.jones@yavapaiaz.gov)
 - **Chris Espinoza**-Specialist (chris.espinoza@yavapaiaz.gov)
 - Resuming in person training
 - February 23-24 Public Information Officer Course
 - March 23-25 Intermediate Emergency Operations Center Training

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- If interested in attending go to the FEMA website to the CADUS training portal, create an account and browse the training opportunities-All trainings free-covered by grants through YCOEM.
- **Prescott Fire Department-Forestry Crew-Miles Graybill** (miles.graybill@prescott-az.gov)
 - Just finishing up the Camp Pinerock project-55 acres
 - Next working on Camp Marapai outside of Groom Creek
 - Still chipping-if you have a pile and have called in requesting chipping please be patient. They will get to you when they are able.
- **Groom Creek Fire Department-Ernesto Manzenado** (admin@groomcreek.org)
 - Update for the year
 - Very successful Firewise Day, with 150 people attending
 - Green up last year created a real demand for residential defensible space.
 - GC Fire Department tried to create defensible space for resident using off duty personnel from their agency. The demand became so great that a seasonal Defensible Space Crew was created.
 - The result of this effort-moved 200 tons of bio mass to the dump and predict twice that for 2022 year.
 - When providing Firewise assessments, they are able to provide public education about Firewise and the aspect of defensible space.
- **Yavapai County Board of Supervisors**-Brian Hunt giving an update for the county as a whole for Supervisor Brown who is out-of-state
 - AWIMA is right around the corner.
 - BOS provides \$19,000 in memorial scholarships in honor of the 19 Granite Mountain Hotshots.
 - Continue to support PAWUIC. With Mary Mallory now the Chairman and James Gregory the Vice Chair, Supervisor Oberg has been identified as the PAWUIC Representative along with Supervisor Brown.
 - Share their appreciation of the efforts of PAWUIC.
- **LASER (Large Animal Shelters and Emergency Readiness)-Abby Harbicht-Training Coordinator** representing LASER in partnership with Emergency Management and the Board of Supervisors.
 - 3 years old
 - Entirely a Volunteer Organization
 - Destination shelter for barn animals throughout Yavapai County during an Emergency Evacuation.
 - Primary location at the old fairgrounds
 - Ribbon cutting last fall

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- Have a strong location out in Chino Valley at the Chino valley Equestrian Park
 - Kicking off Training Season-recertify trainees every year. All trained and ready to go by April.
 - Over 1800 hours of training so far so the Public knows their animals are being taken care of by trained volunteers
 - In Yavapai County pretty well set now;
 - Red Cross for shelter and services for people
 - LASER for shelter and services for barn animals
 - Animal Disaster Services for small animals
 - EEE- Emergency Equine Evacuation provide transportation services for people who do not have a way to move their animals
- **New Business –**
 - Impact of countywide approach for PAWUIC
 - Still under consideration-talked to DFFM, Board of Supervisors
 - Thoughts of segmenting county and creating PAWUIC like groups
 - Diverse grouping
 - Objective is to spread Firewise knowledge across Yavapai County
 - Will help with leadership and support but do not have infrastructure at this time to go countywide.
 - Organizational Name Clarification
 - Yavapai Firewise is trademark/Brand and PAWUIC is the legal entity name
- **Strategic Plan 3-year plan moving forward**
 - 5 Key Areas – need leadership from membership
 1. Fiscal Area – Geri & Shirley
 2. Marketing –
 3. Educational Focus which includes Speakers Bureau-Abby & Rob Stockus
 - DFFM will try to help fill in gaps with Assessor Courses
 4. Provide Resources-Focus on Non-Gov grants Firewise Sites
 5. YCWPP Communication & information for county-wide efforts to reduce wildfire risk-Sarah Clawson
- **Update Slate of Officers and Open Positions-Think about your communities who might be a contact - about an hour a month.**
 - Vice Chair (Grant Development): Open
 - Recording Secretary: Open
 - Minutes from Member Meetings, Board of Director Meetings & Officer Meetings
 - There were no nominations from the floor
 - Other Roles:
 - Marketing Plan-Julius (County wide and Prescott Basin)
 - Joint Chiefs Grant Oversight-Andie Rorick with Marsha Collier/Forestry Team
 - Social Media Expansion-Dr MaryAnn Clark (more support for her)

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- Grant Writer-Federal/State \$
- Grant Writer-Other funding sources
- Strategic Plan Leads:
 - Marketing Co-Lead
 - Firewise Educational Programs Co-Lead
 - County-wide Program Communications Co-lead
 - Firewise Mitigation Information Support and Grants Co-lead
- **Annual Events**
 - Wildfire Academy – March 12-18-Embry Riddle Campus
 - Provide Support
 - Wildfire Expo – Date changed to Saturday April 23rd-Courthouse Plaza
 - Need volunteers to help distribute educational material and to promote Firewise Communities
 - YCCA Home & Garden Show – April 29th thru May 1st
 - Need volunteers to man table
 - Dewey-Humboldt – 2nd Annual DHFW Wildland Fire Safety Event and Book Contest-May 14-Mortimer Farms
 - Holiday Parade – December
- **Wildfire Expo Participants-Saturday April 23rd in conjunction with Greater Prescott Outdoors in celebration of Earth Day-Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, tear-down and to staff PAWUIC booth.**
 - Prescott Fire Department Forestry Crew-Confirmed
 - CAFMA-Pending
 - Walker Fire Department-Confirmed
 - AZ DFFM – Confirmed
 - PFD Engine-Confirmed
 - Antique 1957 Seagraves-Conrad Jackson – Pending
 - Yavapai County Office of Emergency Management – Confirmed
 - National Weather Service-Confirmed
 - LASER-Confirmed
 - Red Cross-pending
 - Others still pending
- **Communities Highlights**
 - Ken Fidyk from Estancia de Prescott -Wanted to thank PAWUIC for helping them to be part of the latest grant
 - Assessment Training for 2 community members
 - Bill Fields – Presented petroglyphs as a Thank you to Bob, Shirley & Lois
- **General Open Discussion**
 - Dewey-Humboldt Firewise Meeting tonight at Cherry Ridge at 6:00 PM
- **Announcements-Next meeting will be March 3rd 8:00 am in the Mackin Building and on Zoom-Adjournment-9:15 AM**

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IN ATTENDANCE-Macklin Building

Abby Harbicht	PAWUIC/LASER	Ben Roe	USFS
Lois Hoskinson	PAWUIC-Admin	Geri Keenan	PAWUIC
Shirley Howell	PAWUIC/Grants	Ken Fidyk	Estancia de Prescott
Dennis Shaw	The Ranch	Bill Fields	Ponderosa Park/Oro Flame
Miles Graybill	PFD-Forestry Crew	Chuck Silveira	Ponderosa Park
Brian Hunt	YC Office of Emergency Mgmt.	Sandra Golden	Santa Fe Springs
Tom O’Dea	Kingswood	Ron Dominguez	Anchor Point
Ron Dominguez, Jr	Anchor Point	Dario Villarreal	G&S Precision
Chase Madrid	Mile High Tree Service	Ernesto Manzanedo	Groom Creek Fire District
Forestry Crew	PFD	Hugh Vallely	PAWUIC
Ron Weiss	Santa Fe Springs	K.C. Yowell	USFS
<i>IN ATTENDANCE-Zoom</i>			
Derrick Piper	AZ DFFM	Carl Whiting	Jerome FD
Tony Peppia	USFS	Donna Fagan	Vista del Cerro
Harry Oberg	YC BOS	Cynthia Marroquin	
Eileen Tellez	Foothills	Marty Zytowski	Prescott Skyline
Mary Ann Clark	Manzanita	Jerry Borgelt	Highland Pines
Judy Egan	Quail Hollow	Mary Kelley	Quail Hollow
Jim Zimmerman	Pinon Oaks	Mark Russell	TimberRidge
Carlos Payan	BLM	Sarah Clawson	USFS
Ken Karkula	Highland Pines	Alanna English	APS
Jeff Andrews	USFS	Steve Lombardo	PAWUIC
Debbie Miller	D-H Firewise	Laura Flood	Groom Creek
Tom Di Camillo	Walker		