* **Welcome-Shirley started the meeting at 8:00 AM**
* **50/50 Drawing-No one was at the table to sell tickets. Will work on getting it set up for April**
* **Approval of February 2022 Minutes (Motion/Vote by acclamation)**
	+ Dennis Shaw moved to accept the February 2022 Minutes
	+ Jerry Borgelt seconded the motion
	+ The minutes were approved by acclamation
* **Treasurer and Grant Reports**
	+ February beginning balance $89,759.60
	+ February ending balance $75,551.72
	+ Actual February Operating Monies $64, 492.72
		- Don’t forget to use Fry’s community rewards program and Amazon Smile
* **Agency Reports**
	+ **PNF-**
		- **Ben Roe** (Benjamin.roe@usda.gov) Forester on the Prescott
			* Busy with Infrastructure Planning
			* big ramp-up in projects just waiting for budget from Congress
			* Mechanical Thinning starting Monday I Campwood
				+ 1200 Acres
				+ Take more than 1 season,

finish ½ this season

* + - **Corey Carlson- (**corey.carlson@usda.gov**)** FMO Bradshaw-Chino District
			* Middle of hiring temporary work force-not going great
				+ 2nd round at hiring seasonals

If not successful, will rely on cooperators and outside resources

This year has been a challenge for everyone

* + - * Project-Pile Burning slowing down
			* Ramping up on broadcast burning out in Chino north of Paulden on Both sides of 89.
				+ Try to get 4-5000 acres north of Paulden between Paulden and Drake. Starting around March 21st before the winds come in.
				+ Next week Sierra Prieta mastication in the Thumb Butte loop west of Hassayampa subdivision.
				+ In House mastication in Skyline and Iron Springs around 50 acres.
				+ Wilhoit Project still ongoing close to 1000 acres completed. Waiting for the $ and hope to get entire project done close to 7,000 acres when completed which will be on both sides of 89.
	+ **Yavapai County Office of Emergency Management – Brian Hunt** (brian.hunt@yavapaiaz.gov)
		- **Introduced John Jones**-Deputy Emergency Manager (john.jones@yavapaiaz.gov) Long term Prescott Resident
			* As of now the office is fully staffed
		- **Brian** met with Cindy Barks and covered Pre-Fire Season efforts to get Information out to the general public with an article in the Courier
		- **Reminder from audience** 20th Anniversary of the Indian Fire
		- **Emergency Mgmt.** will host a pre-fire season co-op meeting for agencies bring together suppression agencies April 6th
* **Peeples Valley Fire – Ray Paiz-Firewise Coordinator. (****raypaiz2@verizon.net****)**
	+ Healthy Forest grant side-Model Creek and Buck Horn Drive – ¼ an acre a day. Chipping majority of slash and Burning what they can not chip. Brought on a 2nd chipping crew.
	+ Residential Side
		- Working Mitigation and
		- Risk assessment team.
	+ Masticating 40 acres of bottom land at the Model Creek Elementary school to add additional protection
	+ Ongoing project opening, straitening, and improving Buckhorn Ranch road about 2 ½ miles that has never been addressed in 30-year existence. Pushing out to 24 feet when possible to provide ingress and egress evacuation routes.
	+ Improving assess for public safety
	+ Establishing dip sites and watering points along the way and passing lanes
	+ This is privately funded by the community and is estimated to take 3 weeks to complete
* Peeples Valley Fire Department undertaking development of site specific CWPP for their area South of Yarnell Fire
	+ **Prescott Fire Department-Forestry Crew-Miles Graybill** (miles.graybill@prescott-az.gov)
		- Nothing to report business as usual
	+ **Jerome Fire Department – Carl Whiting (****Whiting@jeromefire.us****)**
		- Working on a historic cemetery in Clarkdale,
			* Clear cutting and chipping 10 acres
		- Around town have a great fire break created
		- Personnel trained and ramped up for fire season
	+ **LASER (Large Animal Shelters and Emergency Readiness)-Abby Harbicht-Training Coordinator** representing LASER in partnership with Emergency Management and the Board of Supervisors.
		- March is their Training Season-recertify trainees every year. All trained and ready to go by April.
		- 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
* **BARK BEETLES IN AZ-Presentation (Power point available on PAWUIC Website)**
	+ - **Monica Gaylord**
			* **Entomologist**
			* **Forest Health Protection**
			* **US Forest Service**
		- **Aly McAlexander**
			* **Forest Health Specialist**
			* **Arizona Department Forestry and Fire Management**
		- **Ben Roe had Questions of Monica;**
			* **Does raking pine needles impact bark beetles**
			* **Chips next to trees are volatile but dead needles aren’t going to set off the tree spells. Raking or not raking will not impact bark beetles one way or another**
		- **Ben-Preventative steps to ward off bark beetle**
			* **Pick the trees you want to keep and water them 15 minutes 1 to 2 times a week. Do not water all of them.**
			* **The way to get ahead of bark beetle is to thin out the trees, if the crowns of the trees are touching they are competing for water. You choose which ones to keep, don’t let the bark beetle choose. It is inevitable there will be a bark beetle outbreak, get ahead of it and keep the winners with separation of crowns and less trees in competition for water.**
		- **Aly McAlexander recommendation on watering;**
			* **Increase amount of water when not receiving natural moisture to 4 to 6 gallons an hour at a very slow drip. Water at drip line not at the base of the tree but further away. Recommended amount of time for Winter watering is 1 to 2 times a month 4 to 8 hours.**
			* **The Department of Forestry and Fire Management has a program to help homeowners remove actively infected trees from properties. This program is called The Bark beetle reduction cost share program (BRCS). Will pay ½ the removal cost for actively infected trees still alive mostly green that are showing signs and symptoms if active bark beetle infestation. DFFM will come to the property, provide property assessment look at all their trees to see if there is any barb beetle activity going on, identify those trees that have infestation and help the homeowner find a contractor that will help with the removal of those trees.**
			* **For help with this program email Aly McAlexander at amcalexander@dffm.az.gov**
* **Organizational Chart and Open Positions Update**
	+ **Vice Chair Grants-Open**
	+ **Private Grants-Open**
	+ **Strategic Plan Leads-Open**
	+ **Recording Secretary-Open**
	+ **Fundraising Lead-Open**
	+ **Marketing Lead-Open**
* **2022 Events**
	+ **Wildfire Academy Volunteers**
	+ **Wildfire Expo – April 23rd**
		- * Gurley & Union
			* Need Volunteers
	+ **YCCA Home and Garden Show – April 29, 30 & May 1**
		- * Need Volunteers
* **Communities Highlights – Open to Group**
* **General Open Discussion**
	+ Supervisor Brown
		- Yavapai County Transfer Stations to offer free Slash drop off program
			* The Yavapai County Board of Supervisors, working with the Public Works Department, is pleased to announce the continuation of the annual free slash drop-off program at County transfer stations beginning April 1, 2021, through June 1, 2021.
			* County transfer stations are in Black Canyon City, Congress, Mayer, Paulden, Seligman, and Skull Valley. Free slash drop-off will be held during normal operating hours. For locations and hours, please visit the Yavapai County website: [Yavapai.U-S](http://www.yavapai.us/Portals/30/TransferStationList.pdf%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)
		- RAC-Resource Advisory Council. – Money that comes into the county for projects around the area; for mitigation, for road improvements, generally to improve healthy forest in surrounding areas. It is managed or supervised by the Forest Services and they were able to up that to $450,000 from $300,000. They will be reporting back to us on what kind of projects are being done as time goes along. This is additional funds for our area.
* **Announcements/Adjournment**

***IN ATTENDANCE-Macklin Building***

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| Abby Harbicht | PAWUIC/LASER | Ben Roe | USFS |
| Lois Hoskinson | PAWUIC-Admin | Hugh Vallely | PAWUIC |
| Shirley Howell | PAWUIC/Grants | Monica Friend | Estates at Cherry Ridge |
| Dennis Shaw | The Ranch | Jim Campbell | Pinon Oaks |
| 4 guys | PFD-Forestry Crew | Chuck Silveira | Ponderosa Park |
| Brian Hunt | YC Office of Emergency Mgmt. | Sandra Golden | Santa Fe Springs |
| Scott Demoray | Groom Creek | Ron Dominguez | Anchor Point |
| Bob Betts | Hidden Valley | Ron Dominquez Jr. | Anchor Point-Prescott |
| Jerry Borgelt | Highland Pines | Larry Gray | Southview |
| Don Schafer | Cathedral Pines | Susan Battisti | Estates at Cherry Ridge |
| Ron Weiss | Santa Fe Springs | K.C. Yowell | USFS |
| Jon Jones | YC Office of Emergency Mgmt. | Russ Lafayette | Prescott Lakes |
| Dan Russell | Prescott Lakes | Jim Orr | Prescott Lakes |
|  | ***IN ATTENDANCE-Zoom*** |  |  |
| Derrick Piper | AZ DFFM | Carl Whiting | Jerome FD |
| Tony Peppa | USFS | Donna Fagan | Vista del Cerro |  |
| Harry Oberg | YC BOS | Miles Graybill | PFD Forestry Crew |
| Barbara Nelson | Foothills | Marty Zytkowski | Prescott Skyline |
| Mary Ann Clark | Manzanita | Monica Gaylord | USFS-Flagstaff |
| Judy Egan | Quail Hollow | Mary Kelley | Quail Hollow |
| Marty Trembly | Yavapai Hills | Loren Bykerk | Walker |
| Carlos Payan | BLM | Tom Knapp | Deputy Chief-Fire Marshal, PFD |
| Ken Karkula | Highland Pines | Alanna English | APS |
| Cheryl Fernandez | Estancia de Prescott | Steve Lombardo | PAWUIC |
| Dawn Nobler |  | Aly McAlexander | DFFM |
| Tom Di Camillo | Walker | Marlyn Van Keuren | BOS |
| Chris Larson |  | Ray Paiz | Peeples Valley |
| Aly McAlexander | DFFM | Nancy Martin |  |
| Trista Ramirez | D-H Firewise | Ron Sauntman | Chief-Cottonwood FD |
| Corey Carlson | USFS | Craig Courtenanche |  |