

Minutes

March 23, 2018 FBM Board Meeting

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Diana Abrell Host – 12319 Hillcrest Drive

Attendees: Chuck Staetz, Chip Wilder, Diana Abrell, Susan Sanders, Susan Luhman, Jeff Peach, Ed Sylvester

Call to Order

President Chuck Staetz called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

January 9, 2018 Minutes

Susan Luhman emailed a draft copy of the minutes to the Board. Susan Sanders, Diana, and Chuck made some corrections, which were incorporated. Chip made a motion to accept the minutes; Susan Sanders seconded the motion. All approved.

Financial Report

Chip distributed an updated treasurer's report.

SOHC-	\$10,365.98
FBM Checking	\$7959.21
CD-	\$23,060.08

As of March 23, 2018 FBM has paid \$16,580 to John Bilheimer to represent the organization in the Lower Cascade Canal trail case against Jon Davis. FBM has paid \$6,700 in mediation fees. There will be additional fees once the mediation occurs.

Chip expressed concern that if FBM loses the trail issue, it might set a precedent for future trails. Susan Sanders and Ed Sylvester agreed it was prudent to move forward. If one landowner were allowed to block parts of the trail, what would stop others from following suit? All members agreed.

After reviewing the treasurer's report, Jeff made a motion to accept the financial report. Susan Sanders seconded the motion; it was unanimously approved.

Cascade Canal Issues

Chuck distributed an updated copy of FBM's position paper regarding the installation of the two gates on the Lower Cascade Canal trail. He asked all to review it and send any comments to Susan Luhman by March 25th. Susan will incorporate the changes and send

the final copy to John Bilheimer. After Mr. Bilheimer approves the content, FBM will make the document public.

Mediation with Jon Davis, Lacy Davis, and Eric Graves (Davis's lawyer) has been arranged with the Honorable Richard Gilbert in his office in Sacramento, California. Mediation is scheduled for April 12.

Discussion followed regarding how many FBM board members should attend the mediation. John Bilheimer would like to have two or three people who have the authority to make FBM agreements/concessions. John Bilheimer indicated prior to mediation, attendees should have a dollar amount in mind to offer the Davises.

Chip asked about offering (once again) to build a fence around the property adjacent to the trail. Diana asked how much a privacy fence would cost. What if Mr. Davis wants screening round the fence. Plants could be very costly.

Chuck offered to check pricing of a couple of different kinds of fencing. Jeff was concerned the Davises might want a fence AND money. Ed said that was very possible but FBM should decide going into the mediation, how much we could afford to offer for either or both. The discussion ended with the proposed mediation attendees being:

Chuck
Chip
Susan Sanders
Andrew

Fund Raising for Lower Cascade Canal Litigation Fees

Chuck suggested waiting until the next board meeting (after the 04/12/18 mediation meeting) before brainstorming for ways to raise funds. The Davises may accept a cash offer resulting from mediation. After mediation, FBM will have a better idea of whether the case will go to court.

FBM Liability Insurance

In April, FBM's insurance company will be discontinuing its board insurance. The company is reluctant to insure FBM due to the Lower Cascade Canal litigation. Chuck has been and will continue to work with an insurance broker to find a company that will provide affordable insurance.

Community Wildfire Preparedness

Jeff reported a local Fire Preparedness Day has been scheduled for May 5th at the Rood Center in Nevada City. The activity will run from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm. While FBM would like to officially participate, all felt there was too much going on

Annual FBM Meeting

The annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 26 at Seaman's Lodge (Chip and Chuck have reserved the venue) from 10:00 am– 12:00 pm; lunch will be served 12:00-1:00 pm.

Potential speakers

Joanne Drummond: fire safety enforcement issues

John Gulserian: Office of Emergency Services

Mike Bratton (State Farm): fire insurance

John Bilheimer: easements

Possible Additional Topics

Evacuation Routes

Fire resistant building supplies and practices

Defensible Space updates

Different types of fire insurance

Easements- a basic discussion about what an easement is and how one obtains one

Lower Cascade Canal issue - Update

Fire Insurance: Mike Bratton to speak about fire insurance.

Chuck adjourned the meeting at 4:30 pm.