

FBM Board Meeting Draft Minutes
January 26, 2022 (4:00 – 5:30 pm)
Zoom Meeting

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

Apologies: Andrew Wilkinson

Ed called the meeting to order a 4:00 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes

Ed Sylvester asked for a motion to approve the December minutes. Ann made the motion. The motion was seconded by Chuck and all approved.

Treasury Report

Chip reported the organization has \$754.54 in its checking account; and \$12,307.35 in savings. Chuck made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Diana seconded it and all approved.

Storm Recovery Issues

Jeff emailed a storm damage survey to all FBM members. The response rate was very low (34). Jeff recommended sending out a second survey. Jeff and Ann will collaborate on the second survey.

Meanwhile Ed has been in discussions with Craig Griesbach (Director of the County Building Department) and County Supervisor Heidi Hall regarding possible assistance in removing storm damaged tree debris. Possibly the county will provide green waste bins as well as crews and chippers. No decision has been reached at this time. Ed will continue to work on this issue.

Susan asked about getting assistance from the Fire Safe Council. Jeff said they were swamped with requests for chippers.

Meeting with the County Regarding Evacuation Routes

Evacuation route discussion is on hold at this time.

Idaho Maryland Mine

March 4, 2022 is the deadline to receive comments to the Idaho Maryland Mine Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Susan Sanders reported some commenters are requesting a 90 day extension to the deadline. Susan Sanders will write a letter to support the 90 day extension. If an extension is approved, the comment period will be extended to April 4th.

Diana asked if the county has any leeway in rejecting opening the mine even if the EIR indicates there are no safety, environmental, or health risks. Susan said counties have considerable discretion in approving or rejecting projects and there have been instances in the past where the board listens to the community's comments and reject projects.

Fuel Reduction on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Land

FBM wants to develop a plan to work with the Firewise Council to identify areas on BLM land that desperately need fuel reduction treatment. FBM would like to work on a grant to help fund this project. Susan Sanders suggested FBM work with Ted Beedy and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy . Writing and submitting a grant proposal is a multi step task. Susan Sanders, Ann and Jeff offered to work on this project.

Old Business

Chip brought up the annual meeting required by FBM's bylaws. FBM has not held an annual meeting since Covid-19 became an issue in 2019. Chip suggested having a virtual meeting via Zoom. No one knew the maximum number of people who can participate in one Zoom meeting. Meanwhile, Chip said he would contact the California Secretary of State to provide information about the lack of annual meetings. Before planning a Zoom meeting, we will wait for the Secretary's response.

Ed adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Zoom - February 16, 2022 at 4:00 pm.