

FBM Board Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2022 (4:00 – 5:30 pm)
Zoom Meeting

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

Apologies: Andrew Wilkinson and Ed Sylvester

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

Approval of the Minutes

There were two corrections to the draft January 26, 2022 minutes. After corrections were made. Ann called for a motion to approve the minutes. Chip made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Susan Sanders and all approved.

Treasury Report

Chip reported the organization has \$1,094.54 in checking; there is \$12,770.84 in savings for a total of \$13,865.38. Susan Sanders made the motion to accept the treasurer's report. Chuck seconded it and all approved.

Old Business:

Results of Most Recent Inquiry Regarding Team Rubicon and Help with Storm Damage

Team Rubicon wants to assist veterans with storm debris clean up. Craig Griesbach (Director of the County Building Department) contacted Ed to see if FBM knew of any veterans needing such assistance. Jeff sent an

email survey. He received five responses which he forwarded to Ed. Ed will share these names with Craig.

FBM Assistance Regarding Storm Clean Up on Banner Mountain

Next was discussion about how FBM could assist members with storm debris clean up. Ann learned renting a Waste Management (WM) dumpster would cost \$400 per dumpster. Fire Safe Council (FSC) chippers cost \$75 per hour for a minimum of one hour. WM dumpsters would be more difficult to monitor. People could throw anything in them. It appears the chipper would be more efficient.

Jeff said the FSC chipper waiting list is fairly long. Ann offered to will contact FSC to see how long it might take to get access to a chipper.

After more discussion, the board decided to fund the clean up by paying for the FSC chippers. Neighborhoods would need to have a minimum of three households wanting to participate and each neighborhood would get two hours of free chipping. Ann will draft an email to send to members informing them of the opportunity to have free chipping in their neighborhood. Each neighborhood will appoint a team leader. The team leader will provide a map of the neighbors wishing to participate in the chipper program. Neighborhoods will be selected on a first come, first serve basis.

Chuck made the motion for FBM to fund the use of FSC chippers. Chip seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Ann will draft an email and send to Susan S. and Jeff for review.

Update on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DIER) for Reopening the Idaho-Maryland Mine

Susan Sanders announced the county extended the comment period to April 4, 2022. Susan will ask Mine Watch if anyone in their group has reviewed the DIER.

FBM will send a letter describing how reopening will impact Banner Mountain residents. Susan S requested the board change its meeting from March 16th to March 23rd to allow more time for her review and to draft a letter to the county.

Jeff will collaborate with Ann to create an FBM survey allowing individuals to voice their opinions of reopening the mine.

Annual Meeting

Chip learned that Zoom is an acceptable form of an annual meeting in lieu of a face to face. He pointed out discussion would be challenging with 100 people on a Zoom meeting. Chip and Chuck will brainstorm about speakers.

Susan L made a motion to hold the annual meeting via Zoom. Chuck seconded it and all approved.

Bureau of Land Management Fuel Reduction

Chip asked if any action had been taken on reducing the fuel load on Bureau of Land Management land. Ann asked to table this topic until the next meeting. Meanwhile she gather information to share.

Ann adjourned the meeting at 5:35 pm.

The next meeting will be held on March 23, 2022 at 4:00 pm.