

FBM Board Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2020 (4:00 - 4:30 pm)
Zoom Meeting

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

Apologies: Andrew Wilkinson

Chuck called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

House Keeping:

Treasurer's Report:

Chip reported FBM has \$3,522.08 in its checking account. The savings account has \$444.46. The only expenses have been for postage stamps.

Jeff made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Susan Sanders seconded it and all approved.

Minutes:

Susan Luhman sent the minutes electronically to the Board. Chip moved to accept the minutes and Ed Sylvester seconded. It was unanimously approved.

Sign at the Gracie Entrance at the Cascade Canal:

Susan Luhman reported the Nevada Irrigation District (NID) sign has not been removed or updated. She will email Ricki Heck, Greg Jones, and Remleh Scherzinger to remind them of their earlier agreement to remove/reword the NID sign She will attach a copy of the stipulated judgment.

Idaho-Maryland Mine

Chuck asked if the FBM should get involved in the Idaho-Maryland Mine issue. In December 2019 Susan Sanders sent a letter back in February on behalf of FBM (see letter). The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) should be published in September. She recommended FBM wait to see that report before deciding how involved to get.

FireWise Update

Jeff reported once the Corona Virus hit there have been no FireWise meetings. The May 31st evacuation drill was cancelled due to concern about Covid 19 and the number of parties involved. The first responders were especially concerned about the number of public participants and potential for virus spread. The FireWise committee hopes to reschedule the WUI in the spring of 2021.

Jeff reported a small training for CAL fire fighters will take place at his property on May 31st. While Ann and Jeff have still been involved, overall the FireWise committee has lost its impetus. Face to face contact is very important. Jeff and Ann hope to schedule a Zoom meeting soon but at this time nothing has been scheduled.

Ed mentioned that Nevada County has received CAL Grant money for brush clearing around county roads. Ann asked if anyone had contacted the county to see if they planned to clear Banner Mountain roads. No one knew so Jeff offered to contact Trisha Tillotson about how the county will determine what roads get cleared. Chuck asked if there was a sunset date by which the grant funds must be used. All agreed there would be no problem spending all the money quickly.

DS Canal Trail

Diana asked if anyone has talked with Ricki Heck regarding the DS canal incident when an FBM member was accosted by a landowner while riding his bike on the trail. Diana walked along the trail and saw the area where the incident occurred. She said the landowner's property was well defined. Ricki contacted Susan Sanders to see if FBM had any advice about how to address this issue. Susan Sanders said she has not heard recently from Ricki.

Jeff is tracking the emails from those trail users who are being harassed by Jon Davis when getting on the trail by his home.

Chuck adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.