

**FBM Board Meeting Draft Minutes  
September 29, 2021 (4:00 – 5:00 pm)  
Zoom Meeting**

**Attendees:** Ed Sylvester, Chip Wilder, Chuck Staetz, Jeff Peach, Susan Luhman, and Susan Sanders

**Regrets:** Diana Abrell, Andrew Wilkinson, and Ann Westling

Ed Sylvester called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Ed called for approval of the June 16, 2021 minutes. Chuck made a motion to accept the minutes; Chip seconded it. The board unanimously agreed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Chip reported FBM has \$441.83 in its checking account. The savings account balance is \$8,184.17. Membership cards were the only expenses this month. Susan Luhman made the motion to accept the report. Jeff seconded it. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Firewise Committee**

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has requested smaller FireWise communities (parcels). They believe smaller communities are easier to manage. Jeff has met with Pat Leach and Alan Doerr to determine what parcels could be eliminated. No final decisions have been made.

Ed brought up the concern FBM members have expressed about vacant land that owners have become overgrown and thus a fire hazard. Some members have asked FBM to send letters to landowners encouraging them to fire safe their property. Ed will contact county agents before FBM takes any action. Jeff will provide maps of parcels needing to be cleared.

**FMB Website Update**

Ann and Jeff will review proposed changes to the website after the first of the year (2022).

**Membership Renewal Letter**

The membership renewal letter should (ideally) be mailed by the end of October. Susan Luhman offered to review the membership letter and make appropriate changes. Jeff will send the 2021 membership renewal letter for all to review. Susan Luhman will contact all current local businesses to insure they want to continue to provide membership discounts.

Diana will be asked to contact Andrea Tarp to inquire about using her service to mail membership renewal letter.

### **Telecom Resiliency**

Andrew has been working on resiliency of the telecom industry to provide back up service when the power goes out.

### **Short Announcements**

Blackberry vines have been trimmed. Thank you, Ann.

Susan Sanders and Chuck will collaborate on an article about Willy Kollmeyer. This article about Willy will be posted on the FBM website and sent out as an email blast to all FBM members. Jeff suggested adding some pictures of him as well.

Chuck motioned for the meeting to be adjourned; seconded by Susan Sanders. The board unanimously agreed.

Ed adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

The next board meeting via ZOOM will be on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.