

MINUTES

Elk Springs HOA Fire Mitigation Committee Meeting 5:30 pm, January 31, 2022 Zoom

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Record attendance

A quorum was verified, committee members in attendance were Ed Holub, Rob Fisher, Tom Dunlop, Jeanne Johnson, and Scott Fitzwilliams.

Community members present were Barbara Neal, Greg Boecker, Eric Helander, and Dan Sikora.

Also in attendance was Sam Engen with IMM and Mike Uncapher with Western Vegetation Management.

III. Approval of prior meeting minutes

Ed made a motion to approve the 09/01/2021 meeting minutes. Scott seconded, and all were in favor

IV. Discussion and Action Items

a. **Review grant related work which was completed:** Ed reviewed the work completed in 2021 reporting the following:

- **HOA Funded Chip and Haul** – There was a total of 71 lots that participated, and 104 tons of material was hauled away. Total cost of this project was \$29,150. This project was highly recommended to do again in the fall of 2022.
- **Removal of Ladder Fuels along CMC Rd** – we removed vegetation and ladder fuels from 4.25 acres of common space along Country Rd 114. This was to help prevent a fire from getting established along the road edge and spreading uphill towards the neighborhood.
- **Removal of Dead and Diseased Trees** – dead and diseased trees were removed from HOA lands within 100' of pavement edge near the north side of Elk Springs Drive across from the Cedar Cove intersection and the west side of CR 114 north of the entrance.
- **Lop and Scatter** – this work was performed on roughly 8 acres of common space. They cut down and scattered trees on the steep hillside abutting private property from the powerline easement down and around near the old office building. This work is done to help eliminate crown movement.

Total funds spent in 2021 for the above listed fire mitigation work: \$52,400

This is roughly 28% of the FRWRM Grant. The association has until Sept 2025 to use the remaining funds.

b. **Discuss projects for 2022:** Additional lop and scatter work is being proposed for early spring of 2022. This work will tie into work Elk Springs LLC is doing on their property

which is adjacent to HOA common space. Ed motioned to recommend to the Board for approval a bid from Western Vegetation Management for \$27,000. Scope of work will be to lop and scatter roughly 15 acres of common land downhill from private lots to improve forest health and reduce rate of spread during a wildfire. Tom seconded, and all were in favor.

V. Additional Business

IMM will send an email to the community with some education information and reminders from the FMC such as:

- A link to the Fire Mitigation page on the HOA website
- Reminder to have owners check with their insurance agent to make sure they are not under insured in the event there is a fire
- Action plan for items to have ready incase of an emergency evacuation
- Reminder that there are laminated maps of the fire exits near the mailboxes. Owners are welcome to take one to keep handy.

VI. Open Forum

No comments.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.