

## MINUTES

### Elk Springs HOA Fire Mitigation Committee Meeting 5:30 pm, February 21, 2023

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- I. **Call to Order** by Ed Holub at 5:30 p.m.
  
- II. **Record attendance and verify quorum** a quorum was verified with the following committee members present Ed Holub, Jeanne Johnson, Robin Van Norman, and Tom Dunlop. Also in attendance was Sam Engen, IMM, Mike Uncapher, Western Vegetation Management, and Connor Coleman, Resiliency Lands. Members in attendance were Willy Lynch and Greg Boecker.
  
- III. **Approval of prior meeting minutes** Jeanne moved, seconded by Ed, to approve the meeting minutes from 9/8/2022, motion carried unanimously.
  
- IV. **Discussion and Action Items**
  - a. **Review Fire Mitigation Grant award and prepare Attachment A - Scope of Work:** Ed informed the committee that the Association's grant application has been approved, and the Association has been awarded \$75,000. This is another matching funds grant, with a project period deadline of March 31, 2027. Ed also reported that Colorado Mountain College was awarded grant funds and noted this is a big win for the community and it's great to have a neighboring partner in Fire Mitigation efforts!

The committee reviewed the following scope of work to be submitted for approval:

- Include work that focuses on fuel breaks along roadways, chip and haul on private lots, and creating, maintaining, and expanding fuel breaks on common lands.
- Goal is to keep the scope broad to allow for latitude when performing work under the grant.
- Timeframe to include work from Oct-March annually, treating 127 targeted acres of land, ending March 2027.

Ed moved, seconded by Robin, to recommend to the board that the Association proceed with submitting the second 'Attachment A' outline above, motion carried unanimously.

- b. Review 2022/2023 completed Fire Mitigation projects:** Ed reported that the Association has used 73% of the grant awarded in 2021. Project totals from this fall were as follows:

  - Chip and Haul: \$19,093.75
  - Elk Springs Drive Lop and Scatter: \$19,800
  
- c. Discuss Fire Mitigation projects for 2023/2024:** The committee plans to contact Colorado Parks and Wildlife for guidelines on how fire mitigation work during winter months may or may not impact the elk herd.
  
- d. Discuss options for Fire Mitigation Plan with Connor Coleman of Resiliency Lands:** Ed moved, seconded by Jeanne, to recommend the board choose an option below so the committee can gather bids for review, motion carried unanimously.

  1. Obtain a 3<sup>rd</sup> party assessment from Connor on work completed thus far;
  2. Have Connor create a comprehensive plan for HOA lands to guide work moving forward. This plan will provide direction on projects to be performed by a contractor, and a long term plan for staying on top of treated areas.
  
- e. Update on fire hose purchase:** Tom updated the committee that he is working with Carbondale Fire on the purchase of replacement hoses. He also recommended the committee consider the following:

  - Annual maintenance of the fire boxes and budget accordingly.
  - Determine if there is a need for additional fire boxes in the subdivision.
  - Schedule training with Carbondale Fire for owners to learn how to use the hoses.
  
- f. Discuss fire mitigation/firefighting easement on lot 65:** Next step is to meet with Carbondale Fire to see if they would use this road in the event of a fire.

**V. Additional Business** None.

**VI. Open Forum** The homeowners present did not bring forth any business.

**VII. Adjourn** at 6:41 p.m.