



New Mexico Prescribed Fire Council Minutes

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

Socorro County Annex



- A. Welcome and Introductions – Chairman Kearny called the meeting to order; A motion and second was made by Rick Merrick to approve the agenda and the minutes of the Annual Meeting from December 1, 2017. Second by Eytan, All in favor
- B. Rx Fire Council Business
 - 1. Treasurer's Report – See attached treasurer's report
 - 2. Liability Insurance for Board Members – No update
 - 3. Rx Council items – no update
 - 4. CFRP Grant Needs – Merrick will send Boykin link to documents needed for CFRP proposal from Council
- C. General Announcements – None at this time
- D. Action Items From Last Meeting
 - 1. Anti-donation Clause Investigative Work – on going
 - 2. Continue work on 2018 CFRP proposal – see below
- E. Old Business
 - 1. Website status – Suggested to include upcoming TREX Dates on the website
 - 2. 2016 CFRP Grant Status – \$277.77 left in support line item; needs to be spend on pertinent activities, will work to do this over next few months so South Central RC&D will not be waiting on us to expend these funds
 - 3. Rx Trailer Status – Operational; Boykin was able to find the replacement fittings for the ATV water tanks so that was fixed; \$125.00 rental rate is for all users, so that we can have funds to replace needed equipment as it is used; NM Game&Fish has asked to rent it towards end of January for prescribed burn in Collin Neblett area
 - 4. Partnership for Firefighter Qualification Program – No action at this time; proposed 2018 CFRP grant could help up with this business item by providing a program director to coordinate this program of work
 - 5. NMSU Rx Training Workshop – no action
 - 6. TREX Events – Chama TREX, 5-7 days in early May; working on funding issues, they also have another one planned in the fall 2018; Taos TREX in conjunction with BLM, need 22-25 applicants, want to have a show me trip during the TREX, dates are 4/8 to 4/19
 - 7. Planning for 2018 Legislature – 30 day session; Kirkpatrick and Kearny will put together an information packet to give to the Natural Resource Committee in both the House and Senate and prepare a memorial for possible reading during the session
 - 8. 2017 AFF Grant Opportunity with Partners (Zander AFF Grant) – Grant designed to work with underserved and unengaged landowners in critical watersheds to promote forest management and prescribed fire. Subcontract has been send to Kearny and Boykin to review; we will have access to \$4,500 to be used to fund outreach and our annual meeting. In the meantime, we need to send an estimate of in-kind hours that we have already accumulated from the 2017 Annual Meeting
 - 9. Burn Associations – Stan Towner, Ruthann Harriet, and Eric Carbajal attended the meeting representing the NRCS and Salado/ Quemado SWCD's. After discussions concerning private lands burning, there seems to be interest in Northern Catron County for a possible burn association. The Rx Council agreed that if Stan could coordinate a joint meeting with the SWCD's and Rx Council, we could discuss a project to implement and possible future cooperative endeavors. Stan will get back with us ASAP to propose dates; We will plan on taking the Rx Council Burn Trailer along as a demonstration of its capacities. There was a lot of discussion on a BLM/NRCS plan that can allow the BLM to write prescribed burn plans that are cross-jurisdictional. This dovetails with the current NRCS/State Forestry Cooperative agreement for stewardship plan writing, which includes a Rx fire component

F. New Business

1. CFRP Grant for 2018 – Due date is now 2/27/18; Dave Lasky has a target date to have a draft to the Rx Council by 1/15/18 for review, will need to continue reviewing the list of cooperators and partners to be sure we get support letter submissions and what they will do as part of their in-kind contributions. Rick will send Boykin links for the required financial disclosure paperwork, have received needed information from the Gila NF for critical parts of the grant application. We have the next scheduled conference call/ work session at 1500 on 1/16/18; still need to contact the Silver City Fire Department

Action Item Capture

1. BLM – Inventory extra packs and drip touches that may be able to be donated to Rx Trailer: Lann and Lino
2. Feed Facebook Page – Tim
3. Review 2018 CFRP Executive Summary – Still in draft stages; conference call on 1/16/18
4. Develop a scope of work for a Rx Council Coordinator if we were able to secure long-term funding
5. Don & Tim – Develop information package and memorial for 2018 Legislature
6. Don and Boykin – Review AFF grant sub-contact and document time for match from the Dec. 2017 annual meeting (match sent to Zander on 1/3/18: 16hrs state/local government, 4hrs federal, 9hrs private, 2hrs t-Tribal – 31 hours total)
7. Attend joint meeting with the Salado/Quemado SWCD to develop a burn association and possible projects
8. Dave Lasky – Insurance underwriter would like to set up a face-to-face or conference call to clarify the actual actions/complexities of what a prescribed fire (goals, objectives, etc.) accomplishes and the specific needs for liability insurance; Dave will develop a short executive summary to be used as a guide for this discussion
9. Rick Merrick suggested that the Rx Council sponsors a Rx Summit for the State, Rick will write an executive summary as to the goals and objectives, target audience, etc.
10. Take Rx Trailer to Smoke Meeting at Socorro BLM on 2/22/18 to show capacities

3:00 pm Dismissal

Next meeting: 2/21/18 at 1:30 p.m., our regularly scheduled meetings will be on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, usually in Socorro unless otherwise mentioned.