



New Mexico Prescribed Fire Council Meeting Minutes September 25, 2019



- A. Welcome and introductions: *Don Kearny, Doug Boykin, Tim Kirkpatrick, Lisa Bye, Russ Thrun*
- B. Rx Fire Council business:
1. Approved last meeting's minutes – *motion by Tim; seconded by Russ Thrun – approved*
 2. Treasurer's report – *\$1,007.21 in account; no change from previous meeting*
 3. Rx Council merchandise items – *Boykin had Kenny Rodgers do a 3-run order on caps, so they are available*
- C. General announcements and topics for items not on the agenda – *no action*
- D. Action items from last meeting
1. *Location and structure for annual meeting – scheduled the first week in December; 12/4/19; Boykin will check on NM G&F conference room*
 2. *Complete Rx Coordinator Scope of work*
 3. *Rx Trailer Status – In Socorro at Boykin's house; Boykin & Don cleaned up and organized; still need to hand outside hooks for organizational chart; may be needed later in October up north*
- E. Project reports:
1. *TREX Events – no action*
 2. *2018 CFRP Grant – As per Dave; 9/25/19; I feel like we had a huge success with the Lueras this Spring. And while we did not use Gila CFRP funding to do it (if you remember we decided during the government shut down to find alternate more predictable funding source), the Lueras are a landscape we committed to work in for the Gila CFRP. So from my perspective, we have already accomplished much of what we set out to do in 2019. Moving forward, we are targeting spring 2020 for our next big operational push. This leaves time to coordinate with USFS and ties in with their burn window when the need the most help. It also leaves the right amount of time for the coordinator position to build the collaborative and capacity building network we also committed to in the grant.
– As per Mike Caggiano; 10/15/19; Last month on the call, Don asked about getting reimbursed for travel to stakeholder workshops and or meetings. I attached the budget. We have \$3000 budgeted for travel this year, so we can reimburse for travel. We will need to document the meeting itself (how it pertains to CFRP project, purpose, location, participants, etc...), and expenses (Google map directions to document mileage, and lodging if needed) to process the reimbursement. Don give me a call and we can work through this first one. We will also need to work through how this will be paid out since the PFC has limited funds available. We will wait to seek reimbursement/advance from the USFS until we have a sizable request. Most of the year one budget is being postponed until the Rx work actually starts, but have we had any other expenses? Also: 1) We need to get the project coordinator contract set up with Dave; 2) We need to continue communication with the Gila to ensure they utilize us this spring; 3) It looks like the required CFRP workshop is being scheduled for December 17th and 18th. I can go for the 17th but cannot stay for the 18th, and it would be good for either of you to go since you haven't been before. We can reimburse expenses out of travel. Please put this our calendar if you are around, or we can talk further to figure who can/should go. More info on this to follow.*
 3. *NM Prescribed Fire Memorial – Continues to move forward, next workgroup meeting/call will be on 10/26 to flesh our training and smoke issues. Recommendations have to be ready to present to the Legislature by June 2020.*
- F. New business
1. *Will need to be looking at elections of officers this fall as per bylaws*
 2. *New CFRP idea by Mike Caggiano, drafted for northern NM; Jacob stated that G&F is not that supportive at this time, but would look at it, Mike and Boykin talked after the meeting and both agreed that with the status of the CFRP program up in the air, it may be good to hold tight with what we have and see if the program is still viable in 2020.*
- Action Item Capture:
1. *Stay in touch with Julia Faith Rivera on CFRP grant status*
 2. *Rx Coordinator scope of work for CFRP grant*
 3. *Target date to organize Rx Trailer; done as of 10/15/19*
 4. *Determine annual meeting final date, agenda and location*

2:30 p.m. Adjourn Next Conference Call/Meeting October 16, 2019 1:30 p.m.