

**VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLEY
FIREWISE COMMUNITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2014
1:00 P.M., VILLAGE OFFICES
AGENDA AND MINUTES**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Firewise Board of Directors Meeting was attended by April Bender, Roger Pattison, and Kathy Bennett. Sheila Duffy, Jim Woodard, and Bill Engle were absent. Staff included Dave Wallace and John Miller.

II. Old Business

A. Reverse 911 Information from Colfax County - Kathy

It was the consensus of the Firewise BOD, that a reverse 911 system is not only too expensive, but probably wouldn't work anyway. Kathy said she'd take one last try at it and contact Tom Vigil from Colfax County, as he is familiar with what they are doing in Colfax County.

B. Discussion of simtable and burnboss/air burner demonstrations at the June 10th VC Meeting

Who does what? Intros? Etc. Video tape demos? How do we do this? We need to make an impact.

It was decided that Roger Pattison should introduce the presenters of the Sim table demo and the air burner presenters. The BOD would also like to request a "what if" scenarios and worst case scenarios from these presenters. The Agenda was discussed and Kathy said she would work with Vanessa to see if everyone can be accommodated as there is talk about a closed executive session as well. We also need to introduce the underground power ordinance at this meeting.

C. Progress Report on WUI and CWPP and Maps from John Miller

John Miller said there is no progress on the CWPP/WUI as the County is working on Flood Plain plans. But Nathan Sanchez, Taos County, said there will be a core team meeting soon. John was unable to get educational materials from Nathan, and he suggested Kathy get in touch with Chris Cote.

D. Evacuation Instructions made shorter/Distribution/Wildfire Evacuation Route signs

Kathy said she would get in touch with Sheila regarding evac plan. She will also check with Village Staff to see what sign company they deal with, as she found "evacuation route" signs from a company called safetysign.com.

III. New Business

A. Siren Installation/testing/schedule?

The BOD members invited Ray Keen, Public Works Director, to attend the meeting for just a few minutes to determine an action plan for the installation of the Siren. It presents several problems as the siren weighs 564 pounds. Ray and the BOD discussed several locations that

might work, as it needs to be hooked up to a generator. The best spot in the end seemed to be next to the Sewer plant just behind the compactor. Ray said he would contact Reliant Steel Company to get a price on a 30-40 foot I-Beam. He estimated about \$1,000. Kathy said she would contact some other cities who own this siren, to see how they mounted it. (A comment was made as to “what happens to tornado sirens after a tornado. No one ever tells you that.”)

B. Discussion regarding additional communications with property owners

Home Ignition Zone Structure Assessment Guide is next. How to do this.

It was decided that the next step is to do another mass mailing with the Water/Sewer bills in July and insert the Home Ignition Zone Structure Assessment Guide for property owners “to do” and return a copy of their form to the Public Safety committee. Secondly, we will distribute the HIZ Guide at the tent on the 4th of July to property owners. Thirdly, we will provide forms to the Chamber of Commerce and the Village Offices.

C. Working with the forest service. June meeting at the Columbine.

There will be a meeting held by the Forest Service regarding future planning on June 12, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., at the Columbine Inn conference center. Everyone is invited and the BOD members are putting lists together regarding questions and concerns that we have.

D. Action Plan? What does it contain? HIZ Assessments/ ingress/egress to properties, roads, turnarounds, maps.

Deferred until the next meeting.

E. Signs.com

Already discussed earlier in the meeting.

F. Community Firewise Timetable Report

Kathy submitted a copy of the Community Firewise Timetable Report. She put it together based on a suggestion from John. John submitted it to Chris Cote who said it was a good document and to keep adding to it.

IV. Miscellaneous – July 4th Firewise Community Education day/tent/Ace Hardware/coordination at the June meeting

Thanks to the efforts of Sheila Duffy, Ace Hardware has expressed an interest in joining us regarding firewise education days. It was suggested that perhaps people who purchase a chainsaw with a spark arrester, or fire extinguishers, etc., be given a “firewise community member” sticker, or something along these lines. Kathy said she would go into Ace Hardware and ask to see a Manager and perhaps discuss this idea and /or the 4th of July.

XI. Date, Time, Place of next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Firewise Community BOD is scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2014, immediately following the Public Safety Committee Meeting at 1:00 p.m., at the Village Offices.

XII. Adjournment.

Motion to Adjourn.

Motion: April Bender **Seconded:** Roger Pattison **Passed:** 3-0