

**VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLEY
FIREWISE COMMUNITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2014
1:00 P.M., VILLAGE OFFICES
AGENDA AND NOTES**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:55 p.m. Present were Kathy Bennett, April Bender, Sheila Duffy, and Roger Pattison. Jim Woodard was on vacation. Staff present was Dave Wallace.

II. Old Business

A. Reverse 911 Information update - Kathy

Kathy said she and John Miller had a meeting with Chris Cote, Taos County Wildland Coordinator and Deputy Chief of the Latir Volunteer Fire Department. Chris recommended that the Firewise Board of Directors “bag” the project for a reverse 911 system. He said it’s too expensive and doesn’t work all that well. In other words, Chris said to forget it, and not to waste our time. John and I agreed with him. Kathy asked the Board that if there were no objections, she would take this item off the project list. There were no objections.

B. Progress Report on WUI and CWPP and Maps – John Miller

John was extremely busy during the meeting and couldn’t attend as his final day is Friday, June 20th. John said he would hand over all his documentation to the Board before he left.

C. Evacuation Instructions made shorter/Distribution

Kathy shortened the Evacuation Plan (based on the siren sounding) to ½ a page. A project is to distribute the plan (as soon as the siren is installed), to everyone with a rental unit, hotel room, condo, or home for everyone’s information whether or not you are a resident or guest to the Village of Taos Ski Valley. Everyone needs to be informed.

D. Siren Installation/Testing update - Kathy

Dave said Ray thought that perhaps Mark and Monte from the TSV, Inc., could build a pedestal on the roof of the VMF to fit the 8 ½ inch bracket that came with the siren. Dave said he would touch base with Ray for an update as to how the installation is coming along. Renee will e-mail every notifying them of the siren testing when the time comes.

III. New Business

A. Ace Hardware Participation in VTSV Firewise Program – Sheila

Sheila has spoken to John Walker from Ace Hardware who would like to share a tent with us at the September “Firewise Education Day.” The Committee decided that this would occur at the Octoberfest event. Ace Hardware would be marketing smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, etc.

B. HIZ Assessment Project and Timeline

The Board of Directors will begin by submitting another mass mailing with a two page assessment form and a letter of explanation in the July water/sewer bills and separate mailings

to people NOT on the water/sewer system, and people with undeveloped properties, and of course, to all residents/businesses in the Amizette area.

C. HIZ study of ingress/egress to properties, roads, turnarounds, maps

Take off as a separate item as this is part of the assessment document.

D. Working with the forest service.

Kathy and others from the Firewise Board of Directors attended the meeting on June 12th, with the Carson National Forest Service. They had a mediator company heading the meeting and said they were looking for input as to a "Forest Service Plan" that would take four years to complete. The latest plan was finished in 1989 or 1986. Can't remember. At the end of the meeting, Kathy gave Jerry Mastel, District Ranger, US Department of Agriculture, Carson National Forest, Questa, NM, a list of accomplishments from our Firewise Board of Directors, and a list of concerns regarding the Carson National Forest. Hopefully something positive will come from this.

E. Action Plan

The Firewise Board needs to address this issue.

F. Signs.com

Board is working on it. Kathy will ride around and determine signs needed and directions of arrows, etc.

G. Community Firewise Timetable Report – Input from Members re: hours spent

Everyone is working on how many hours spent on Firewise issues, as we need to account for 2% per capita for the Village. Time spent, siren costs, etc. We've probably already met this requirement.

H. Final Meeting with John Miller/what the BOD needs to do.

Didn't happen. John is too busy.

IV. Miscellaneous – July 4th Firewise Community Education day/tent/coordination/set up

Help is needed to set up the tent near Rhoda's for the Firewise Education Day on the 4th. Should be setting up the tent around 10:30 a.m. Tables are needed. Volunteers from the Board are needed, if only for a little while.

Kathy brought up a scenario that we might want to consider. Initial Communications Plan such as "what if" we have no landline phones, no cell phone service, no electricity and no internet, and a wildland fire is coming up the canyon? Hopefully, Emergency personnel have radio repeater service. The siren is on a generator; who activates and how, and is this sufficient?

V. Date, Time, Place of next Meeting.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 1:00 p.m., at the Village Offices. The meeting starts immediately after the Public Safety **Meeting adjourns**.

VI. Adjournment.

Kathy made the motion to adjourn. Roger Pattison seconded. 4-0 to adjourn.