

FIRESAFE MONTANA
Board of Directors Meeting
Conference Call
September 2, 2009

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Jake Kreilick, FireSafe Montana (FSM) president. Others on the call were: Rocky Infanger, Bob Mutch, Paul Spengler, Dick Rath, and Don Lorenzen board members; Bruce Suenram, DNRC; Bob Fry, DES; and Mike Dannenberg, BLM agency representative members; Crystal Hagerman, executive director; and Brenda Rightmeyer, FS USA representative, speaker.

The meeting began with Brenda Rightmeyer providing the board with details about FS USA, her experience, federal ties, and work with CA, NV, and MT. Brenda explained the details and goals of FS USA. Questions were asked in regards to FSM being the financial sponsor. Crystal asked, how long would FS USA need FSM to be their financial sponsor with the grant money? Brenda thought it would take 6-8 months to request the \$27,600. FireSafe USA will provide details for reporting information and invoices for expenses. Bruce commented on the discussion and length of time it was taking FSM to decide on being a financial sponsor. Crystal reported that at the last board meeting in Missoula the board still had some questions they wanted clarified and that is why Brenda was on the call today to assist the board with their questions. Mike Dannenberg outlined the amount of grant money that was available to FSM and what the process would be if FSM declined to be FS USA's sponsor.

Jake made a motion for FSM to be FS USA financial sponsor for \$30,000 start up costs of FS USA with an 8% administration fee for FSM's time. Paul Spengler seconded the motion. The board voted and motion passed.

Next item on the agenda was a report on the conference committee work and what the locations and venues were for the 2010 communities and wildfire conference. Crystal provided the update on what locations and venues had been reviewed. Paul provided insight on the committee's work and that their recommendation was Fairmont. Board decided to see what Fairmont was like when they were there for the strategic planning retreat and would make their final decision at that time.

Crystal reviewed the confirmed attendees for the retreat.

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.