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**MINUTES OF THE
EUREKA/DIAMOND VALLEY COMMUNITY FIREWISE COMMITTEE**

The Eureka/Diamond Valley Firewise Committee held a public meeting on March 15, 2016 at the Eureka County Annex Building, Eureka, Nevada.

Members Present: Jessica Santoyo, Kathy Porter, and Leslie Zimmerman

Members Absent: Christine Smith and Hallee Dechambeau

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Santoyo at 4:00 p.m. and a quorum was determined to be present.

Public Comment

None

Election of Officers

Elect Committee Officers (Chair and Vice-Chair)

Jessica Santoyo stated that Christine Smith is the vice-chair and she has recently resigned.

Leslie Zimmerman motioned that Ms. Santoyo continue to be the Chairwoman for 2016. Kathy Porter seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Zimmerman motioned that Mrs. Porter be the Vice-Chair for 2016. Ms. Santoyo seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Board Business

Approval of June 25, 2016 meeting minutes.

Ms. Zimmerman motioned to approve the minutes as written from the April 22, 2015 meeting. Ms. Santoyo seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Member Reports.

Ms. Zimmerman stated that FFA students will have plants ready to go and that they are willing to help however they can.

Review Correspondence and consider action items on the next agenda.

Ms. Santoyo covered the following correspondence: Halle DeChambeau's resignation, Christine Smith's resignation, a thank you letter from the Cooperative Extension Office for their involvement in the 2015 NV Wildfire Awareness Month, and the National Fire Protection Association(NFPA's) flyer for the wildfire awareness day which is May 7, 2016.

Discussion was had by the board to look for two more board members. The board would prefer someone from the Fire Department and the new 4-H Coordinator if possible.

Wildfire Education, Preparedness, and Projects

Discuss and make decisions regarding Firewise/Wildfire Awareness Event in May.

Ms. Santoyo covered the following items regarding the Event which is scheduled for May 6, 2016.

- Event Date and Location: May 6, 2016 at the Firehouse from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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- Clean up event and Locations: May 6, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
 - Firewise volunteers will help with maintenance clean-up at the home that was cleaned-up last year in Diamond Valley. Jake Tibbitts will be contacting Matt Zietlow at Ruby Hill Mining LLC and ask if Firewise can clean-up the area behind the Ruby Hill Apartments.
- Other events on the same day: The Eureka Car show is the same weekend as the Firewise event.
 - The board discussed the conflict of events and decided that the Firewise event will still be on May 6, 2016.
- Food: Ms. Santoyo will order all of the food from Raine's market for the event.
- NV Wildfire Awareness Month (NWAM) Planning: The theme for this year is Create Unity – Fire Adapt Your Community! The NWAM designed the image for this year, the image consists of three very happy houses holding hands who are being fire aware.
- T-shirts: The NWAM image will be used on the t-shirts this year.
 - The board discussed the t-shirt options and decided to go with the Carolina Blue t-shirt. It was also requested to get a quote from the vendor before placing the order.
- Event Raffle: Items for the raffle include Round-Up spray bottles, Round-Up pump and go, back pack sprayers, rakes, pruning shears garbage bags, weed trimmers, and a bike with a helmet.
 - The board discussed that the raffle will only be open to Eureka residents attending the event. Individuals who are there for the car show and are participating in the Firewise event can't enter the raffle but they can receive a free plant and a meal.
- Ember House: The ember house is still at the firehouse and available for the event.
- SWAG: The NWAM has been discussing a few different ideas for free giveaways. They discussed having car stickers, water bottles, or bandanas. They will have their final SWAG item presented at the next meeting.
- Poster Contest and 3-D model contest: Ms. Santoyo went to the school and worked with the art teacher to get this year's projects completed. The kindergarten class through 3rd grade is working on the poster contest and the 4th through 6th graders are working on the 3-D models contest.
- Defensible Space Contest: Last year's contest only had one entry and it seems like the interest has gone down from the first year.
 - The board discussed tabling this item until the following meeting to determine if they will continue the contest or not.

Discuss and make decisions to progress on projects from the work plan and community wildfire education.

Ms. Santoyo stated her goal this year is to get the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) complete and work through all of the data. The work plan is still the same for the year.

Public Comment & Discussion –

None

Next Agenda & Meeting Date-

Next meeting date is scheduled for April 12, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Agenda items will include Firewise Awareness Day/Event.

Adjourn – The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Porter and seconded by Ms. Zimmerman. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

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Approved this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted & Approved By:

Jessica Santoyo, Secretary/Chairwoman