

PINE/STRAWBERRY FUEL REDUCTION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2013

CALL TO ORDER:

President Mel Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.
The meeting was held at the Pine Senior Center Dining Room
Mel led the Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Mel Palmer, Janet Brandt, Jack Malloy, Katie Calderon, Ron Calderon

Members Absent: None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Ron moved to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2013 meeting as presented. Katie seconded.
Motion Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Janet presented the Treasurer's Report.
Savings = \$10,853.37
Checking = \$22,518.43
FireOnTheRim = \$51,740.53
Total = \$85,112.33

Ron moved to accept Treasurer's Report as presented. Katie seconded.
Motion Passed.

BILLS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Janet reported she has paid DOC \$15,000 for the Reed property thinning.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trails Update: Mike Brandt reported that the Bearfoot Trail is just about completed. Less than .2 mile from connecting with the Pine Canyon Trail 26. Easy access from milepost 270, park in the Pine-Strawberry trailhead across Highway 87 and be careful crossing to the other side. Behind Camp Lo Mia a bridge is needed to cross Pine Creek. After researching options he has asked the Forest Service Bridge Engineers for help and they are willing. After getting the plans from the F.S. Engineer, Mike is confident there is enough expertise in the community and with those that have been working the trail so far to construct the bridge and reduce some of the cost.

Trail 26 restorations, from Camp Lo Mia to Dripping Springs, has been completed and now the switchbacks from Dripping Springs to the trailhead are being worked on over the next couple of months.

Mel asked about the meeting with ADOT regarding the tunnel. Mike and Janet are currently working with the F.S and a grant for an "over or under" passage at the Pine Canyon Trail / Arizona Trail trailhead south of Pine that would allow a means of access from trails on the Eastern side of the 87 to the Western side. Mike said he found out that a pre-fab bridge over 87 might be less expensive than working with the culvert box that is currently under the highway. He is also talking with ADOT about using their right-of-way for a trail on either side of the highway from the trailhead for safer access into and out of Pine. Same thing in Strawberry possibly using under the bridge that goes over Strawberry Creek.

Mike said he is starting to layout a trail behind Strawberry Mountain to include the maple groves.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Brush Pick Up Fundraiser: Mel introduced the flyer P/SFR is mailing to all Pine & Strawberry residents seeking donations to help bring back a brush pick up program. He said that Tonto Rim Search & Rescue has agreed to let us use their non-profit bulk mailing stamp. Mel will be checking with the postmaster to be sure it will be ok. The County is furnishing the address labels and the mailing should be ready in about a week.

ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION, POSSIBLE ACTION:

More Trails Info: Mike said they are looking for more ways to collect money to continue the trails program. One suggestion he had was donation boxes around the community. Dave Burkhart suggested checking with Arts & Craft Guild to see about selling hot dogs after the pancake breakfast during their Arts & Craft fairs.

More Brush Pick Up: A discussion ensued regarding the implementation of the P/SFR Hotline phone number. Mel will coordinate this implementation.

Industrial Development Authority: Janet reported on an email she received today from this organization that donated \$16,000 to help FireOnTheRim kick start the bike race. They are going to start an advertising campaign for Gila County and would like to feature pictures of the FOTR race in their advertising.

SET DATE, TIME, PLACE OF NEXT P/SFR, INC. MEETING:

Katie moved Wednesday, January 29, 2013; 6:00 PM; Pine Senior Center Dining Room; Janet seconded
Motion Passed

ADJOURNMENT:

Katie moved to adjourn. Mel seconded.

Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Jack Malloy, P/SFR Secretary