

**Santa Fe Trail Ranch POA**  
**Covenant Committee Meeting**  
January 7, 2006  
Fire Station 3

**Committee Members Present:**

Rick Kinder, Chairman  
Bob Scott  
Bob Gyde  
Don Ruward  
Diane Novacek

**Agenda:**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Rick Kinder called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. INTRODUCTION & ROLL CALL

III. OLD BUSINESS

Bob Scott stated that the court approved the change in Article 7.1.1. We now need 51% of voters for Covenant changes.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

The Committee reviewed the Covenant changes that had been suggested in the year 2000. We made some modifications and additions. The changes are to be rewritten and presented to the Board for review before submittal to the Members for vote.

V. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Covenant Committee will be Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at Fire Station 3 at 7 P.M.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12 Noon.

Submitted by Rick Kinder, Chairman, January 7, 2006

# FH/WMC Committee Meeting Minutes

## May 11, 2006

Attendees ♦ Ed Hockett, Dave Skogberg, Nancy Allred, Betty Withington, Bob Gyde, Julene Gyde, Tony Riley, Diana Novacek. Tim Reidy joined at the end of meeting and agreed to join the committee.

CWPP ♦ The CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan) has been finalized and the consultant has been paid. An annual review will be required to keep the CWPP up to date. Keeping the CWPP current requires annual education, map updates of structures and updates of firewise status. Tony Riley volunteered to work on this initiative.

2005 WUI Grant ♦ Wildland Urban Interface Grant- All the paperwork has been submitted by all the participants for the 2005 WUI Grant funds that were used for mitigation. All that is needed is CK's final blessing. In kind work hours came in far more than expected.

2006 WUI Grant ♦ Dave Skogberg reported that a grant application was submitted in August of 2005 for 2006 WUI grant funds. \$75,000 was requested: \$60,000 for mitigation and \$15,000 for education. Dave thought that the education component may consist of making a short film educating home owners on how to make their home firewise.

Non Profit Application ♦ Nancy Allred and Sheryl Smith will put together an application for a 501 c(3) application for non profit status for the FH/WMC. A non profit status will enable the FH/WMC to apply for grant monies that are only available for non profits.

A discussion was held on new ideas to educate and motivate ranch owners. The committee felt that more participation was needed from within the ranch membership. Tony agreed to make an appeal at the Saturday May 13th Board meeting for more members to participate in the FH/WMC initiatives. A discussion ensued about how to get the attention of more property owners. One idea that was proposed would be to subdivide the ranch into areas similar to what emergency services has done and have area leaders promote mitigation and other activities specific to their areas. It was agreed that the committee would approach Bob Dye on his thinking on this concept. It was stated that property values go up with clearing or mitigation work and that we should put a bug in realtors ears to encourage their clients to do mitigation work to enhance sales appeal and value.

Diana will contact the SFTR POA BOD to determine if the board is interested in having Merrill Kaufmann of the Rocky Mountain Research Station speak at the annual membership meeting.

Diana brought up the possibility of the Colfax County Fire Marshall doing a discussion for our committee. Colfax County has a county wide CWPP and it may be beneficial for us to collaborate with Colfax county on much of what they are doing.

Bob and Julene Gyde volunteered to coordinate and drive the Hydro-Axe initiative for 2006. Betty Withington also volunteered to assist in this initiative.

Betty Withington suggested that a field trip to the site of the Mauricio Canyon fire would be worthwhile. Diana will make contact with the locals in Mauricio Canyon to see if this can be arranged.

Ed Hockett volunteered to drive an initiative to get some ranch members trained to do preliminary evaluations for firewise evaluations.

A discussion took place regarding a field trip to Vermejo Park Ranch as an educational event. Bob and Julene Gyde volunteered to head up this initiative.

# **FH/WMC Committee Special Meeting Minutes**

## **June 28, 2006**

Roger Terry, Colfax County Urban Forester and Larry Osborn, Colfax County Fire Marshall spoke to the FH/WMC regarding activities they are involved with in Colfax County, New Mexico.

Colfax County is one of the few counties in the country that has a National Community Firewise Designation. Roger and Terry are willing to assist SFTR in applying for a National Community Firewise designation. This designation would recognize SFTR nationally as a forested community that is providing Firewise education, has a Community Wildfire Protection Plan, and is actively engaged in Firewise mitigation. The SFTR POA board will need to endorse our application for a National Community Firewise Designation.

Roger and Terry invited SFTR to join and collaborate with the following coalitions: Colfax County Homeowner's Association Firewise Coalition, Canadian Watershed Coalition, and the Cimarron Watershed Coalition. These groups are working together in efforts to mitigate wildland fuel hazards, restore forests to a healthy state, and consequently provide proactive protection of area watersheds. In order for our committee to join any of the above associations we would need to provide 2 people on those committee boards.

Roger and Terry discussed the benefits of getting a 501-C3 status and joining other alliances and coalitions. This would open the door and make SFTR eligible for more grant funding.

The committee was encouraged to look on Colfaxfire.com for information regarding a Grab and Go Kit. This is information that all ranch residents should be aware of before the need for a fire evacuation occurs.

Roger and Terry made points regarding getting the word out to real estate agents and land/home owners selling their properties that creating a defensible space adds value to sales prices.

Roger and Terry concluded the meeting with their thoughts regarding the current drought conditions the likes of which they have never seen around here.

Respectfully submitted: Tony Riley