

UPPER FRYING PAN VALLEY CAUCUS

MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2023

Thomasville Firehouse

7:00 PM

Executive Board: Dale Coombs – Chairman; John Crowley – Vice Chairman;
Pat Crowley – Treasurer; Melanie Buchholz - Secretary – all present

Board Members: Marilyn Lee, Jean Dodd; Lea Vasten, Pam Wooley; Jacque Schoon – all present

Members attended: Monroe Dodd, Lyle Schoon, Gail Coombs, Ron Bain, Debbie Bain, Pat Gilbert, Dolores Nogaro, Enrico Grigoletto, Buck Buchholz, Sarge Whalen, Mary Whalen, Reuben Sadowsky, Abby Stern, Ryan Turner and Danny Hundert.

Guests: Jennifer Schuller, Forest Service Deputy District Ranger
Michael Buglione, Pitkin County Sherriff
Scott Matisse, Pitkin County Deputy Director of Public Works

- The meeting was called to order at 7:06. The minutes of the August 8, 2022 meeting were approved by motion from Dale which was seconded by Monroe Dodd and then approved.
- Pat Crowley gave the Treasurer’s Report with a current balance of \$9,558.32. Pat confirmed we did receive \$1,625.00 from Roaring Fork Fire & Rescue (RFFR) as reimbursement for the AED currently located in the Meredith Post Office lobby. It was additionally noted that a total of \$890 in donations were received at last year’s corn boil with approximately \$1,155 spent on the corn boil. Marilyn made a motion to approve the report and Pam seconded the motion. The report was then approved.
- Pitkin County Sherriff Michael Buglione was here tonight and plans to attend on a regular basis. We believe tonight is the first time we’ve had a Pitkin County Sherriff attend our meeting. Welcome! Sherriff Buglione said to contact him at any time with questions or concerns and provided his cell number: 970-319-0081.
- Jennifer Schuller, Deputy District Forest Service Ranger, Jennifer provided status on the following:
 - o Trails and roads may have lots of snow and downed trees following the heavy snowfall winter. Please let the Forest Service know if you come across anything while out hiking, etc. Reuben noted they did a great job last year on many of the trails but there are several that the trail condition are unknown.

- Peregrine falcon sited again at Lime Park/Canyon so anticipate a special order to close and restrict an area to protect the falcon's that will be coming in effect as soon as it can get assigned. The restriction will only go through August 1st as that will give the falcons enough time to hatch and care for new chicks. A map will be available online as soon as it is signed. Unfortunately, there is not a place safe for the birds to be viewed.
 - Eagle-Thomasville Road set to open Wednesday the 14th. Jacque asked if it would be possible to get a sign at Frying Pan Rd so that we would know if it's open or closed before getting all the way up to the gate. Jennifer will into this possibility.
 - Several roads are still not open but unknown if they were scheduled to be prior to the meeting. Jennifer will follow up on gate/Road openings regarding Ivanhoe, Hagerman, Burnt Mountain, Lime Creek.
 - Timber sales/planned harvesting:
 - Coyote Park timber sale harvest scheduled to begin 7/30/23 but date may be pushed back.
 - Kuns Creek timber sale harvest scheduled to begin 6/20/23 but date may be pushed back.
 - Jennifer was asked if they were going to fix the roads used last year to which the logging trucks and equipment caused damage. Jennifer will follow up and see if there is any more information regarding this topic.
 - It is believed the harvest this year will be brought down the Frying Pan Road, but Jennifer will get some clarification on this.
 - Although he was unable to make it to our meeting tonight, Jennifer let us know that Kevin has already arranged for Chris to attend our July 10th meeting and discuss further.
 - The Forest Service has been working with Horseshoe Bend Lodge through the process of getting improvements permitted and completed.
- Scott Mattice, Sherrif Michael Buglione and Caucus members discussed traffic and speeding concerns at length. Pitkin County approved Meredith and Thomasville for 2 new speed radar (solar powered) signs and are awaiting the poles before they can be installed. The group discussed at length where the additional two signs would be most beneficial for speed deterrence and for gathering data from the additional signs. Abby made a motion seconded by Monroe and then approved placing one of the signs right before Meredith as travelers come into town from the reservoir. The group also agreed the placement of the second new radar sign would be just below the lime kilns as traffic comes into Thomasville. Scott will follow up to see if it's possible to get a 4th speed radar sign.
- ***Note: Since the meeting, Scott has provided maps of where the signs will be placed (attached to this email) and orange cones will be placed in those spots this week so folks can see where the signs will be installed.

A big thank you was given to Pitkin County for snowplowing over the winter and for their work on obtaining these signs.

- Marilyn bought up 20 signs for those who want them to stick in their yards along the Frying Pan Road which say "Slow Down in Town" and on the reverse side "Take a Minute". The Caucus agreed to pay for these signs and members took some home. Left over signs may be available at the post office for those interested.

- The Meredith sign was knocked down last year but has been picked up for safekeeping and minor repairs by Hank. Rueben made a motion that the Caucus pay to have the Meredith sign reinstalled at a maximum cost of \$300. John 2nd the motion and it was then approved. Abby will research and find out cost and see about getting it reinstalled.
- Monroe provided information regarding the current trash and recycle cost and management. The group commended Monroe noting this is a difficult and time consuming job and we all appreciate his efforts.

The members agreed to have a trash and recycle fundraiser potluck will be held on July 4th at the Thomasville Firehouse following the non-parade.

- o Monroe said the trash and recycle bill is about \$4k average.
 - o Monroe has been doing this since 2018 and at that time he started the cost was \$1,800 every time it was emptied.
 - o We have been doing a great job with our recycling sorting.
 - o The current cost for use of the trash and recycling is \$50/month.
 - o Monroe provided reminder that large items should not be thrown in our dumpsters (e.g. toilets, furniture, etc.) but instead be taken to the dump by the individual disposing of the item.
 - o A composting bin was suggested.
 - o Beyeul offered to put on a fundraiser.
 - o Debbie Bain will follow up wo see if another vendor can provide the same service at a lower cost.
 - o Marilyn moved to have the potluck after the non-parade at Station 43. Her Motion was 2nd by John and approved.
 - o Monroe will follow up with RFFR for permission.
 - o Pam and the Meredith General Store will provide ice cream for sale, proceeds will go to the fundraiser.
 - o A mini committee was formed to organize July 4th celebrations: Jean, Mary, Lea, Jacque, Pat, Marilyn, Lyle and John all volunteered.
 - o The Non-parade will start at 5:00pm on July 4th.
- Litter control on Frying Pan Road. Lea passed out current list of volunteers and the sections they are responsible for. We'd like to have everyone clean up their mile by the end of June. Note: Since our meeting, Lea advised Pitkin County has agreed to remove (sometime this week) the mattress left on the side of the road near mile marker 18.
 - Corn Boil Committee has set date and location for the 2023 event: Sunday August 6th at Beyeul. The Corn Boil committee from last year will stay in tact and includes the following members: Jacque, Pat, Rueben, Marilyn, Debbie, Jean.
 - Discussed Caucus elections. There were no new nominations and no one interested in running this year. We discussed the Caucus elections take a lot of time and expense. Lea made a motion that the present board members stay on in their current board positions for another two years. Motion was 2nd by Monroe and Gail. The motion was approved without any objections.

- Pam made a motion to form a Bylaws Committee to look at any changes to bylaws regarding elections and whether they may need to be updated, motion was 2nd by Monroe. Bylaws Committee member volunteers include: Monroe, Marilyn, Pam, Pat, John, Jacque.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:24pm.

Upcoming this Summer 2023:

- **Tuesday July 4th 5:00pm** – Non-parade followed by potluck fundraiser at the Thomasville Firehouse.
- **Monday July 10th, 7:00pm** - Caucus meeting at the Thomasville Firehouse.
- **Sunday August 6th** - The 2023 Corn Boil will be on Sunday August 6th at 5:00pm at Beyeul (f.k.a. The Diamond J).
- **Monday August 14th**, 7:00pm - Last Caucus meeting of the summer at Thomasville Firehouse.

The UFPV Caucus website: <https://caucus.ufpv.net/>

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Buchholz
Upper Frying Pan Valley Caucus Secretary