

UINTAH CITY



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Mayor Lawrence Flitton

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TUESDAY, January 16th, 2018

Treasurer – Mike Ulrich

Jerry Smith

Kristi Bell

6:30 PM

Sheriff – Lt. Pledger

MINUTES

Fire Chief – William Pope

Attendees: Mayor Flitton, Gordon Cutler, Kristi Bell, Jeff Holden, Dusty Richards, Brian Trick, Blain Hamp, Terence Butler, Chris Willden, Danielle Bird, Kirsten Stuart, Mike Ulrich, Neal Sawyer, Brody Russell, Ben Tesch, Hal Olmstead and Darinda Wallis.

Excused: Michelle Roberts and Jerry Smith

MEETING MINUTES:

1. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Flitton called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Flitton

2. **DISCUSSION ON STATE OF UTAH DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES 2017 COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT:**

Presenter: Blain Hamp

- Blain introduced Dusty Richards and Brian Trick from the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands.
- Blain explained that S.B. 122 created the Wildland Fire Policy.
- In 2015 S.B. 56 Requires the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands to develop a state-wide wildland fire policy; describes the goals of a state-wide catastrophic wildfire reduction strategy; and allows the division to use funds to promote wildfire prevention, mitigation, and preparedness.
- S.B. 122 - Allows Municipalities as well as Counties to enter Cooperative Agreements with the State
- S.B. 212 – Authorizes funding for the suppression fund.
- Four Policy Issues
 - The State Assumes Cost of Large and Extended Attack Fires.
 - Local Government Obligations
 - Delegation of Fire Management Authority and Transfer of Fiscal Responsibility
 - Cost Recovery
- State Assumes Cost of Large and Extended Attack Fires:
 - Begins Jan 1, 2017
 - New Cooperative Agreement replaces current County Agreement
 - Cities have until June 30, 2017 to sign
- New Cooperative Agreement
 - Voluntary system
 - 5 Year life span
 - Cities sign by Jun. 30, 2017
- Local Government Obligations
 - Initial Attack is a **primary responsibility** for participating entities.
 - Local fire department training, certification and equipment standards
 - Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)
 - Participation Commitment
 - Eligible entities
- Eligible Entities are Counties, Municipalities, or Special Service Districts with Fire Suppression AND Taxing Authority
- Participation Commitment
 - Counties
 - 10 year wildfire history
 - Risk Assessment tool
 - Municipalities & Service Districts
 - Risk Assessment tool
 - Fire history beginning in 2017
- Risk Assessment Tool
 - Blain recommended that we go on this site and request viewer rights <https://www.utahwildfirerisk.com/>
- PREVENTION - Reduce human-caused fires.
- PREPAREDNESS (25% max.) - Safe, efficient and capable wildfire suppression response.
- MITIGATION (50% min) - Reduce risks to persons, property or natural resources.
- Blain reviewed the (blue) sheet – suggested actions and activities that do not qualify.
- Activities that don't qualify:
 - Any State funded activity
 - Any previously matched prevention/preparedness

- Cost of State or Federally provided trainings
- Cost of initial attack
- Improving culinary water systems
- Improving individual structures
- Existing County employees or programs (weed departments)
- Delegation of Fire Management Authority and Transfer of Fiscal Responsibility:
 - The delegation of fire management authority to the Division may occur at any time during the incident and when;
 - Local Incident Commander requests;
 - State or Federally owned lands are involved;
 - Resources ordered through an Interagency Fire Center;
 - At the discretion of the State Forester.
 - Delegation means, Division or its designee becomes the **primary** incident commander.
 - The State will pay for all aircraft costs. **Aircraft must be ordered by the State.**
- Transitioning Fiscal Responsibility from Local Government to State:
 - Requested by the local Fire Official on scene.
 - When State or Federally Managed lands are involved.
 - Resources are ordered through an Interagency Fire Center.
 - At the discretion of the State Forester.
 - Remember:
 - Unified Command:
 - Transfer of fiscal responsibility does not remove Local Government from the Command Structure or the decision making process.
 - All Aircraft Costs:
 - Become the fiscal responsibility of the State (both initial and extended attack).
- Cost recovery for human-caused wildfires:
 - Be more proactive
 - Costs recovered deposited into the Wildfire Suppression Fund.
 - Helps with prevention
- Warden's Relationship:
 - Disseminate information
 - Identify risk and how to mitigate it.
 - Advise participating entities how to become successful.
 - Help local government track expenses.
 - Sign CWPP's.
- Summary:
 - State assumes cost of fires in return for;
 - Local efforts to reduce risk,
 - Prevention
 - Preparedness
 - Mitigation
 - Community Wildfire Protection Plan
 - Local Initial Attack
- Questions: Mayor Flitton asked what is the algorithm used for the risk map. Blain explained that it is a nine layer GIS program; Blain stated that they would be open to discussion on the red zones.
- Blain explained that the community involvement is not the responsibility of the Fire Department, they are doing enough. We need to get community involvement like the Scouts. Scouts can earn \$24 per hour towards community involvement. You can document time with google docs.
- Blain explained that we can document the time the two hundred Scouts came and helped clean out the ditch. Anything that was done in 2016 and 2017 can help with costs.
- The cooperative agreement, if signed begins from the date of signage and is a five year agreement.

3. **MEETING ADJOURNMENT:** (00:45:35)

Gordon Cutler motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Kristi Bell

All in favor; the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED by City Council this 6th, day of February, 2018.



DARINDA K. WALLIS, City Recorder