

**Town of Green Mountain Falls
Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee meeting minutes
Monday, August 28, 2023**

Committee Members Present

Chair David Douglas
Vice Chair Paul Yingling (on Zoom)
Member John Bell
Member Kelly Hunter
Member Lisa Huizenga

Trustee Members

None

Town Staff

None

Recording Secretary

Carolyn Bowers

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER Chair Douglas called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS None

4. CONSENT AGENDA Huizenga moved to accept the minutes of the June 26 and July 24, 2023 meetings. Hunter seconded. Motion approved.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. CUSP SFA and FRWRM Grant Projects – Update, David Douglas

Douglas reported that Adrian Knight, forester with the Coalition for the Upper South Platte River (CUSP), told him that two grants (SFA and FRWRM) thought to expire Dec. 31, 2023, end in April and October 2024. This allows for an additional 44 acres to receive mitigation, if Green Mountain Falls can come up with matching funds. The Kirkpatrick Family Fund has agreed to provide funds for the matching grant but must receive the application by Sept. 1. Since the Board of Trustees must approve the application but does not meet until after that date, the town manager will submit the application by the deadline with the understanding she will withdraw it should trustees decide against it.

b. Committee Input to Strategic Plan Review and Discussion – Paul Yingling

Committee members held a lengthy discussion about the need to expand goals and priorities and how to execute them. They agreed that a separate workshop to discuss specific topics would be useful. Bell moved that the committee ask Yingling to moderate a workshop by 2024. Hunter seconded. Motion was adopted unanimously.

The committee discussed a memo Bell sent to Mayor Todd Dixon, outlining his ideas for helping the town identify dead and dying trees posing the most danger. The memo had not been reviewed or approved by FMAC. Bell called it a “rough draft” that could be changed. Douglas disagreed that it was a rough draft, stating the mayor and town manager were already seriously considering it as a tool for prioritizing nuisance trees to be felled. Douglas asked if the committee wanted to vote to adopt Bell’s risk assessment

