FIRE ADAPTED PARK COUNTY (FAPCo)
Special Members and Second Quarter Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 21, 2026, 7:00 PM
Location: PCFD Community Room

Present in person: Shelby Edwards, Keith Doubleday, Robin Davis, Steve Lori, Becky and Justin Stewart
Present on Zoom:, Trice Hufnagel, Lucy Bauer, Doug Compton. Jonathan Spuhler,

Call to order: 7:09pm
Quorum: present (3 members and 6 directors)

Special Member's Meeting

Bylaws changes

Proposed changes to the existing FAB bylaws and charter were reviewed, discussed and approved unanimously by all members present. The main changes pertinent to the new FAPCo charter are:

- Fire Adapted Bailey (FAB) has now become Fire Adapted Park County (FAPCo)
- FAPCo's geographic range now encompasses the entire county of Park (and not just Platte Canyon School District)
- Board size has been increased to a maximum of 15 members
- Board meetings may be attended in person or virtually (eg by Zoom)

Member portion of the meeting approved unanimously for closure.

Board Meeting

Old Business:

Minutes of prior board meeting (Lucy) : Approved unanimously
Treasurer's Report (Robin)**:** Approved unanimously (see spreadsheets below)

- The sizable donation by Mitchell Cutts ($4470.52) was noted and applauded.
- Outstanding membership dues were noted and payment requested.

	FAB Ops Account Balance Sheet End of 1st Qtr 2026	
Checkbook balance 12/31/25	**$8,751.88**	
Opening Balance	**$8,751.88**	
Income		
Individual donations	$4,470.52	Mitchell Cutts
Corporate donations	$0.00	
Events/Fundraising	$0.00	
Dues Paid	$200.00	
Grants	$0.00	
Total Income	**$4,670.52**	
Expenses		
Programmic Activities	$0.00	
Overhead	$881.01	B&O Insurance $380 Website maint $200 Website hosting $25.90 Printing - Grant Request Presentation $275.11
Fees	$125.99	IRS Filing Fee $84.99 Co Sec State $35 Bank Fee $6
Grants LWTF	$0.00	Pond Project
Grants Choose America	$850.00	On Line Class videos & website bot
Total Expenses	**$1,857.00**	
Ending Balance	**$11,565.40**	
as of 3/31/26		

Fire Suppression Pond Project Update (Robin)
Regarding the 5 selected ponds in Burland, Romer Ranch and KZ Ranch.

- Phase 2 now complete
- Phase 3 (rebuilding spillways and strengthening dam embankments at a cost of $1.4+ million):
    - Proposal to be submitted to the Land and Water Trust Fund (LWTF) by May 11th, with a meeting and presentation scheduled for June 11th (Robin)
    - Proposal (if approved by LWTF) to be submitted to Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) for discussion and a vote in June
    - Robin: notify board members of meeting dates and request support/attendance as needed.

Mountain Pine Beetle Proposal
An earlier attempt to secure funding from the LWTF for mountain pine beetle mitigation was defeated by BOCC. A task force has now been formed to continue to address the issue:

- Members include Park Co fire chiefs, Office of Emergency Services, and CUSP.
- An application was submitted for a Congressional Directed Spending Grant to senators Benet and Hickenlooper, with 16 letters of support.
- Continuing to seek alternative funding opportunities and partnerships with organizations like CUSP and Aurora water.

Pheromone Packets (Robin)
Robin and son Randy have successfully launched an online ordering system for pheromone packets to combat mountain pine beetle,

- 2,550 packets currently ordered for distribution to fire protection districts across Park County.
- Packets will be received by Robin, sorted according to FD, labelled, information sheets added, and delivered to fire stations for distribution.
- Keith, Robin, and a person needing community service hours will do the work.
- New orders will be accepted until May 15th

New Business/Open Discussion

Board Responsibilities for FAPCo (All)

- Keith: Update bylaws to ensure language about online/Zoom access to meetings is included, and correct grammatical errors as noted.
- Robin: Add Zoom information to upcoming meeting announcements on the website.
- Doug: Look into insurance coverage implications for increased membership and travel across Park County for FAPCo activities.
- All Board: Help expand mission to engage more with external organizations for funding and partnerships
- All Board: Payment of $50 dues by participating member groups
- All Board: Offer to help with fundraising, outreach, and operational support as well as seeking additional volunteers to assist
- All Board: Look out for grant and funding opportunities for operational expenses as well as mountain pine beetle mitigation
- All Board: Recruit new members and board members from additional neighborhoods and fire districts across Park County as expansion continues.

Forestry Academy (Trice)
This event has been organized by Trice (Master Gardeners) and Elena (CSU Extension) to address community concerns and questions about mountain pine beetle

- 30th May from 9am-2pm
- John will give a 30 minute presentation about the Mountain Pine Beetle Proposal - its logistics, future plans and funding needs ($1.3 million total).
- Lucy will help with content and expertise on the beetle infestation as needed. Trice will connect Elena with Lucy

Platte Canyon FPD Activities (Shelby)

- Fire risk is at an all-time high, comparable to historic fires from the early 2000s
- Low snowpack and extreme weather (heat, drought) are creating dangerous conditions in Park County
- PCFD is assessing evacuation challenges and working with other districts and county authorities.
- Efforts to treat 130 acres along roadways and to identify additional 170 acres for vegetation management are ongoing, with over $900,000 in grant funding still available through 2028-2029.

Chipper Program in DCVR (Robin)
A new chipper sharing program has been set up where properties can get up to 2 hours of chipping for $45 per hour. Residents sign up on the DCVR website and sign a waiver at the same time, It has filled up quickly with a waiting list.

Outreach to New Residents (Robin)
Through a realtor contact at FACO, plans are being made to connect new residents with FAPCo and other wildfire preparedness resources after realtors notify FAPCo with newcomer contact information.

Community Service (Robin)
FAPCo is now registered to provide work (such as processing Verbenone packets) for community service volunteers needing hours.

Fundraising Partnerships with local businesses (Robin)
Exploring the possibilities of reaching out to local businesses and contractors (e.g., roofing, chimney sweep) for partnership opportunities for home hardening/upgrades/inspections. Important to ensure no explicit endorsements are made.

Mill Iron D Involvement (Trice)
New HOA president in Mill Iron D possibly open to increased neighborhood involvement and membership with FAPCo. Trice will request that flyers about the Forestry Academy and other fire-related information be distributed

Woodside (Becky)
Shelby: Put Becky in touch with Elk Creek wildland project managers regarding roadside/evacuation route fuel reduction efforts in Woodside neighborhoods.

Meeting adjourned 8:28pm

Minutes by Lucy B, Secretary (with help from Zoom transcript)