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FOLLOW-UP



Ravalli County, Rooted in Fire & Adapted to Fire...

The Fire in the Root Council's mission is to promote and facilitate the long-term reduction of risk from wildfire and adaptation to wildfire by communities and residents throughout Ravalli County."

Disclaimer: this mission is meant to be fluid, and can be modified and updated as needed while we progress and move forward.

FIRC Meeting: Here's what you missed

Thank you everyone who joined us at the last Fire in the Root Council meeting. We greatly appreciate everyone's time and participation. If you missed the meeting, you can view the **notes below**:

Fire in the Root Council Meeting Notes

November 1, 2022

Facilitator: Kimberly Richardson

Meeting start: 1910

1. **By majority, the Council voted to cancel the January meeting.**
 1. Drew mentioned unknown timeline re: CWPP DNRC agreement as hasn't heard anything lately, but it will likely take one month after receiving the agreement for the County to move forward anyways, so canceling the January meeting should be fine.
 2. Group discussed and confirmed and clarified membership terms lined out in October:
 1. **Majority voted that prospective Council voters will need to sign an agreement committing to 20 hours of active participation within that calendar year (Jan to Dec) in order to provide voting rights for the next/succeeding year. Voting rights for the current year would be received upon signing the commitment AND attending three (3) meetings.**
 1. No time is carried over to the succeeding year.
 2. Current year participation hours are to provide voting capability for the next/succeeding year.
 3. For 2023 voting rights only, the requirement is 20 hours participation in 2022 OR attendance at six 2022 meetings. Anna B. calculated attendance and by December all attendees will have enough time to vote in 2023.
 4. State and federal partners will be non-decision making members (ex-officio), though there was discussion on this.
 1. Agency was defined as any individual representing a governmental organization. *<Clarification needed: looking back at notes, "agency" was defined as only "state and federal" when it came to decision-making, thus allowing local government the ability to vote. We will clarify the County's desired voting role but as of now will leave it as they can vote should they desire to>.*
 2. Aside from rules that might exist, agencies also want to avoid any chance of Council decisions being "government" determined.
 1. Many other councils have similar set up or have not defined their decision-making. *<Kristin will research how other Councils with multi-agency representation do their decision-making. Our Council is comprised differently than many she knows of so it is a unique situation (e.g., many are either all/mostly agency or mostly public with a few non-voting advisory agency reps).*
3. Teams

1. Council requested a description of Teams and what they entail before we identify roles and responsibilities and secure volunteers.
 1. Example is that CWPP Team will now serve to create and provide Council's input for CWPP.
 2. There was a question on what is the Fuel Mitigation Team and why it's on Council?
4. Kristin explained that it is a coordination meeting for agencies and groups doing fuels reduction work at a large scale that don't regularly talk COLLECTIVELY (they talk, just not all together) and Drew explained that their mission aligns with the Council mission *<To clarify, anyone is welcome to attend these quarterly meetings, but the active participants are those individuals doing fuels reduction at a large scale within the County, thus participants are limited>*
 NEXT MEETING: December 6 @ 7 p.m. Reminder: No January Meeting
 Meeting ended: 2040

[Link to Voting Rights Commitment Contract](#)

[Link to the Notes](#)

[Link to the Meeting Recording](#)

Clarification on Decision Making

- A voting member must have 20 hours of participation each calendar year, beginning
- Participation hours may not be rolled over to subsequent years, beginning 2023.
- For 2022 only, anyone that has 20 hours of participation OR attended at least 50% of the meetings (6 meetings) more by December 2022 will be a voting member.
- For 2023:
 - All members will begin with 0 participation hours for the 2023 calendar year. The requirement of 20 hours will be in effect for the 2023 calendar year.
 - Only for 2023, voting rights for the calendar year will be automatically granted to those who already earned 20 hours of participation or OR attended at least 50% of the meetings (6 meetings) more by December 2022.

[Draft Membership Contract](#)

Action Item: Determine Membership Contract

Next Fire in the Root Council Meeting:
Tuesday, December 6th from 7:00pm-
8:30pm

**Location: Victor Fire Department, 2383
Meridian Rd, Victor & Zoom**



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