

**The Inverness Association and Inverness Foundation**  
**Draft Meeting Agenda : 7PM ZOOM**  
**Dec 9, 2020**

MINUTES (ZOOM CALL)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Hartzell, Catherine Caufield, Andrew Buckingham, John Longstreth, Tom Gamen, William Barrett, Seana Quinn, Alex Porrata

MEMBER ABSENT: Robert Johnston

ATTENDING: Woody Elliot, Grey Brechin, Jerry Meral

**Open Time for Public Comment: 5 minutes**  
**Approve: AGENDA**

**Inverness Association –**

1. Any development proposals to discuss
  - Nothing to report

**Inverness Foundation –**

1. Fire Prevention **Develop a FireWise Community** – Discussion of how to move ahead with the FireWise Communities proposal. 15 minutes  
**Decision:** agree to cooperate and be the conduit for grant application to the new Fire Prevention Authority. See materials provided under separate cover.  
Jerry will present the proposal, with input from Tom and others

**Discussion:**

This is about inspiring our community to take responsibility for making sure private property owners are educated around fire wise needs, best practices, and sources available to help in order to become a FireWise community. This would require annual communications and efforts to maintain effectiveness. We need liaisons to reach out and communicate with neighbors. (gathering of sources, for example “chipper days,” and general education). It’s really up to the community to decide what level of participation they are willing to commit to. Disaster liaisons send out emails and remind people about the annual update.

Jerry is willing to oversee organizational needs. Need to find a treasurer.

**PROPOSAL:** As a 501(c)3 the IF should take on a role of education and support with the Firewise program and commit to discussing with the Fire Dept and Firewise Authority to further define the support needs.

Bill Barret moves, John seconds, UNANIMOUS.

2. **Water System Improvements and Preparation for Wildfire** – significant work has gone on in recent weeks toward asking the community to support a parcel tax for increased water storage. This would be put to the voters in the fall of 2021.

Discuss this proposal and ask questions pertaining to IA& IF involvement going forward.  
Packet from Jerry will be sent separately as it involves several documents.  
Jerry will present the proposal.

**Decision:** Indication of level of support for the concept, and whether the IF would agree to accept financial contributions for the measure (modest component) as allowed by law

**Discussion:** The IF can be a fiscal sponsor for investigating fundraising for increased water storage to aid in household needs and potential fire prevention. This research and education would support an initiative of the IA for the Inverness Public Utility District (IPUD) to put the measure on the ballot. The first step is to send out a survey to involve the community and inquire about interest. Note that the IF can only be in a supportive role to help educate the community about what is possible.

**Proposal:** To research and send out a survey investigating if there is interest from the community to support an initiative regarding fundraising for increased water storage. And to evaluate the results of the survey at a later meeting and decide whether or not to proceed.

If IF agrees to continue the research and composition of the initiative measure, it will then be up to the IA to carry out a modest signature gathering campaign.

Catherine moves that the IF should do the survey and decide based on the response whether to move forward with sponsoring the initiative, Andrew seconds, Unanimous

3. Minutes: Seana to send out minutes.
4. Reports: Trails & bridges – Tom 5 minutes

Fixed and prepared bridge in second valley, need to add anti-slip material

Cleaned all the gutters!! Cleaned around the annex, noticed that some painting is needed. Request has been made to Van, as he was the last to do our painting.

5. Reports: JMM – Andrew 5 minutes

Due to the pandemic, there hasn't been a meeting in several months. Some individual calls but no meetings.

6. Membership status: Catherine - this year/last year – latest major contributions 4 minutes  
Someone offered a free physical mailing to encourage membership so this will happen.

7. Possible Board memberships.

Possibilities discussed. Jerry Meral would be a valuable contributor to board, particularly as we move ahead with the FireWise Community Program and research on a fire/water tax measure; he accepts the invitation.

John moves to add Jerry Meral to the board  
Bill seconds  
Unanimous

8. Other items to be discussed

Next Meeting: TBD

Adjourn

**Prepared and Revised** by Kathy Hartzell 12/2/20

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**You will participate via Zoom on your computer or phone**