

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MCKINLEYVILLE COMMUNITY  
FOREST COMMITTEE (MCFC) HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.  
IN PERSON AT AZALEA HALL – 1620 PICKETT ROAD, MCKINLEYVILLE, CALIFORNIA**

**and**

**TELECONFERENCE Via ZOOM & TELEPHONE:**

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***NOTE: Items are listed in the chronological order in which they were considered.***

**1 Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

The following committee members and staff were in attendance in person at Azalea Hall.

Gregory Orsini, Chair, MCSD Board Director (Non-Voting Member)  
James Biteman, MCSD Board Director (Non-Voting Member)  
James Henry, MCSD Operations Director  
Kirsten Messmer, MCSD Parks and Recreation Director  
Jens Andersen, MCSD Recreation Coordinator  
Joel Rink, Forester/RPF Member  
Tyler Brown, Natural Resources Services Agency Member  
Maya Conrad, MMAC Appointee Member (**Arrived at 5:35 p.m., prior to item 6**)  
Jennifer Ortega, PARC Appointee Member  
Michele Stephens, McKinleyville Resident Member  
Kevin Creed, At-Large Member  
Nicole West, Alternate Natural Resources/Biologist Member  
Todd Truesdell, At-Large Member

The following committee member(s) and/or staff were in attendance via Zoom under AB 2449:

Patrick Kaspari, MCSD General Manager

Absent: Desiree Early Dorvall, Natural Resources/Biologist Member  
Mersadies Campbell, Alternate Forester Member  
Christopher Collier, Alternate Natural Resources Agency Member,

Nicole West served as voting member in the absence of Desiree Early Dorvall.

**2 Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jens Andersen.

**3 Additions or Changes to the Agenda**

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

**4 Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** It was moved to approve the agenda.

**Motion by:** Messmer **Second:** Creed

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Kaspari, Henry, Messmer, Andersen, West, Rink, Brown, Stephens, Truesdell, Creed

Nays: None

**Absent:** Conrad, Dorvall

**Motion Summary:** Motion passed.

## **5 Public Comment and Written Communications**

There was no public comment.

## **6 Consider Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the McKinleyville Community Forest Committee on November 19, 2024**

**Motion:** It was moved to approve the November 19, 2024 meeting minutes.

**Motion by:** Messmer **Second:** Stephens

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Kaspari, Henry, Messmer, Andersen, Conrad, West, Rink, Brown, Stephens, Truesdell, Creed

Nays: None

**Absent:** Dorvall

**Motion Summary:** Motion passed.

## **7 Trails, Infrastructure, Clean-Ups & Security (TICS) Subcommittee Report**

Charlie Caldwell, TICS Subcommittee Chair, overviewed the item.

There were no comments from the committee or public.

This was an information only item. No action was taken.

## **8 Forest Management Plan and Funding/Budget Subcommittee Report**

Kevin Creed, Chair of the Forest Management Plan and Funding/Budget Subcommittee, reviewed the item.

Committee discussion ensued including suggesting carbon sequestration as a possible fundraising opportunity.

There was no public comment.

This was an information only item. No action was taken.

## **9 Discuss Potential Establishment of a 501(c)3 Non-Profit**

Parks and Recreation Director Messmer presented the item.

Committee discussion ensued and members asked clarifying questions.

Concerns were voiced regarding ensuring a potential non-profit does not represent a specific user group.

Staff was asked to conduct exploratory research.

Maya Conrad volunteered to reach out to Humboldt Area Foundation.

There was no public comment.

This was an information only item. No action was taken.

**10 Update on CalVTP/CAL FIRE Forest Health and California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) Grants**

General Manager Kaspari presented the item.

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

There was no public comment

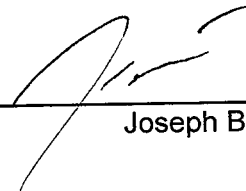
This was an information only item. No action was taken.

**11 Committee Member Announcements and Future Agenda Items**

There were no announcements or suggestions for future agenda items.

**12 Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

  
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Joseph Blaine, Board Secretary