



Western Cape Umbrella Fire Protection Association NPC
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MEMBERS:

1. Southern Cape Fire Protection Association (SCFPA)
2. Greater Cederberg Fire Protection Association (GCFPA)
3. Cape Peninsula Fire Protection Association (CPFPA)
4. Winelands Fire Protection Association (WFPA)
5. MTO Cape
6. Cape Nature

Transnet Freight Rail update:

Despite various queries and more follow up discussions with the various depot managers, it would seem as if each depot is finally in the position to pay the respective invoices. SG will continue to follow up until full payment has been made.

Department of Transport and Public Works:

Following the recent meeting with Ms Melanie Hofmyer, which was largely unsuccessful, the WCUFPA is in the process of trying to set up a meeting which would involve key decision makers. We are hoping to invite the Department for a presentation where we are able to introduce the WCUFPA, discuss compliance and answer any queries. Hopefully we will be able to get back on track with negotiations soon.

Department of Rural Development and Land Reform

The WCUFPA has completed the calculation of the properties for the DRDLR. Due to the fact that the total amount comes to 71 038.30469 ha the previous rate of R11 needs to be reconsidered. This matter was discussed with Thinus Botha (ECFPA) who mentioned that they had discussed a rate of R1.10. This rate was however from 2012. Taking this in to account an amount of R1.60 per ha

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was suggested to the various FPA managers. Juanita has been updated and they are grateful for the fact that we are considering their wellbeing. All vendorship documents have been submitted and the application is in process.

WCUFPA Strategic Plan :

Each of the 7 key objectives has been allocated to specific champions. Each Champion will report back on these objectives at the next EXCO meeting in Feb, 2018.

DAFF Funding Request:

Due to the fact that there has been no response to the funding request submitted to Mr Cyril Ndou (both via email, registered mail and hand delivered by Mr Trevor Abrahams) the WCUFPA contacted Mr Renny Madula who has agreed to meet with the WCUFPA and Mr Johan Heine to discuss funding. The funding request has been sent to him, and although the first two attempts to meet have been unsuccessful, we will hopefully be able to confirm a date soonest.

State Compliance Letters:

FPA managers were informed that all letters of compliance were signed by the Minister and had been sent to State Owned Entities and relevant government Departments. The list of letters received was forwarded to FPA managers the letters will be kept on file by the WCUFPA. FPA managers were requested to forward names of any state and local authorities, which are not in compliance, or for which they required compliance letters. A generic letter has been requested and this request has been forwarded to the secretariat of the National Veld and Forest Fire Working Group.

WCUFPA 18a PBO application:

The amended documents that must be submitted for the 18a PBO status need to be signed by the WCUFPA directors and the original documents must be submitted to SARS. These documents will be ready for signature at the upcoming WCUFPA EXCO meeting in Feb 2018.

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AFIS:

The WCUFPA have followed up with PDMC, to enquire about the progress with AFIS. We are hoping to be able to benefit from collaboration with PDMC forward. Although this is a much needed tool for the various FPAs, the expense incurred for this service would be beyond the means of most FPAs.

Directorship Change:

The amended constitution, MOI and signed resolutions have been given to AJM Financial Services to ensure that the amendments are legally recorded. We are also in the process of getting the required resignation letter from Phil Cox, who is now in Indonesia. He has committed to sending the documentation soonest and we will continue to follow up accordingly.

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