

**DEER SPRINGS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**March 26, 2008  
WEDNESDAY 3:30 P.M.**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER 3:28 P.M.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

President Nicholson – present  
Vice-President Orner – absent  
Secretary/Treasurer Donnelly – present  
Director Tebbs – present  
Director Van Ingen – present

Also present: Chief Ned Nickerson, Fire Marshal Magdaleno, Counsel Shawn Hagerty, and Liz Heaton.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Proposed Fire Suppression Assessment Tax –

In an effort to educate the community on the Deer Springs Fire Protection District (DSFPD) economics, staff members discussed different financial aspects of the District. Questions were welcomed and encouraged.

Liz Heaton explained to the public how the District receives revenue from property taxes collected by the County and how fire personnel are paid through contract with CALFIRE.

Fire Marshal Magdaleno distributed financial statements to the audience to explain how the budget is composed, how assessments are calculated per habitable structure\parcel acreage, and a 10 yr projection spreadsheet that shows negative operations cash flow in the fourth year. Fire Marshal Magdaleno recommended scheduling an appointment to meet with her if further details were needed.

Chief Nickerson explained the staffing of the three fire stations; how much it costs to staff each station; what each of the sources of revenue pays for and how the District plans for engine replacements. He proposed a 4 cent increase in order to maintain the solvency of the District.

#### **4. DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

President Nicholson communicated to the public that the staff was reevaluating the budget for areas where expenses can be reduced.

#### **5. PUBLIC FORUM**

Questions regarding the revenue, expenses, budget, staffing contract and assessments were asked by the public and answered by the Board and Staff. The majority of the Public attending requested that taxes not be raised this year.

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by President Nicholson, seconded by Director Van Ingen. Motion approved 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

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Laurel Nicholson, President