

**DEER SPRINGS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday 3:00 P.M.
April 3, 2008**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

3:02 P.M.

President Nicholson announces Vice-President Orner has submitted his resignation. Notice will be distributed allowing interested parties to submit their resumes to the office by end of day April 22, 2008.

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

Also present: Chief Nickerson, Chief O'Leary, Fire Marshal Magdaleno, Liz Heaton and Counsel Hagerty.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by President Nicholson

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Van Ingen motioned to approve. Director Donnelly seconded the motion.

Motion approved 4-0. 4 AYES; 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT; 0 ABSTAIN.

- a. Approval of Minutes – March 6, 2008
- b. Acceptance of Finance Report
- c. Acceptance of Monthly Activity Report
- d. Acceptance of Fire Marshal's Report

4. NEW BUSINESS

None

5. OLD BUSINESS (GENERAL ORDER ITEMS)

a. Goals and Objectives for 2008 – Status Report

- Response Times-postponed
- Fuel Mitigation-(Nicholson / Donnelly) No report.
President Nicholson taking over Vice-President Orner's assignment.
- Evacuation-(Tebbs) No report.
Director Tebbs requested that the public contact him regarding evacuation in their area. He highly recommended that if you do not have an evacuation plan, that you evacuate early.
- Santa Ana Observers-(Tebbs) No report
- Communications / Education (Nicholson)
 - DSFPF Website - working with Tom Francl and FFII Chris Mathews.
- Bylaws-(Nicholson / Van Ingen) No Report
- Stonegate Mitigation / Future Fire station(s)

b. Budget Review –Chief Nickerson reviewed a Power-Point presentation covering: annual calls; income sources; total yearly income; Expenses; Total Yearly Expenses; Income vs. Expense; Budget Year Savings 07-08 vs. 08-09. He summarized why he felt we needed a four cent increase.

Fire Marshal Magdaleno went over the financial statements and highlighted where some reductions in expenses were made.

c. Final Vote on Proposed Fire Suppression Tax Assessment –

Director Tebbs motioned to approve Stand-by Availability increase. Director Van Ingen seconded the motion. **MOTION APPROVED 4-0. 4 AYES; 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT; 0 ABSTAIN.**

Van Ingen motioned to keep Fire Suppression Tax Assessment at the same rate. Director Tebbs seconded the motion. President Nicholson Abstained. **MOTION APPROVED 3-0. 3 AYES (Donnelly, Tebbs and Van Ingen); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT; 1 ABSTAIN (Nicholson).**

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Reserve Deployment Committee (Tebbs/Chief Nickerson) – No Report
- b. Fuel Mitigation Committee (Orner/Donnelly) – No report
- c. Compliance Committee (Orner/Donnelly) – No report
- d. Bylaws Committee (Van Ingen/Nicholson) – No report
- e. Stonegate Committee (Tebbs/Van Ingen) – No report

7. DIRECTORS REPORTS/COMMENTS

None

8. CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Nickerson and Captain Heidmann traveled to Philadelphia to check on the status of the engine that is being built for Deer Springs Fire District. It is fifty percent complete. It is expected to be completed in about 5 to 6 weeks. They will return for a final inspection.

9. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

None

10. CERT/FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT

CERT- May 12, 2008, 12 to 15 members will be participating in a Countywide CERT Drill being held at the Vista Courthouse. Training and resources will be available.

Fire Safe Council – Received an \$89,000 grant from the Forest Service. These funds will be used to subsidize a grant of \$115,000 used to develop clearance along the rim of Moosa Canyon.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

12. CLOSED SESSION

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

Director Tebbs made a motion to adjourn. Director Donnelly seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned 4-0 at 4:42 pm.

Laurel Nicholson
President