

**DEER SPRINGS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, 3:00 P.M.
June 5, 2008**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

3:00 P.M.

President Nicholson - present
Vice-President - position vacant
Secretary/Treasurer Donnelly - present
Director Tebbs - present
Director Van Ingen – present

Also present: Chief Nickerson, Liz Heaton and Counsel Hagerty.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by President Nicholson

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Van Ingen motioned to approve the consent calendar with corrections to items 4b and Chief's Report. Director Donnelly seconded the motion. **Motion approved 4-0. 4 AYES; 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT; 0 ABSTAIN.**

- a. Approval of Minutes – May 1, 2008
- b. Acceptance of Finance Report
- c. Acceptance of Monthly Activity Report
- d. Acceptance of Fire Marshal's Report

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Preliminary Budget Approval – Liz Heaton reviewed and answered questions regarding the Preliminary Budget. Director Donnelly Motioned to approve the Preliminary Budget. Director Van Ingen seconded the motion. **Motion Approved 4-0. 4 AYES; 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT; 0 ABSTAIN.**

5. OLD BUSINESS (GENERAL ORDER ITEMS)

- a. Ethics Training – Some board members are still working on completing the training course.

- b. Goals and Objectives for 2008 – Status Report
 - Response Times – No Report
 - Fuel Mitigation (Nicholson / Donnelly) - No report.
 - Evacuation-(Tebbs) - No report.
 - Santa Ana Observers (Tebbs) – Director Tebbs recommended that the Board go public and submit media content raising awareness of fire hazardous conditions and promoting a united & structured effort in spotting fires under Santa Ana conditions. Director Tebbs will work on a list of publications along with a letter to submit to media.
 - Communications / Education (Nicholson) – No Report
 - DSFPF Website - working with Tom Francl and FFII Chris Mathews.
 - Bylaws-(Nicholson / Van Ingen) – Will have an update next month
 - Stonegate Mitigation / Future Fire station(s) - No Report

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Reserve Deployment Committee (Tebbs/Chief Nickerson) – On Friday June 6, 2008 the SD County Board of Supervisors will be presented with a report and proposal that will include addressing rural area fire protection issues regarding reserve and volunteer programs and coordinating efforts between most of the volunteer companies in the San Diego County. Some of the benefits of this program to Deer Springs Fire District are that reserves would be available without the liability and protective gear costs. The proposal will be voted on June 24, 2008.
- 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

Director Van Ingen presented a donation and letter of gratitude from a resident that has recently been assisted by the Deer Springs Fire Protection Paramedics.

8. CHIEF'S REPORT

- On behalf of CALFIRE, Chief Nickerson thanked President Nicholson for assisting in the interview process of hiring the new Deer Springs Fire Protection District Fire Chief.
- The new engine apparatus is scheduled to arrive June 6, 2008.
- On January 29, 2004 an Assessment Lien was filed by Fire Protection Services, Inc., on behalf of Deer Springs Fire Protection District against real property located at 28205 Mountain Meadow Rd., Escondido, CA, APN 186-321-07-00, for the costs in the amount of \$1,856.66 for abatement of a public nuisance on the Property. Per the California Health and Safety Code section 14875 *et seq.*, proper procedure was not followed; therefore, the Assessment Lien was unlawfully filed and has no legal effect. Director Tebbs motioned to remove the lien from property APN 186-321-07-00. Director Van Ingen seconded the motion. **Motion Approved 4-0. 4 AYES; 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT; 0 ABSTAIN.**
- Chief Nickerson answered Mr. Clark and Mrs. Freeses' questions regarding road improvement codes. He will be sending a letter out to Mr. Clark and Mrs. Freese addressing their questions again.

9. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

None

10. CERT/FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT

- CERT: May 17, 2008 12 CERT members participated in a countywide training seminar held at the Vista Courthouse.
- June 3, 2008 members of CERT participated in a countywide CERT Net hand radio drill. To be used to communicate with CERT members throughout the county in the event of a full scale emergency.
- Fire Safe Council: Will be holding a seminar on structure safety and defensible space Saturday June 7, 2008 at 10 a.m.
- Out of 75 Fire Safe Councils in the San Diego County, The Deer Springs Fire Safe Council was awarded San Diego Fire Safe Council of the Year Award.
- Senator Barbara Boxer sent a letter to DS FSC congratulating and recognizing their outstanding achievements.
- A Certificate of Recognition was received by the Fire Safe Council from The California Legislature Assembly, 77th District.
- Craig Cook thanked the Board and Chief Nickerson for their support.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

See attached sign-in sheet

12. CLOSED SESSION

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

Director Van Ingen made a motion to adjourn. Director Donnelly seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned 4-0 at 3:45 pm.

Laurel Nicholson
President