

**DEER SPRINGS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, 3:00 P.M.
July 10, 2008**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

3:00 P.M.

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

Also present: Chief Nickerson, Chief Marugg, Chief Bratton, Fire Marshal Magdaleno, Liz Heaton, Lisa Lozano and Counsel Hagerty.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by President Nicholson

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Motion approved 4-0. 4 AYES; 0 NOES; 1 ABSENT; 0 ABSTAIN.

- a. Approval of Minutes – May 28, 2008 and June 5, 2008
- b. Acceptance of Finance Report
- c. Acceptance of Monthly Activity Report
- d. Acceptance of Fire Marshal's Report

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Weed abatement cost confirmation hearing – Dale Kimmey, Fire Prevention Services, Inc. – Director Van Ingen motioned to approve the weed abatement package. Director Tebbs seconded the motion.
Motion approved 4-0. 4 AYES; 0 NOES; 1 ABSENT; 0 ABSTAIN.

- b. Introduction: New District Chief and New Board Member –
President Nicholson introduced our new Deer Springs District Fire Chief Ernie Marugg and mentioned that our new board member Bob Frey will be at the August board meeting.

5. OLD BUSINESS (GENERAL ORDER ITEMS)

- a. Ethics Training – The board members were reminded to complete their ethics training.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter from resident - Director Tebbs read a letter from a DSFPD resident regarding Stonegate Mitigation.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Goals and Objectives for 2008 – Status reports

- a. Fuel Mitigation Committee (Nicholson/Donnelly) – This month the committee will be setting up a meeting with members of the Fire Safe Council to discuss ideas for fuel mitigation.
- b. Reserve Deployment – (Tebbs/Chief Nickerson) The County is in the process of implementing a countywide reserve program, however, because the District is an organized entity, it is not included in the program. Originally the district's reserve program was implemented to put a third person on the engine. With the additional funds the county has granted Deer Springs Fire Protection District to increase staffing levels on the engines the reserve program is not as vital as it once was. It is Chief Nickerson's recommendation that the current active firefighters in the reserve program not be dismissed. But in the future, we should allocate the budgeted funds back into the budget. Chief Nickerson excuses himself from any future obligation in regards to reserve deployment. President Nicholson motions to have Chief Marugg replace Chief Nickerson in this committee. Motion seconded. **Motion approved 4-0. 4 AYES; 0 NOES; 1 ABSENT; 0 ABSTAIN.**
- c. Evacuation (Tebbs) – President Nicholson recommends meeting with the Fire Safe Council to discuss any ideas on improving evacuation in emergency situations.
- d. Santa Ana Observers (Tebbs) – Letter to Governor.
Director Tebbs read a draft letter he composed for politicians and media streams. He requested that the Board review and make suggestions. Chief Nickerson points out that CALFIRE has a Public Information Officer. President Nicholson suggests that maybe we could work with him on this campaign. Director Tebbs will meet with Craig Cook to discuss the Fire Safe Council's program for Fire Awareness under Santa Ana Conditions.

Resident Annetta Citino requested that the Red Flag Program be implemented in her community, the Champagne Village. She volunteers to present it to the community's HOA.

- President Nicholson motions to appoint Director Tebbs, in conjunction with The Fire Safe Council, the duty of sending out letters to politicians and media resources to raise awareness of fire hazards under Santa Ana Conditions. Director Van Ingen seconded the motion. **Motion Approved 4-0. 4 AYES; 0 NOES; 1 ABSENT; 0 ABSTAIN.**
- e. Communications/Education (Nicholson) – A presentation of the new website was held at the end of the meeting. President Nicholson requested a short biography from each of the board members to post on the website.
 - f. Bylaws (Nicholson / Van Ingen) Draft introduction – A draft of the DSFPD Bylaws was introduced. President Nicholson requested that the board review and make suggestions or corrections if necessary.
 - g. Merriam Mountains (Tebbs, Van Ingen) - No Report

8. DIRECTORS REPORTS/COMMENTS

None

9. CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Nickerson introduces our new Division Chief Mike Bratton. He also presented to Deer Springs an autographed picture of Lance Alworth.

Chief Marugg discusses the fire situation in Northern California. All the Stations in the district are covered with one engine each. Station #13 has a second engine (brush) covered under state order.

Captain Heidmann discussed recent projects at station #2 completed by the firefighters at a savings. A hose rack was built for \$1,000. If purchased, it would have cost \$5,000. A 12'X14' shed was built for \$2,000 it retailed at Lowe's for \$10,000. A weight room was also built by the firefighters for \$500; it would have cost approximately \$5,000 with a contractor.

Captain Heidmann read some of the thank you letters that were sent to the personnel from residents.

Captain Heidmann reported that we are approximately a month away from putting the new engine into service.

10. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

New Brown Act Law in effect July 1, 2008. Any materials related to the Agenda should be made available to the public as soon as they are distributed to the members of the board at or within the 72 hour period prior to that board meeting. The address of the location where the agenda items are made available should be listed on the agendas for all board meetings.

11. CERT/FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT

CERT: \$2,500 grant applied to incident command program. We purchased brush clothing and helmets.

Fire Safe Council: A seminar on fire safety will be held Saturday July 26, 2008, in the Jesmond Dene area at the Moose Lodge.

August 11, 2008 the Fire Safe Council will be holding a Program on fire safety at the Welk Theatre. There are 300 seats available. Tickets can be requested at Welk@deerspringsfiresafecouncil.com.

Fire Safety News was mailed out this morning.
Moosa Canyon grant officially starts July 1st, still waiting on funds.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

See attached sign-in sheet

13. CLOSED SESSION

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

Director Van Ingen made a motion to adjourn. Director Tebbs seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned 4-0 at 4:18 pm.

Laurel Nicholson
President