

**DEER SPRINGS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, 3:00 P.M.
August 7, 2008**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

2:57 P.M.

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

Also present: Fire Marshal Magdaleno, Captain Heidmann, Liz Heaton,
Lisa Lozano and Counsel Hagerty.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by President Nicholson

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Approval of Minutes – July 10, 2008
- b. Acceptance of Finance Report
- c. Acceptance of Monthly Activity Report
- d. Acceptance of Fire Marshal's Report

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

Motion approved 5-0. 5 AYES; 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT; 0 ABSTAIN.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Revision of Ordinance 2005-02 (DS Fee Schedule) – A proposal was presented to the board, the board discussed the fees. President Nicholson motioned to assign Fire Marshal Magdaleno and Counsel Hagerty the task of finalizing the fee schedule. Director Frey seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5-0. 5 AYES; 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT; 0 ABSTAIN.

5. OLD BUSINESS (GENERAL ORDER ITEMS)

- a. Ethics Training – All board members have completed their ethics training.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Goals and Objectives for 2008 – Status reports

- a. Fuel Mitigation Committee (Nicholson/Donnelly) – The board agrees to discontinue the Fuel Mitigation Committee.
- b. Reserve Deployment – The board agrees to discontinue the Reserve Deployment Committee.
- c. Evacuation (Tebbs) – The board agrees to discontinue the Evacuation Committee. Director Tebbs will liaison with the Fire Safe Council to further explore ideas on improving evacuation in case of an emergency.
- d. Santa Ana Observers (Tebbs) – The DSFPD received a positive response to the letters sent out last month. La Mesa Mayor Madrid and Sandag, two of the respondents, have expressed interest in participating in the effort to raise awareness. Director Tebbs suggested that there be a procedure that calls for notification by email to the media and citizens when Santa Ana Conditions are present. Ideally the notice will eventually be part of a Southern California multi-county effort. Captain Heidmann, Chief Marugg and Director Tebbs will meet together to determine the parameters that will require a hazard advisory. Director Tebbs will draft a notice to be released when parameters are met.
- d. Communications/Education (Nicholson) – President Nicholson suggests holding town-hall meetings sometime in October to provide information to our residents regarding the proposed \$52 parcel tax that will be on the ballot in November.
- f. Bylaws (Nicholson / Van Ingen) Draft introduction – A draft of the DSFPD Bylaws was introduced at last months meeting. After review the directors of the board comment and make suggestions. President Nicholson will take into consideration the comments made by the members of the board and revise the bylaws. She will present a final draft at the next regular board meeting.
- g. Merriam Mountains (Tebbs, Van Ingen) – No report. The board agrees to discontinue the Merriam Mountains Committee for now.

8. DIRECTORS REPORTS/COMMENTS

Director Tebbs comments on the expense acquired on counsel.

9. CHIEF'S REPORT

Captain Heidmann reports that Chief Marugg is still out of county. He also reviews the incident report for the month of July.

Captain Heidmann recommends that a fee for burn permits be implemented.

President Nicholson and Director Frey will work together on a committee to research other sources of revenue. For example, billing transients for incidents serviced on I-15.

10. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

General Counsel reported back to the Board regarding Fire Protection Services. General Counsel stressed that the prior issue with FPS was a fact specific issue and not a general concern about FPS. General Counsel further reported that he had discussed the issue with FPS and that minor changes to the documents used by FPS were being considered which might further address this fact specific concern.

11. CERT/FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT

No Cert report

Fire Safe Council – Craig Cook reports that the seminar being held Monday at the Welk Theatre has 134 reservations for the professionals' session. 315 seats are reserved and 9 on a wait list for the Homeowners' session. The FSC held a presentation on defensible space at the Hidden Meadows Ranch August 5, 2008. They will be holding a presentation on defensible space at Champagne Village on August 19th at 7pm.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

See attached sign-in sheet

13. CLOSED SESSION

The Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6 to discuss labor negotiations with two unrepresented employees. After completion of the closed session, the Board President reported that the Board had given direction to its labor negotiator regarding the two unrepresented employees and that no other reportable action was taken.

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Nicholson motioned adjourn for closed session at 4:35 pm.

Laurel Nicholson
President