



## **PUBLIC MEETING OF THE DEER SPRINGS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (DSFPD)**

**May 11, 2022**

**Open Session 4:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Location: DSFPD Station 1, 8709 Circle R Drive, Escondido, CA 92026**

**Public Participation: Telephone Dial-in**

### **1. Call to Order at 4:00 pm, Roll Call**

President Sealey-Present  
Vice-President Slaughter-Present  
Secretary/Treasurer Jackson-Absent  
Director Gordon-Present  
Director Holley-Present

Also present at board meeting, Division Chief Johnson, Battalion Chief Morrison and Legal Counsel.

### **2. Pledge of Allegiance-Led by Director Sealey**

### **3. Adoption of Agenda**

Director Gordon moved to adopt May 11 agenda; Director Slaughter seconded the motion.  
**Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Jackson); 0 Abstain.**

### **4. Public Comments Period-None**

### **5. Fire Safe Council Report-Steve Kerrin**

A Defensible Space Inspection Checklist mailer was sent out to the community of the Deer Springs Fire Protection District. A seminar on Home and Life Safety in a Wildfire will be held May 21, from 9am-noon, at the Hidden Meadows Pavilion. The Chipping Program continues throughout the District.

### **6. Approval of Minutes**

#### **a. Regular Meeting April 13, 2022**

Director Slaughter made a motion to approve April 13, 2022 minutes; Director Gordon seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Jackson); 0 Abstain.**

## 7. Acceptance of April Finance Reports-General, Capital and Mitigation Funds

Director Gordon moved to accept April financial reports; Director Slaughter seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Jackson); 0 Abstain.**

## 8. Chief's Report

- District Personnel were dispatched to 143 calls in the month of April
- COVID testing continues at Station 2
- Brush 13 needs major repairs-Replacement of type 3, about 18 months
- Station 2 septic repairs, scheduled for next week
- ARPA funds-Extractor and dryer for Station 2 and extractor for Station 3
- Chief Morrison has submitted all documents to ISO
- Defensible space inspections starting next several weeks
- Chief Mecham reported Local 281 is in negotiations for a new labor agreement-56 hour work week, 48/96, 10 days a month. If the agreement is approved the District will need to add three employees.

a. **Fire Prevention Report-** April Prevention Report included 10 plan reviews, and 1 annual business inspections.

## 9. Committee Reports

a. North Zone Joint Benefit-Directors Holley and Jackson

The committee reached out to Supervisor Desmond office, waiting for reply

b. Station 2 Improvement-Directors Holley, Slaughter and Chief Johnson

A draft copy of feasibility study was emailed to all Board Directors. Directors need to provide all comments to committee for finalization.

c. FY2022/2023 Budget-Directors Jackson and Gordon

Director Gordon presented a financial document projecting our revenue/expenses for five years, showing a negative loss. He would like to explore all options available to the District. Requesting to place on the June agenda the best administrative structure to maximize services to the residents.

## 10. Unfinished Business

a. Second reading and adoption of Standby/Availability Fee, Resolution 22-04, to increase the Standby Fee from \$17.77 to \$18.07 per benefit unit, while increasing the cap by CPI to maximum of \$18.90.

Director Gordon made a motion to adopt second reading and increase Standby Fee Resolution 22-04 to \$18.07 per benefit unit, while increasing the cap by CPI to maximum of \$18.90; Director Sealey seconded the motion.

Director Slaughter made an amendment to the motion to increase fee to maximum of \$18.90 per benefit unit; Director Holley seconded the motion. **Amendment is adopted; 3 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Jackson); 1 Abstain (Gordon).**

Director Sealey called the vote to adopt Resolution 22-04 as amended, with the maximum rate of \$18.90 per benefit unit for FY 22/23. **Motion is adopted; 3 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Jackson); 1 Abstain (Gordon).**

- b. Second reading and adoption of Fire Suppression Assessment, Resolution 22-05, to increase the Fire Suppression Fee from \$0.2332 to \$0.2367 per benefit unit, while increasing the cap by CPI to a maximum of \$0.2490.

Director Gordon made a motion to adopt second reading and increase Fire Suppression Assessment, Fee Resolution 22-05 to \$0.2368 per benefit unit, while increasing the cap by CPI to maximum of \$0.2490; Director Slaughter seconded the motion.

Director Holley made an amendment to the motion to increase fee to maximum of \$0.2490 per benefit unit; Director Slaughter seconded the motion. **Amendment is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Jackson); 0 Abstain.**

Director Sealey called the vote to adopt Resolution 22-05 as amended, with the maximum rate of \$0.2490 per benefit unit for FY 22/23. **Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Jackson); 0 Abstain.**

- c. Second reading and adoption of County of San Diego Ordinance 10750 relating to defensible space requirements.

Director Slaughter made a motion to adopt the County of San Diego Ordinance 10750; Director Gordon seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Jackson); 0 Abstain.**

## 11. New Business

- a. Approve Government Code §54953 COVID-19 Pandemic State of Emergency Teleconference Modification Findings pursuant to Resolution 22-01

Director Gordon moved to affirm the findings on Resolution 22-01, subject to Government Code §54953 COVID-19 Pandemic State of Emergency Teleconference; Director Sealey seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 3 Ayes; 1 Noes (Slaughter); 1 Absent (Jackson); 0 Abstain.**

- b. Capital reserve funding for replacement of station 2

Director Gordon made a motion to (1) transfer \$5 million from operating General Account to Capital Account for Station 2 facility upgrade, and (2) increase estimated cost of Station 2 facility upgrade in the Reserve Plan from \$3.5 million to \$8.5 million; Director Slaughter seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Jackson); 0 Abstain.**

c. First review of Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Preliminary Budget

The Board Directors reviewed and discussed the Preliminary Budget and made revisions to General, Capital and Mitigation accounts.

Director Slaughter made a motion to adopt the first reading of FY 22/23 General Operating Budget with the transfer out to Capital Account of \$160,000 adjustment to what was presented; Director Holley seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Jackson); 0 Abstain.**

Director Gordon made a motion to adopt the first reading of FY 22/23 Capital Budget with revision to include \$250,000 for Station 2 Facility, account number 5500.12; Director Slaughter seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Jackson); 0 Abstain.**

Director Slaughter made a motion to adopt the first reading of FY 22/23 Mitigation Budget with the transfer of \$50,000 to General Operating Account for internal loan payment; Director Gordon seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Jackson); 0 Abstain.**

**12. Correspondence-None**


**13. Directors Comments**

Director Slaughter requested research on AB 561, regarding sales tax on equipment. Director Gordon will research the bill and report at June board meeting. Director Gordon thanked Chief Morrison for his work on ISO Program. Due to schedule conflict, Director Holley would like to move June 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting to June 15<sup>th</sup> to support his attendance. Director Sealey recommends moving June board meeting to June 15<sup>th</sup> and if he is not able to attend due to travel, he would schedule a Special Meeting to reconfirm Government Code §54953 for another 30 days to allow Director Sealey to attend meeting remotely. Directors Sealey and Holley thanked all the Board Directors for their participation and effort on resolutions and budget.

The Board Directors all agreed to move June board meeting to June 15 at 4pm.

**14. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm

  
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Director Mark Jackson  
Secretary-Treasurer