



**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
DEER SPRINGS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (DSFPD)
October 11, 2023
Open Session 4:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

President Sealey-Absent
Vice-President Jackson-Present
Secretary/Treasurer Gordon-Present
Director Holley-Late 4:43
Director Kerrin-Present

Also in attendance District Fire Chief Morrison, and Legal Counsel

2. Pledge of Allegiance-Led by Vice-President Jackson

3. Adoption of Agenda

Director Gordon moved to adopt October 11 agenda with amendments; Director Kerrin seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 3 Ayes; 0 Noes; 2 Absent (Holley & Sealey); 0 Abstain.**

4. Public Comments Period

Residents from Deer Springs Oaks Mobile Park attended the meeting and requested to be placed on the November agenda to discuss the trees that border between station 2 and the park.

5. Fire Safe Council Report-Steve Kerrin

Two chipping days remain on existing grant and the new five year Chipper Grant has been signed by Deer Springs Fire Safe Council and forwarded to Sacramento for signature. The chipper equipment will phase out in December 2026. Postcards were sent out last week of September for Open House October 14. Instructional video media will be presented at the Open House. The Sierra Rojo camera is still in negotiations.

6. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Meeting September 13, 2023

Director Kerrin made a motion to approve September 13 board minutes; Director Gordon seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 3 Ayes; 0 Noes; 2 Absent (Holley & Sealey); 0 Abstain**

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

Director Kerrin made a motion to approve September Financial Reports; Director Gordon seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 3 Ayes; 0 Noes; 2 Absent (Holley & Sealey); 0 Abstain.**

8. Chief's Report

- During month of September the District received 132 calls for service
- Station 3 attended Sellers Faire, displayed Battery operated Holmatro tools
- Station 1 Dispatch Alert System needs to be replaced/updated
- Tree proposals for removing trees at station 1
- Belafonte Resort has been permanently closed with full time security
- Open House/Fire Prevention Day October 14, Station 3 in Hidden Meadows
- District required Defensible Space Inspections have been completed
- Researching grants for new Command Vehicle

a. **Fire Prevention Report-** September Prevention Report included 8 Annual business inspections, 4 Defensible Space, 8 Fire Alarm, 4 Fire Safety/Site inspections and 18 plan reviews.

b. **Community Emergency Response Team Report-**Held their first quarterly training in September since COVID. The CERT Team will be attending the Open House at Station 3 on October 14. There will be no meeting in the month of October.

9. Committee Reports

- a. Station 2 Improvement-Directors Holley, Gordon, and Chief Morrison
Purpose: To oversee the transition of Station 2 from the existing facility to a permanent facility
Type: Ad hoc

The project is on budget, experienced a 20 day delay due to contract, septic system and schematic changes.

- b. Station 2 Temporary Facility Location-Directors Jackson and Gordon
Purpose: To oversee the identification and establishment of a temporary facility for Station 2 operations while the permanent station is being constructed
Type: Ad hoc

Director Jackson reported the lease is signed with Greens Storage Facility for the temporary facility for station 2. The Alert System installation in process and the door locks have been installed. The committee was declared to be complete in its mission and dissolved. Director Jackson and Chief Morrison will work together with Greens Storage on remaining tasks for the Firefighters to move in and occupy the site.

- c. Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP)-Directors Sealey, Kerrin and Chief Morrison
Purpose: To update the District's CWPP and develop a Deer Springs Annex to the San Diego County MJHMP
Type: Ad hoc-NO REPORT

d. FY 2022-2023 Audit-Directors Gordon and Kerrin

Purpose: To oversee the District's participation in the FY 2022-2023 financial audit, develop the draft Management's Discussion and Analysis, and make recommendations to the Board on any audit findings

Type: Ad hoc-NO REPORT

10. Unfinished Business-Both items will be presented at November board meeting

- a. Revision of Policy C02-Financial Responsibilities
- b. Revision of Policy C04-Purchasing

11. New Business

- a. Review/Approval of recommended Station 2 design changes affecting the berthing area, training room, and exercise room.

Director Holley made a motion prior to approving, rejecting, or modifying the Fire Station 2 Design Changes, find that the demolition of the existing Fire Station 2 and design, construction, and operation of the proposed new Fire Station 2 located at 1321 Deer Springs Road in the County of San Diego, CA, APN 187-540-42-00 is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 1302, 15302, and 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines and that no exceptions to the exemptions apply pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines; Director Kerrin seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Sealey); 0 Abstain.**

Director Holley made a motion to approve Station 2 design changes affecting the berthing area, training and exercise rooms; Director Kerrin seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Sealey); 0 Abstain.**

- b. Selection of a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Consultant for Station 2 construction

Director Jackson made a motion to retain Stephanie Smith with Grid Law firm, she will be directly engaged to the District as Special CEQA Counsel for station 2 construction; Director Gordon seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Sealey); 0 Abstain.**

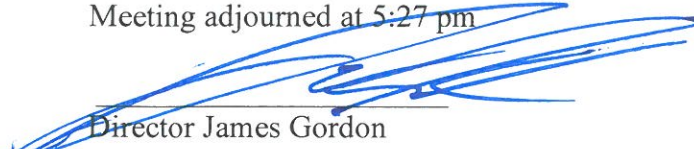
12. Correspondence-None

13. Directors Comments

Director Kerrin thanked everyone for all their work; I am happy to be a part of this Board and look forward to being a part of building a new fire station. Director Gordon thanked everyone and complemented the Board as a whole working together to better understand and meets the needs and interest of the District.

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm


Director James Gordon
Secretary-Treasurer