

TAHOE DOUGLAS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
July 21, 2021

Those Present:

Chairman Larry Schussel
Vice Chairman Bill Kirschner (via GoToMeeting)
Trustee Kevin Kjer
Fire Chief Scott Lindgren

Trustee Greg Felton
Trustee Janet Murphy
Legal Counsel Alex Velto

1. Call to Order.

Meeting was called to order at 2:32pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Schussel.

3. Roll Call.

Chairman Schussel, Vice Chairman Kirschner (via Computer), Trustee Felton, Trustee Murphy and Trustee Kjer were present. A quorum was met.

4. Approval of the Agenda.

Trustee Kirschner made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Trustee Kjer seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

5. Public Comment.

None.

6. Board Trustee Comment.

Trustee Felton congratulated FF/P Tajkowski on his service and FF/P Stevenson for his heroic cardiac arrest saves.

Chairman Schussel stated that they appreciate the details in the division reports provided to the board each month.

7. Approval of the Consent Calendar.

Items:

- a. Board Meeting Minutes 06/16/2021
- b. Monthly Expenditures

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- c. Administrative Policy – 006.00 Investment Policy
- d. Contract Amendment with revisions related to PERS benefits for Fire Chief Scott Lindgren effective 12/14/2020 and continuing until terminated by employee or TDFPD

Trustee Murphy discussed the difference in opinion of the NVPERS contract, and whether it is necessary to share both sides of the agreement prior to approving the calendar.

Trustee Kjer motioned to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Trustee Felton seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

8. For Possible Action: Consent items moved forward.

NONE

9. Presentation: Employee Recognition

Service Recognition:

Brent Tajkowski 4 years of service

10. Report Item: District Division Reports

Fire Chief Scott Lindgren

AEMT Course for Zephyr Crew - AMET class included both Zephyr Crew members and our three new recruits to become certified AEMT's. The Zephyr Crew will now be certified and equipped to perform AMET needs out of a wildfire assignment.

EOD Dog Update - Meeting with DCSO and Inspector Rowlett to work on adopting a new EOD Bomb Dog. The EOD Squad will be attending the DCSO Bark in the Park event to help us build a relationship with the community. Kris's will be attending training for four weeks in Las Vegas with a handling coach.

Public Safety Pier - The Public Safety Pier Committee met at Zephyr Cove with US Forest Service and Aramark Management and the USFS has concluded that they have available funding they are willing to provide for the pier with additional contributions from NDOW and TDFPD. The District is requesting our board reps be involved with the process of construction.

Firework Shows - Firework shows were a huge success with the public. All shows performed beautifully with zero issues or reports of concern.

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Tamarack Fire - US Forest decided to monitor a lightning strike fire for two weeks instead of suppressing. The fire has now burned into NV and is expected to jump HWY 395. The fire is currently burning in three different directions SE, SW, NW, - right now we are more concerned for our neighboring districts, Alpine County and East Fork who are being immediately affected by this fire.

Chairman Schussel asked, "Does Douglas County have any additional EOD dogs? Has the bomb squad looked into the pros/cons of staffing the dog with an inspector instead of an EOD representative?"

Chief Lindgren Responded, "Kris will act as an additional support to the EOD team by being the sole handler for the dog. This will allow the EOD team to focus all trained personnel on the robot operations and wiring portion of their incidents.

Fire Marshal Eric Guevin

Life Jacket Program - Launched a life jacket loaner program in collaboration with NV Wildlife Division through Stations 23 & 24 for both our residents and visitors. They will be able to stop by either station and check out an appropriately sized life jacket for a day at or on the Lake.

Zephyr Crew Showers - Zephyr Cove Campground has allowed the Zephyr Crew to utilize their campground shower facilities if needed.

Construction at Mont Bleu / Tahoe South Event Center - The community has expressed parking concerns with the number of attendees and visitors expected to attend these events with no additional parking planning to be added. The Visitors authority is working with various hotel and resort properties to create a shuttle system to prevent the number of vehicles in the casino core as well as the number of DUI's we tend to see after these events wrap. More information to come on this topic as the project develops.

Upgrades to the Casino Core - Harrah's and Harvey's have proposed a facelift plan over the next 2 years to upgrade both properties exterior and interior.

FMO Keegan Schafer

Hiring - TDFPD will be hiring eight additional Zephyr Crew members who will work on both the Zephyr Crew & Power Crew on a rotation.

DSE Inspections - 100 non-compliant addresses were found after the first round of inspection. We have just completed the 2nd round and have identified 50 remaining non-complaint addresses, some of those are on a waiting list for tree service or landscaping companies and we are aware of those situations.

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D-Space Inspections - TDFPD has conducted 117 Defensible Space Inspections this season and anticipates that will continue to be a community request as we get more residents looking to be more educated in defending their properties.

Zephyr Crew District Chipping - Currently we have about 65 chipping requests that we plan to tackle in the next two weeks with our crew numbers being increased after fire assignment release. We do also have roughly 30 additional requests for neighboring districts like south lake tahoe and Lake Valley that we will begin once we have serviced our Tahoe Douglas community members.

Tamarack Fire - Brush 25 currently has a seven person crew including four new hires under the supervision of Captain Monaghan. Zephyr Crew 20 has returned from Tamarack Fire after two days of rehab and will be assigned to Chief Brady's division. Zephyr 21 is taking care of all the community work days and chipping requests throughout the District.

Zephyr Crew AMETs - Five Zephyr Crew personnel are currently in AEMT training with the TDFPD line. After their testing they will begin the mandatory ride along with Station 23 and Barton Hospital to complete their certification.

Office Manager Kate Warner

21-01 Academy Graduation - The academy graduation on July 1st was a success. We enjoyed both venues and the set up was well executed.

NV PERS updates - Still underway for our recently promoted Chief's and Fire Chief.

POOL Pact - TDFPD conducted meetings with the POOL and worked through the service plan - we will be utilizing the Elearning and other programs that will improve our district usage of the POOL. Insurance components were also discussed to see how each of the areas affects our agency. They have offered to do a seminar with our Chief Officers to educate them on what the POOL can do for our agency.

Hiring - The District is still accepting applications for Zephyr Crew members - aiming for 12 total new hires. TD will also be hiring for Lateral and regular FF/P positions. Those job postings will be out ASAP and the application deadline will be set for August 3rd at 5:00pm

Public Comment:

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Fire Marshal Guevin gave a shout out with NV Certs team with their assistance in patrolling the area during Fourth of July and our last few busy weekends. We appreciate all their knowledge and support.

Confirm next meeting, with a proposed date of **Wednesday, August 18, 2021** with a start time of 2:30p.m.

Adjourn

APPROVED