

TAHOE DOUGLAS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
May 16, 2008

*Minutes were taken by Inspector Leo Horton*

Those Present:

Bob Cook	Battalion Chief Dennis McLaughlin
Patrick Atherton	Battalion Chief Mark Novak
Frank Forvilly	Inspector Leo Horton
Steve Seibel	Captain Terry Hughes
Roy Clason	Paramedic Brandon Brady
Chief LeFever	Paramedic Brian Zabel
Assistant Chief Van Ogami	R.J. Clason
Assistant Chief Rick Nicholson	

1. *Action Item: Call to order.*

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 by Chairman Bob Cook.

2. *Action Item: Pledge of Allegiance.*

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Captain Terry Hughes.

3. *Action Item: Roll call.*

All board members were present.

4. *Action Item: Public comment.*

There were none.

5. *Action Item: Discussion and possible action: Approval of consent calendar:*

Items on the consent calendar will be approved without discussion unless an item is specifically "moved forward" for discussion.

Item:

- a. Approval of agenda 5-16-08.
- b. Approval of minutes 4-28-08.
- c. Approval of expenditures.
- d. Approval of financial statements of 2-29-08 & 3-31-08.

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Motion by Trustee Steve Siebel to approve the agenda for 5-16-08, the minutes of 4-28-08, the expenditures for 4-1-08 through 5-13-08; check numbers 48451 through 48527, payroll April 30, 2008 and May 15, 2008 and the financials of February 29, 2008 and March 31, 2008.

Motion seconded by Trustee Patrick Atherton.

Motion carried unanimously.

*Action Item #6: Discussion and possible action: Consent Items moved forward.*

There were none.

*Action Item #7: Discussion and possible action: Public Comment on 2008/2009 Tentative Budget.*

There was none.

Chairman Cook noted the new form for lobbying expense estimate.

Motion by Trustee Roy Clason to approve recommendation for investments as presented with latitude to step up to CD's.

Motion seconded by Trustee Steve Siebel.

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

*Action Item #8: Discussion and possible action: Approval of the Tentative and Final Budget.*

Trustee Atherton moved to adopt the Tentative and Final Budgets.

Trustee Clason seconded.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Chief LeFever stated the County Commissioners at a recent meeting approved the use of county

*Action Item #9: Discussion and possible action: Election Resolution – On the adoption of a voter approved five-cent tax override ballot question and arguments supporting for and against such ballot question.*

Chairman Cook stated that he thought that all of the wording looked nice and clean.

Trustee Clason questioned the explanation of \$17.50 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation, and thought it should be explained further outside of the resolution.

Trustee Forvilly agreed, and suggested using \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 houses as demonstrations. All agreed.

Chief LeFever stated that we will address more in the marketing campaign.

Trustee Atherton asked about marketing to the Fire Safe Chapters.

Chief LeFever agreed.

Chairman Cook suggested starting with the Wildfire Awareness Week Kickoff at Kahle Park Tuesday night.

Battalion Chief Novak explained the use of the Defensible Space Evaluation as an educational tool in marketing the override. B/C Novak also explained the difference between education and advocacy in the ballot process.

Trustee Atherton asked if a Trustee can advocate for the Question.

B/C Novak stated that he would check with legal counsel. Trustee Forvilly suggested using the need for continuing fuels reduction in the education process. A short discussion followed on the Wildfire Awareness Week Kickoff meeting Tuesday night at Kahle Park.

Trustee Atherton moved for adoption of Resolution #02-2008.

Trustee Clason seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

*Action Item #10: Discussion and possible action: Approve easement agreement for back parking lot.*

Tabled until next meeting.

*Item #11: Fire Chief's Report of previous month's activities.*

Chief LeFever acknowledged the following anniversaries; Captain Antti – 16 years, Captain Salerno – 16 years, and Engineer Moss – 10 years.

He also noted that the ambulance fund seems to have turned the corner, thanks to Battalion Chief Sharit's work and that the transition from the Oakland office to the Denver office of the billing company is almost complete.

Trustee offered congratulations to Engineer Romanowitz on his completion of EOD School.

Chief LeFever added that Battalion Chief McLaughlin has completed the remodel of Fire Station 5 with new carpet, vinyl flooring, cabinets, and paint. He also thanked all Station 5 personnel for their participation and cooperation during the remodel.

Trustee Cook asked about the newsletter.

Inspector Horton stated that it is at the printers.

Chief LeFever also noted that the new website is up and running. The board was offered member access.

Trustee Seibel asked about progress on fuels reduction at the Park Cattle Company Project.

B/C Novak informed the board that a survey is being done to determine the presence of Goshawks and Willow Flycatchers. If either is nesting on the property, work will have to wait until after the nesting season. B/C Novak stated that the other projects with the School District, Sewer District and the valley side of Kingsbury Grade are progressing well.

*Item #12: Discussion and possible action: Set date for next meeting and possible agenda items:*

The date of the next meeting is June 23.

Agenda items will include:

- Trustees Salaries.
- Presentation by Alan Reed of Warren Reed Insurance.
- Easement agreement for back parking lot.
- Possible budget augmentation.

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Trustee Atherton advised that he will be absent.

Action Item #13:      Adjourn:

Trustee Clason moved for adjournment.

Trustee Seibel seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

This meeting was recorded on audio tape.