

TAHOE DOUGLAS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
September 22, 2008
Regular Meeting

Those Present:

Bob Cook	Lucas Family
Frank Forvilly	Adam Jensen, Tahoe Tribune
Steve Seibel	Captain Rich Nalder
Roy Clason	Engineer Roger Stockton
Chief LeFever	Paramedic Chris Lucas
R.J. Clason	Paramedic Chris Peterson
Brad Dorton	Paramedic Brain Zabel
Battalion Chief Ben Sharit	Paramedic Chris Vetromile
Battalion Chief Dave Hekhuis	

1. Action Item: Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 by Chairman Bob Cook.

2. Action Item: Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Action Item: Roll call.

Trustee Patrick Atherton was absent.

4. Action Item: Public comment.

Chairman Bob Cook asked that this be delayed until the ambulance returned since Chris Lucas was on the ambulance and they were going to present him with an award this evening.

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 9-22-08
- b. Approval of minutes 8-25-08
- c. Approval of expenditures.
- d. Approval of financial statements 7-31-08 & 8-31-08

Motion by Trustee Steve Seibel to approve the consent calendar as presented. The agenda of 9-22-08, the approval of the minutes of 8-25-08, the expenditures from 8-21-08 through 9-18-08, check numbers 48862 through 48998, and the financial statements of July 31, 2008 (the financials for 8-31-08 were not available).

Trustee Clason added approval of payroll check numbers 30954 through 31100, 8-29-08, 9-15-08 and 9-16-08. Trustee Clason then seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

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

There were none.

Action Item #7: Discussion and possible action: Fire Chiefs performance appraisal.

Trustee Steve Seibel stated he handed out the appraisals to all the board members with the exception of Patrick Atherton who was absent. The appraisal was done on Friday. It is another outstanding appraisal for the Chief and would like to thank him for his continued support and excellent job for the people of Tahoe Township.

Chief LeFever stated he wished to thank all the board members in return. There were some eye opening comments. Constructive criticism is always good and he is always open to it. We can always be better.

Chairman Cook congratulated the Chief.

Item#8: Presentation: Fire Chiefs report of previous months activities.

Chief LeFever wished to recognize the following employees for their service:

- Assistant Chief Van Ogami – 29 years of service
- Captain Rich Nalder – 28 years of service
- Captain Gordon Paul – 21 years of service
- Firefighter Jon Hayes – 21 years of service

The month of July was normal for the fire districts response. We responded to 149 calls most of which were rescue, EMS with the exception of seven fire alarms. The ambulance report that was compiled was incorrect. We received the correct information today. With the corrected numbers we are on target with 158 transports compared to last year 161 so we are right in the ballpark. At the 12 month mark we are still down about 8% to 10% in transports but we are beginning to flatten out. This could also be due to the economy. Chief LeFever has added a new number for the strike team receivables of \$59,000. As you look through the General Fund and the Ambulance Fund you see our salaries and wages are overspent by nearly \$300,000. We are

hoping to come back in line when all the outstanding payments for strike teams are received. The Fuels Program of \$112,000 needs to be added directly back into the Special Services Fund.

The investments balance has dwindled down to \$600,000 in the money market account. We will be writing another \$300,000 out this account to pay for the EOD vehicle. This will be reimbursed by grant money within 30 days. From this point forward the money market account should rise back up to where it should be.

The citizens committee has met twice since our last board meeting. Included in the board books is a status report from Steve Teshara. There is a list of donations received and pledged. The information letter is ready to go out and the signs and banners have arrived. There were some firefighters who have volunteered to assemble the signs on their days off.

Chairman Bob Cook asked if we could display the posters at the fire stations.

Chief LeFever said he was reluctant to do so. He would rather see them in the neighborhoods but, he would check with legal counsel regarding this but he believed they would be prohibited in doing this.

Also in the board books is a letter from Barton Hospital Foundation regarding the annual dinner at the firehouse fund raising.

Trustee Roy Clason said this is very popular with the Barton Hospital people.

Chief LeFever offered to answer any questions regarding Chief Ogami's report. He pointed out that Van Ogami has worked very hard to have our employees obtain qualification certifications.

Chairman Bob Cook wanted to mention he felt it was a real plus for the fuels members to be able to attend the Burnside Fire.

Chief LeFever said he would market this next year as a fuels/fire crew.

Trustee Steve Siebel asked if the crew was now down to 15.

Chief LeFever said they were due to many of the members returning to school.

Trustee Frank Forvilly asked about the federal money that was promised for fuels reduction. He had heard that this will not be available.

Chief LeFever stated he had checked with Kit Bailey who told him that he had not heard of any reduction in existing approved grant funds. If those funds were agreed to, even if they were delayed, we would still be receiving the funds. That is what Kit assured the Chief of.

Trustee Frank Forvilly said that he had just received some information through the recreation board. There were some rumblings back in Washington that they are cutting back on fuel reduction program funds due to the amount of money that was spent on the fires this year. They were going to pull the money back and re-channel it. The Forest Service will try to work all winter and do tree cutting. There are trees that have already been marked.

Trustee Steve Seibel asked if the property behind Station #3 was Forest Service property.

Battalion Chief Ben Sharit told him it was State Land.

Trustee Frank Forvilly said that he was told they would not be receiving the funds.

Chairman Bob Cook said that his Fire Safe Council will be receiving 50/50 match and they were on round four of the grant money.

Chairman Bob Cook stated the problem in getting the SNPLA grant money isn't decided until budget time, fiscal year, whether they are going to do it. They decide June 30th or July 1st and here we are still waiting for the money.

Action Item #4: Public Comment.

Chairman Bob Cook asked to proceed with the presentation to Chris Lucas.

Chief LeFever addressed the board saying that one of the Tahoe Douglas Firefighter/Paramedics Chris Lucas, while on vacation performed a heroic act and we want to recognize him for the actions that he performed on that day. It is outlined in the article included in the board books. He is credited for saving the lives of two people. He is a credit to this department and a credit to the fire service as a whole.

Chairman Bob Cook then read a proclamation and presented Chris Lucas with a plaque.

Chairman Bob Cook stated that Assistant Chief Nicholson did not have a report but he did send an email regarding an International Code Hearing in Minnesota.

Fire Chief LeFever stated that he had included an email from Assistant Chief Rick Nicholson who was attending the International Code Hearings in Minnesota. This backs up and supports what is going on in the industry with sprinklers. At the meeting they voted to pass RB 64 and RB 65, which places the requirement (all new – one and two family dwellings, and townhouses to be fully sprinklered) into the main body of the 2009 International Residential Code.

Chairman Cook added it passed by 73% of the attendees which are members of the ICC.

Trustee Roy Clason stated he took umbrage with the word "requirement". It is a recommendation.

Action Item #9: Discussion and possible action: Set date for next meeting and possible agenda items.

The next meeting will be October 27, 2008.

- ◆ Presentation by Wayne Omel of Edward Jones.
- ◆ Presentation of the audit by Grant Thornton.
- ◆ 3-Year contract with Grant Thornton.
- ◆ Tax committee update.
- ◆ Revisit the Fire Chiefs contract.

Trustee Roy Clason moved to have the next scheduled meeting on October 27, 2008.

Seconded by Trustee Steve Seibel.

Motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Action Item #10: Adjourn.

Motion by Trustee Steve Siebel to adjourn.

Seconded by Trustee Roy Clason.

Motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

This meeting was recorded on audio tape.