

TAHOE DOUGLAS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
October 19, 2022

Those Present:

Vice Chairman Greg Felton
Trustee Kevin Kjer
Trustee Janet Murphy

Trustee Larry Schussel
Fire Chief Scott Lindgren
Legal Counsel Astrid Perez

1. Call to Order.

Meeting was called to order at 2:35pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Fire Marshal Eric Guevin.

3. Roll Call.

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

4. Approval of the Agenda.

Trustee Kjer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Second: Trustee Murphy. Motion approved 4-0.

5. Public Comment.

Lake Tahoe Visitor's Authority Executive Director Carol Chaplin presented a \$15,000 check to TDFPD's Aviation program on behalf of the American Century Championship golf tournament & the LTVA

She thanked the fire district for its support on many levels, not only during the golf event, but throughout the year. Chaplin stressed her support of the Aviation program, and pledged LTVA's continued support. Fire Marshal Guevin added that this was one of the largest awards provided to date from the event.

6. Board Trustee Comment.

Trustee Kjer stated he was proud to see TDFPD's participation in Bill Kirschner's memorial service. Chief Lindgren acknowledged the framed board resolution that has been placed in the classroom to honor his service

7. Approval of the Consent Calendar.

- a. Board Meeting Minutes 09/21/22
- b. Monthly Expenditures

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Trustee Kjer made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as written. Second: Trustee Murphy. Motion approved 4-0.

8. For Possible Action: Consent items moved forward.

None.

9. Presentations: Gift - "Hope" Caldor Fire Painting
Artist Ken Clarke

As a concerned citizen and local artist from Fernley Nevada, Clarke shared a personal story about a friend who had to evacuate in 2021 Caldor Fire. When the friend returned to his cabin after the fire, it was still standing and safe, but the fire had burned everything in the back yard except a small single pine tree which happened to illuminated by a ray of sunlight. Clarke painted that single pine tree image reflecting the hope that the firefighters gave to him, his friend and our community. The picture was the 9th donated in appreciation to the local fire agencies who were involved with fighting the fire.

Employee Recognition

Fire Chief Scott Lindgren

Service Recognition:

Firefighter/Paramedic Danny Glover 3 years of Service

Firefighter/Paramedic Joe Almeida 2 years of Service

Firefighter/Paramedic Cade Bolton 2 years of Service

Firefighter/Paramedic Joseph Fording 2 years of Service

Firefighter/Paramedic Cory McCarthy 2 years of Service

Firefighter/Paramedic Matt Steventon 2 years of Service

Firefighter/AEMT Nolan Weintz 2 years of Service

Firefighter/Paramedic Austin Evans 1 years of Service

Firefighter/Paramedic Curtis Baker 1 years of Service

Pin New Employees

Fire Inspector I Jessica Garrison

Engineer/Squad Leader Robert Lee

Pin Promoted Employee

Acting Captain Ben Pratt

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Vice Chair Felton swore in Garrison and Lee by administering the TDFPD Firefighter's Oath which was repeated along with the uniformed employees who were present.

10. Presentation: Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) Conceptual Safety Improvement Plan for the Highway 50 corridor.

Karen Mullen, Sub-consultant Outreach US 50 NDOT
Melissa Chandler, Project Manager - NDOT
Brian Gant, Project Manager - Wood Rogers

In 2017, NDOT presented the original US 50 concepts to reconfigure portions of the roadway and received a lot of community feedback. NDOT took a step back and conducted a thorough study of the 13 miles from Spooner to CA Stateline (East Shore). The corridor is unique in that the US 50 has a broad range of users.

As a result of the study, six major goals were identified: improve safety, protect the lake, enhance the visitor experience, promote economic vitality, expand multimodal transportation choices and promote/enhance agency engagement collaboration and management.

Roadway corridor opportunity overview – consider roadway configurations for the most constrained sections of the corridor, benefits include:

- Improved safety, reduced speed
- Room to incorporate turn lanes
- Room to incorporate the Tahoe East Shore Trail

Consensus from the public canvassing last spring identified the major concerns from the public were the need to create turning lanes and slow the traffic down.

Gant addressed the options currently being discussed by zone from Glenbrook to Stateline:

Spoooner – a roundabout at SR28 to check the speed and make turning safer. A “first look vista” point could be added to safely pull off and take photos and get back onto HWY 50. Speed needs to be slowed down as drivers descend towards Glenbrook.

Scott Morgan, Douglas County Recreation Director clarified that the bike path is not the driver of the plan decisions. The County, Sheriff's office and the fire district have all consulted on the planning efforts and their focus is on safety. However, there is an interest to expand a bike trail around the lake, so where it makes sense to consider opportunities to expand the Tahoe Trail from SR28 to Logan Shoals the plan should do that.

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Logan Shoals to Cave Rock – formalize Logan Shoals Vista Point parking with clear entry/exit points. Cave Rock is an exclusion zone, so there are discussions with the Washoe Tribe are underway to find agreeable options.

Cave Rock to Zephyr Cove – cross walks at Lyons Ave & Tamarack Drive would be formalized with flashing lights

Zephyr Cove – a light at Warrior Way will be installed in 2023. Additional parking lots are under consideration to eliminate HWY 50 parking all through this section. The County is supporting an effort to create paid parking lots for the beach goers. Morgan added that the Tahoe Transportation District is looking at this location for a transportation center to include the fire district (maintenance shop). The County supports a master plan here to combine all the use needs – school, recreation and transportation needs here. A pedestrian underpass at Zephyr Cove Resort parking lot and campground is one concept.

Zephyr Point – the most concern has been expressed over this location. One lane in both directions is recommended here, then four lanes all the way to Stateline. Barriers are not viable here because there are too many access points.

Round Hill Pines – road changes recently addressed

Kahle – trail location tends to fill up which needs to be addressed

Kingsbury Grade – north bound access on to HWY 50 is an issue. A roundabout could address that flow.

Corridor Opportunity Metrics show that:

- Safety Benefit and Crash Reduction - could be reduced by 27%
- Travel Time Difference - average of + 2.2 mins over the 13 miles
- Average Travel Speeds - could be reduced from 57 to 49 miles per hour

Morgan clarified this is still conceptual. This is only the second meeting for this round of information. For reasons of transparency, NDOT is taking a very measured approach. Public comment is welcome and encouraged. Additional presentations are scheduled, and are available upon request.

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Next steps:

STEP 3 - Currently in this phase, public outreach. Draft corridor management plan. Study completion by the end of 2022.

STEP 4 – Develop Corridor Management Plan and ongoing implementation framework.

Questions: Melissa Chandler, Project Manager mchandler@dot.nv.gov 775-888-7170

11. For Discussion and Possible Action: Discussion and Possible Action to nominate and appoint a Fire Board Chairman to fill the officer position vacated by Bill Kirschner's passing.

Vice Chairman Greg Felton

Motion made by Trustee Murphy for Trustee Felton for Chair, and Trustee Kjer as Vice Chair. No second, motion died.

Trustee Schussel nominated Trustee Kjer to fill the vacant office of Chairman for the remainder of the 2022 calendar year; and Vice Chair Felton to assume the Chairman role as scheduled. Seconded: Trustee Murphy. Motion approved 4-0.

Note: Trustee Kjer took over as Chairman to conduct the rest of the meeting, stating that it would be an honor to service in Bill Kirschner's vacant office.

12. For Discussion and Possible Action: Discussion and Possible Action to fill the Fire Board Trustee position vacated by Bill Kirschner's passing.

Vice Chairman Greg Felton

Trustee Murphy questioned if an appointment now would ultimately affect the term limit of an elected candidate, since there is a 12 year maximum term limit.

Legal Counsel did not have a definitive answer, and suggested the action could be taken contingent upon the research.

Trustee Felton made a motion to appoint Ben Johnson to fill the vacant position for the remainder of Bill Kirschner's term – November and December 2022, noting that Johnson has consistently attended the BOT meetings. He added the provision that he could decline the appointment if he opted to. Second: Trustee Murphy. Motion approved 4-0.

Johnson remained in the audience, acceptance pending.

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- 13. For Discussion and Possible Action: Set a date for the Annual Performance Appraisal for the Fire Chief and select board members to compile results for the Performance Appraisal.**
Vice Chairman Greg Felton

Trustee Schussel made motion that Trustees Kjer and Murphy compile results and present at the November 30, 2022 meeting. Second: Trustee Felton.
Motion approved 4-0.

A tentative timeline was established:

11/01/22 - Performance evaluation forms distributed to the Trustees

11/15/22 - Completed forms returned to ADO Warner

11/21/22 - Week of, interview with Fire Chief with Trustees Kjer and Murphy

11/30/22 - Present the performance evaluation at the BOT meeting

- 14. Report Items: District Division Reports**
Assistant Chief Bryce Cranch
Division Chief/Fire Marshal Eric Guevin Fire
Division Chief/FMO Keegan Schafer
Administration Division Officer Kate Warner

Division Reports were waived due to time.

- 15. Report Item: Review of Monthly Fire District Activities**
Fire Chief Scott Lindgren

Trustee Felton noted the increases in the account balances. FM Nolting confirmed fire billing revenue has been steadily deposited.

Chief Lindgren noted that the log decks from the NV Energy projects are now being removed from the District as visible on the logging trucks seen moving through the District.

Congressman Mark Amodei (NV) and Bruce Westerman (AR), senior member of the House Oversight Committee for Natural Resources, toured the Caldor Fire and NV Energy project work on Sewer Plant Road with Chief and other local Fire Chiefs. It provided an opportunity to stress the importance of creating fuel breaks around the neighborhoods. The tour continued to Skyland where a fuels reduction project has been proposed for the Dreyfus estate property on USFS land. While there, the USFS announced that the project was going to be approved.

Trustee Felton inquired about an EOD call at Zephyr Cove Beach which turned out to be BBQ tools, and he was curious as to why it was blown up. Chief Lindgren explained that the situation met the criteria – suspicious suitcase with wires inside, so it was determined detonation was necessary. The resort and highway were closed temporarily for safety reasons.

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**16. Report Item: SAVE the BASIN
Fire Chief Scott Lindgren**

Funding - continues. The LTVA's donation was acknowledged. District resident, Lisa Clark, a professional fundraiser, is busy with organization plans and grant opportunities. Another local resident has verbally pledged a very large amount and offered to assist connecting the District with other investors. Bill Kirschner's family requested that donations be made to the fund, in lieu of flowers as well.

Site – the meeting with the Superintendent was positive with discussion moving forward with a site on property owned by the County, School District or a combination of both. The schools are interested in partnering with the District because the plan would include dormitory space which the school could utilize for staff, plus there have been discussions around vocational programs the District could support. A legal review is underway of George Whittell's donation use restrictions for the donated property.

17. Public Comment

Trustee Kjer thanked Trustee Felton for serving as acting Chairman.

Guest Johnson stated that he has really enjoyed attending the board meetings, and has found them to be very informative. He added he appreciates how well the District is managed, and hopes that the election provides him with an opportunity to be part of the Board in the future. As part of the campaign, Johnson set a goal to knock on 1000 doors which he will achieve, and he has been getting great feedback.

18. Discussion: Confirm next meeting, with a proposed date of Wednesday, November 30, 2022 with a start time of 2:30 pm and possible agenda items.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:45 pm

Submitted by:
Kate Warner
Administration Division Officer

