

TAHOE DOUGLAS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
February 28, 2024

Those Present:

Chief Scott Lindgren

Assistant Chief Bryce Cranch

Chairman Greg Felton

Vice Chair Ben Johnson

Legal Counsel Alex Velto

Trustee Stacy Noyes

Trustee Larry Schussel

1. Call to Order.

Meeting was called to order at 2:30pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Felton.

3. Roll Call.

Chairman Felton, Vice Chair Johnson, Trustee Noyes and Trustee Schussel were all present. A quorum was met.

4. Approval of the Agenda.

Trustee Noyes made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Second: Vice Chair Johnson

Motion approved: 4-0.

5. Public Comment:

None.

6. Trustee Comments:

Trustee Noyes expressed gratitude about the Strategic Plan Workshop that was held on February 13th.

Vice Chair Johnson informed the Board that he and Chairman Felton are still very persistent with Kingsbury General Improvement District (KGID) about the fire hydrant clearing on Kingsbury Grade.

7. Approval of the Consent Calendar.

- a. Board Meeting Minutes 01/31/2024
- b. Monthly Expenditures
- c. Financials – 07/31/2023, 08/31/2023
- d. Job Description – Administrative Assistant
- e. Job Description – Human Resources Specialist (Employee Benefits)

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Vice Chair Johnson made a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented.
Second: Trustee Schussel
Motion Approved: 4-0

8. Consent items moved forward:

None.

9. Special Recognition

Fire Chief Scott Lindgren

Service Recognition:

ADO Kate Warner 14 Years of Service

New Hires:

FF/PM Evan Brown

FF/PM Bryce Chamberlain

FF/PM Logan Ito

FF/PM Matthew Misquez

FF/PM Nathan Waite

HR Specialist Vanessa Vindel

10. Update on the District's intent to move a portion of reserve funds into the State of Nevada Local Government Investment Plan (LGIP). No action will be taken.

Chief Lindgren

Finance Manager Nolting reminded the Board that in Spring 2021, Accounting Specialist French began researching the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP). The District can move money between our banking account and our investment account within one day.

The rates, as of January 2024, were earning at 5.25 %. Once an account is opened with them, the account never closes even if it doesn't have any money in it.

Vice Chair Johnson thanked FM Nolting for her hard work.

Chairman Felton asked if the Investment Policy is in effect. Nolting advised the policy was adopted by the Board in June 2021 and went into effect July 2021.

Chairman Felton asked if it is necessary to have same day or next day liquidity if the District is not putting all of the funds in. Nolting responded that the verbiage is from the investment pool

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policy. The one day liquidity means that it is not restricted. Chief Lindgren added that LGIP wants a notification if the District plans to move a large amount of money.

Chairman Felton asked about the verbiage in the policy regarding "short term, medium and long term." Is the District looking to utilize long term investments? Nolting advised that we have municipal funds that mature through 2052 and in regards to the verbiage, the District researched other departments, including Carson City, Douglas County and the LGIP. It is simply the market definition.

11. District Divisions

Finance Manager Carrie Nolting - Administrative Division in place of ADO Warner

Trustee Noyes expressed admiration for the new insurance numbers.

Vice Chair Johnson asked Captain Darr how the insurance process has been going for the line personnel. Captain Darr responded that there were some growing pains in the beginning, but employees have been able to work through some of the issues and now it is going very well.

A job offer has been sent to a candidate for the Defensible Space Inspector position, with an approximate start date of April 1st.

GEMT is being reviewed and then going to the State.

Fire Inspector Kris Rowlett - Fire Prevention Bureau

Chairman Felton and Vice Chair Johnson commended the Fire Prevention Bureau for how many meetings they have attended so far this year.

Fire Inspector Turner is investigating the recent structure fire in Lake Village.

Wolf Restaurant will have a grand opening in April.

Chief Matt Fogarty - Wildland Fire & Fuels in place of Chief Schafer

Chairman Felton asked how long the NV Energy contract will go for.

Chief Lindgren responded that it is a new three-year contract. Chief Lindgren commended the Shoreline Crew for their hard work - because of the Shoreline Crew, the District can maintain this contract with NV Energy.

Chief Fogarty stated that seasonal crew member interviews were completed last week and 21 candidates were offered a position.

Fogarty expressed that it has been a banner year for both Zephyr and Shoreline Crews. They

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have burned approximately six hundred acres of piles throughout the basin, including in the Markleeville area.

Chairman Felton asked what will be done with the unresolved piles on the US Forest Service (USFS) land? Fogarty responded that the acres of piles the crew burned by Cave Rock had been there for decades, and the District will keep coordinating with the USFS in order to get contracts for burning the other decade-old piles.

Alpine County Wildfire Projects Coordinator Clint Celio was present and made a comment about how grateful he is to have the Zephyr Crew assisting with the Tamarack Fire Restoration Project.

Chairman Felton expressed appreciation to the WF&F crews for assisting at the events at the Tahoe Blue Event Center.

Assistant Chief Bryce Cranch - Operations

Chief Cranch commended Captain Darr and B-Shift for their efforts at the Lake Village Condominium structure fire.

FF/PM Kohler completed his Paramedic TAP.

Chief Cranch advised the Board how the remodel is going at Station 22. Chief Prather commended the Zephyr Crew for their hard work in helping with the remodel.

Kudos to Captain Peterson for conducting Valor Resiliency training to all line staff.

12. Review of Monthly Fire District Activities.

No action will be taken.

Fire Chief Scott Lindgren

Chief Lindgren advised the Board that the Green Eggs & Ham event has been rescheduled to March 15th at Zephyr Cove Elementary School due to a winter storm warning.

Chief Lindgren and Chief Cranch attended the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) public meeting on February 27th where NDOT presented the draft plan for US Highway 50 East Shore Corridor Management Plan.

Four out of five counties have bought a live program through Perimeter Solutions, which will assist in the notification system for emergencies. Therefore, if there is an emergency, law enforcement and the fire department can input accurate and timely information and even specify

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which zone or area is affected which will all be available for the public to see. There will be a lot of education to the public before this notification system goes live.

St. Baldrick's Event – March 17, 2024 at the Golden Nugget, Stateline, NV
Proceeds go to the St. Baldrick's Foundation to conquer childhood cancer.

Charity Softball Event – April 27, 2024 at the Centennial Fields in Carson City, NV
Proceeds go to the Wildland Firefighter Foundation.

13. Public Comment

Chief Cranch commended Chief Lindgren, District legal counsel and the Board for all their efforts in making progress on the Kingsbury General Improvement District (KGID) fire hydrant situation.

Chairman Felton provided an update on the former Marine 24 stating that it is performing well.

14. Discussion: Confirm next meeting, with a proposed date of Wednesday, March 27, 2024, with a start time of 2:30PM and possible agenda items.

15. Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned: 3:52PM

Submitted by:

Amanda Keeton
Fire Board Clerk