



**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
DEER SPRINGS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (DSFPD)
February 11, 2026 Minutes
Open Session 4:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

President Jackson-Present
Vice-President Sealey-Absent
Secretary/Treasurer Kerrin-Present
Director Gordon-Present
Director Caples-Present

2. Pledge of Allegiance-Led by President Jackson

3. Adoption of Agenda-Director Kerrin moved to adopt February 11, agenda; Director Gordon seconded the motion. Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Sealey); 0 Abstain.

4. Public Comments Period-Several residents of the District attended the meeting to discuss the Boulder Oaks Golf Club in Hidden Meadows.

5. Fire Safe Council Report-Deer Springs Fire Safe Council annual meeting will be held on March 7, 10am. The Chipper Program will resume in March. The Firefighters Appreciation Dinner was well attended and everyone had a great time. The California Fair Plan has changed their criteria for discounts. The County of San Diego has implemented new guidelines for the Seller's Faire. Fire Safe Council is putting together tote bags for new residents with District information.

6. Approval of Minutes

a.Regular Board Meeting January 14, 2026- Director Gordon moved to approve January 14, 2026 board minutes; Director Caples seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Sealey); 0 Abstain.**

7. Acceptance of January Finance Reports-General, Capital and Mitigation Funds-Director Jackson made a motion to approve January Financial Reports; Director Kerrin seconded the motion. Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Sealey); 0 Abstain.

8. Chief Report-Chief Thomas Shoots-Chief Tony Mecham

- During the month of January 144 calls for service
- Multiple training at new fire station
- Firefighter Appreciation Dinner provided by Deer Springs Fire Safe Council was well received by the crew
- All three fire stations attended Mr. Slaughter's Celebration of Life-Also in attendance District Chief Shoots, Division Chief Morrison and Division Chief Reynolds
- Applied for 2026 SHSP Grant to support purchase of training equipment to benefit all three stations

- Chief Mecham reported starting next week CALFIRE will be hiring permanent Firefighters
 - Del Dios, Miller and DeLuz stations will get permanent Firefighters all year around
 - Staff benefit rate will stay the same and no salary increase in July 2026
- a. **Fire Marshal Report-** Prevention Report included 16 Annual business inspections, 15 building plan reviews, 1 restaurant permit and 7 miscellaneous inspections regarding Deer Springs Fire Station 2.
 - b. **Community Emergency Response Team Report-**CERT held its first meeting for fiscal year 2026 on January 20. Topics of discussion ideas for this year Fire Prevention Day and activities for the year. Next scheduled meeting will be held on February 17, 2026, 6:30pm via zoom.

9. Committee Reports

- a. Permanent Station 2 -Directors Gordon and Kerrin
 Purpose: To oversee the construction of Station 2 permanent facility
 Type: Ad hoc-Director Gordon presented change order #10 for discussion and approval. Director Jackson made a motion to approve change order #10 in the amount of \$22,817.72 for additional landscape, irrigation, sight clearing and grading and give Director Gordon authorization to sign change order; Director Kerrin seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Sealey); 0 Abstain.** The fire crew will start moving in this week and hope to have certificate of occupancy end of month.

10. Unfinished Business

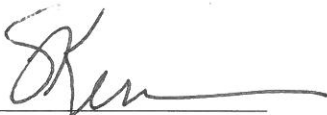
- a. Station 1 Kitchen and Crew Quarters Refurbishment-Director Steve Kerrin reported that the kitchen remodel is completed

11. **New Business-**Establish an ad hoc committee to present a plan for Board approval in March or April for a Ribbon Cutting ceremony for Station 2. President Jackson appointed Director Gordon and himself to committee

12. Correspondence-None

13. **Directors Comments-**Director Caples thanked everyone for joining in Mr. Jean Slaughter's Celebration of Life. Thank you to Chief Shoots, Chief's Morrison and Reynolds for their participation. Director Gordon thanked everyone for all their help, support in construction of new station, congratulations to everyone.

14. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 5:07 pm



Director Steve Kerrin
 Secretary-Treasurer