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

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8709 Circle R Drive, Escondido, Ca. 92026

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call**

   President Jackson-Present
   Vice-President Sealey-Late 4:05pm
   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 March 11, agenda; Director Gordon seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Sealey); 0 Abstain**

4. **Public Comments Period**-Nancy Ogrod-Special thank you to the Deer Springs Firefighters for attending Deer Springs Fire Safe Council annual meeting.

5. **Fire Safe Council Report**-Annual meeting was held Saturday March 7, 2026. A previous Deer Springs board member Tom Francl attended the meeting. The Chipper Program will resume Monday March 16. Received notice from California Air Resources Board, the chipper will be exempt and will continue to be operational.

6. **Approval of Minutes**

   a. Regular Board Meeting February 11, 2026- Director Gordon moved to approve February 11, 2026 board minutes; Director Caples seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 4 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Sealey); 0 Abstain.**

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

8. **Chief Report**-Chief Thomas Shoots

- During the month of February 144 calls for service
- Station 2 personnel are transitioning from temporary station to new station
- Three District Firefighters graduated from SDU Truck Academy
- SD County Love Your Heart event at Champagne Village organized by Director Caples was well attended. Provided 28 blood pressure screenings and 46 Vials of Life magnetic informational packet
- Applied for 2026 San Diego Fire Foundation grant to support purchase of training equipment
- Captain Paramedic position at Station 3, replacing Captain Fimon has been filled, will start in about 2 weeks

a. **Fire Marshal Report**- Prevention Report included 7 Annual business inspections, 12 building plan reviews, and 2 miscellaneous inspections for Welk Resort.

b. **Community Emergency Response Team Report**-CERT held their monthly meeting on February 17 to discuss new community activities. The Hidden Meadows News wrote an article on CERT, very informative with contact information. The CERT Team toured the new Deer Springs Fire Station 2. Special thanks to Chief Shoots, Station 2, Station 3 Firefighters and Director Gordon. CERT Manager Marc Weissman attended the CERT Council meeting to discuss training opportunities around the County of San Diego. The CERT Team will purchase a new banner for the community. Next scheduled CERT meeting, March 17, 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

The commissioning for the station should be completed in the by the end of March. Furniture for the bedrooms have been ordered, takes 4-6 weeks for delivery. Office equipment has been ordered for the training room. We are working on reception area, watch room and Captain's offices for final design on furniture, to be ordered this month. Chief Reynolds is working on the Breathing Apparatus Compressor for new station. A Neighbor to station 2 would like to be reimbursed for wooden fence installed on our property, paid by the neighbor, was removed during construction. Director Jackson made a motion to authorize the expenditures in the amount of $1,403.76; Director Gordon seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain.**

b. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Station 2-Directors Jackson and Gordon-Ceremony is scheduled for June 13 from 9am-11am, light refreshments and allow guests to tour the new station. Next month board meeting the committee will present an agenda for the festivities.

10. **Unfinished Business**-None

11. New Business

a. Budget Committee for FY 2026-2027
Action requested: Establish the committee

President Jackson appointed Directors Kerrin and Caples to Budget Committee, both accepted.

b. Standby/Availability Fee, Resolution 26-01, 1st reading, final hearing in April. To continue the Standby Fee at $21.11 per benefit unit or to increase by CPI to a maximum of $21.93

Director Sealey made a motion to increase the Standby/Availability Fee by CPI Resolution 26-01 with revisions to $21.93 per benefit unit; Director Gordon seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain.**

c. Fire Suppression Assessment Resolution, 26-02, 1st reading, final hearing in April. To continue the Fire Suppression Fee at $0.2787 per benefit unit, or to increase by CPI to a maximum of $0.2892

Director Sealey made a motion to increase the Fire Suppression Fee by CPI Resolution 26-02 with revisions to $0.2892 per benefit unit; Director Jackson seconded the motion. **Motion is adopted; 5 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain.**

12. Correspondence-None

13. Directors Comments-None

14. Adjournment-Meeting adjourned at 5:22 pm

Director Steve Kerrin
Secretary-Treasurer