

TAHOE DOUGLAS FIRE PREVENTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
**September 28, 2016**

**Those Present:**

Chairman Greg Felton  
Vice Chairman Bill Kirschner  
Trustee Kevin Kjer  
Trustee Steve Seibel  
Fire Chief Scott Baker  
Legal Counsel Jason Guinasso  
Assistant Chief Jim Antti  
Fire Marshal Eric Guevin  
Fire Inspector Todd Stroup  
Accounting Specialist Carrie Nolting  
Administrative Assistant Erin Allison  
Forester John Pickett

Crew Foreman Matt Fogarty  
Assistant Foreman Mike Monaghan  
Zephyr Crew Member KC Green  
Zephyr Crew Member Brody Zink  
Guest Ann Grant  
Guest Carl Rushmeyer  
Guest Tim Deturk  
Guest John Breaux  
Guest Nackey Scagliotti  
Guest Carol Chaplin  
Guest Mike Frye  
Guest Gary Gerren

**1. Call to Order.**

Meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

Pledge of allegiance was led by Fire Chief Gary Gerren, Fallen Leaf Lake Fire Department.

**3. Roll Call.**

Chairman Felton, Vice Chairman Kirschner, Trustee Kjer, and Trustee Seibel were present. A quorum was present.

**4. Approval of the Agenda.**

Trustee Kirschner motioned to approve the agenda. Trustee Kjer seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

**5. Public Comment.**

Guests Mike Frye from LTVA/TDVA and Carol Chaplin, Executive Director of LTVA commended TDFPD, Fire Chief Baker, and Fire Marshal Guevin for the regulatory work that was done for the Labor Day fireworks show. These events are very important to the fiscal health for community and TDFPD has made it possible to keep them going.

Frye thanked Guevin for his time, efforts, competence, and execution of the event. Guevin worked closely with the Zambelli (new fireworks vendor) team, and provided sound direction, allowing them to improve processes. He also spent long hours helping them meet regulatory standards.

Frye thanked Fire Inspector Stroup for educating him on munitions and for being deeply involved in the fireworks project. Frye stated that they couldn't do the fireworks show without all the help from TDFPD, and they were very thankful to everyone who had been involved.

Guest Ann Grant thanked TDFPD for their participation in the CERT meeting on September 1, 2016 where they conducted a training on emergency incident triage led by Firefighter/Paramedics Ryan Pruitt and Dusty Gooch.

Grant also acknowledged the Zephyr Crew for the work that was done when they went into Skyland. The brush down Tahoe Drive was reduced and it looks great. The crew did a really great job.

Grant also commented that the Clays, who are her neighbors in Skyland, wanted to thank TDFPD for the wonderful experience that was provided to the wife on multiple occasions. She was transported once and the department has come to help her multiple times on medical calls. Her conversation with Firefighter/Paramedic Wade during her transport really helped her anxiety and she was very happy with the service she was provided.

**6. Approval of the Consent Calendar.**

Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes 08/24/16
- b. Monthly Expenditures
- c. Job Description – Firefighter/Paramedic
- d. MOU with Douglas County regarding Redevelopment Plan for Area No. 2

Trustee Seibel motioned to approve the Consent Calendar items as presented. Vice-Chairman Kirschner seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion approved 4-0.

**7. For Possible Action: Consent items moved forward.**

None.

**8. Presentation: Employee Recognition.**  
Fire Chief Scott Baker

Chief Baker recognized Zephyr Crew Assistant Foreman Mike Monaghan for his many years of service. Monaghan has been with the Zephyr Crew since 2008. He was recognized for his promotion to Assistant Foreman at the Zephyr Crew mid-season BBQ in August, but had not been officially pinned. Chief Baker pinned Monaghan as Assistant Foreman, congratulated him, and thanked him for his many years of service.

Monaghan thanked the Board and the Chiefs for the opportunity and for helping him progress through his career, and said there is no better place to work than Tahoe Douglas.

Chief Baker explained to the Board that we have a tradition of giving challenge coins to Zephyr Crew members who have given three or more years of service.

Zephyr Crew Foreman Matt Fogarty and Zephyr Crew Members KC Green and Brody Zink have been with TDFPD on the Zephyr Crew for 3 years or more. Chief Baker gave them all challenge coins and congratulated them on their years of service.

Chairman Felton congratulated all four of them and thanked them for their service.

**9. Presentation: Introductions.**  
Fire Marshal Eric Guevin

Fire Marshal Guevin thanked Chairman Felton and the Board and introduced Fallen Leaf Lake Fire Chief Gary Gerren. Guevin said Chief Gerren has always been very supportive of TDFPD was asked to talk about the boat program currently in place at Fallen Leaf Lake Fire Department.

**Existing Fire Boat Program benefits and issues.**  
Gary D. Gerren, Fire Chief – Fallen Leaf Lake Fire

Chief Gerren was hired at Fallen Leaf Lake Fire Department in 2010. When he was hired, he evaluated the existing equipment and boat that the department had, and determined they were not sufficient. Funding was hard to come by, but in 2011 he started meeting with boat manufacturers to find something that would work for their department. By 2013, they had narrowed the options down from six boats to the one boat they chose, which was delivered in 2014.

Throughout the process of purchasing a new boat, Fallen Leaf had three main goals: 1) supply water for ground operations around the shore and be able to produce water in big volumes, 2) become better equipped for water rescue operations and rescues of hikers that get lost on the far side of the lake, and 3) fire suppression. To address rescues, Fallen Leaf had a F.L.I.R. put on the boat to aid in nighttime operations. This F.L.I.R. allows them to operate in total darkness using structure scan sonar, which they have mapped around standpipes and houses, as well as the rest of the lake to be able to see the best access routes for all areas. For their fire

suppression needs, the boat is able to anchor and lock into piers to fight fire or produce standpipes.

One of the major factors in their boat program was that there are some houses in their district that are only accessible by boat or trails and not by vehicle.

Fallen Leaf Lake Fire Department has had the boat for 2 full seasons and has had 2 water rescues this year.

Fire Marshal Guevin commented to the Board that Chief Baker and Chief Antti have gone out to view the boat at Fallen Leaf Lake.

Chief Gerren explained that Fire Boat 9's main operations are fire suppression, water rescue, search and rescue, and a floating hydrant. A lot of people get lost on the side of Tallac Lake and they have been able to use the boat to find lost hikers many times and send ground crews in with much easier access and directions.

Fire suppression with the boat is executed via handlines. There are 5 inch Storz lines and adapters that are used to produce large amount of water. They can provide 2.5 or 3 inch supply line or heavy attack lines and can provide up to 1750 gallons per minute.

Water rescue and search and rescue are supported by the F.L.I.R., which includes the structure scan sonar and radar and is especially good for night operations. Any kind of body heat will show up on the F.L.I.R., even in cold water, which is extremely beneficial for water rescues at night. Crews have mapped the terrain around all of the houses and all of the lake to check for any obstacles using the sonar and radar.

The hydrant on the boat has adjustable nozzles and is remote controlled, which means it can be run from the hydrant or the pilot house. Policy for Fallen Leaf Lake is not to go out without at least two people. One person cannot drive the boat and run the monitors/hydrant at the same time.

When the department first received the boat, they did a lot of scenarios, sample flows, and distance testing. They have been able to get water from the hydrant out to about 380 feet. There are two hemisphere nozzles that can move to provide water flow to all angles around the boat.

The main thing the pilot does during all operations is keep the boat in a neutral position. The force from the hydrant would push the boat back without an opposite force from the boat motor, controlled by the pilot.

The boat is equipped with a hydraulic bow door with integrated steps that helps get people back into the boat during water rescues, and allows for divers to be picked out of the water to

take the strain off the divers. This door is also helpful for distribution of hose line on the shore and can be dropped onto shore to be used as an anchor.

There are 12 pier locations around the lake with standpipe signs at the end of each dock. Everything is charted on the GPS, and they have the ability to input any location into the GPS and be taken right to it, even in darkness.

Chief Gerren believes the boat has been pretty flawless since they have had it. They run it nearly every day, at least doing training if they are not working on something else. The boat weighs 12,800 pounds when it is completely loaded and will be moved into a warehouse for the winter.

Chief Gerren hasn't had any real problems with the boat. If he were to go through the process again, he would get a bigger boat with more power, even though it isn't necessarily needed. He thinks that in order to do it in our district, we would definitely need a bigger boat than FLLFD with more propulsion and a bigger pump. There were some concerns about power at the altitude of the Lake, but there have not been any issues with it.

Chief Gerren stated he doesn't have anything bad to say about the boat, it performs well for them, and they use it a lot. About half of the properties in their district are on the water, and it is much easier to get to those houses via the lake rather than roads. It has been an excellent tool for supplying water and fighting fire.

Vice-Chairman Kirschner asked what the total cost of the boat was.

Chief Gerren answered the total cost was \$308,000, but they got some money back for allowing the manufacturers to do demos with it when they first brought it to FLLFD. They got a grant out of the county for \$250,000, and the rest the county paid for.

Fire Marshal Guevin asked what the lifetime is on the boat.

Chief Gerren answered about 25-30 years. Both Fallen Leaf Lake and Lake Tahoe have very clean water, which helps extend the lifetime of the boat. They have pumped in a foot and a half of water and not pulled anything up from the bottom.

The boat is equipped to put an ATV or Polaris type vehicle on the boat with the drop door.

The manufacturing company has treated them very well and they have fixed any little thing that came up.

Fully loaded, the boat can run at about 42 mph and can get from one side of the lake to the other in about 4 and a half minutes. The motors have been serviced each season and they have not had any problems with them.

Trustee Kjer asked how the boat handles in rough water.

Chief Gerren answered they do get some times where they encounter rough water. They have been able to go out during rough times and the boat handles the water well. It all depends on who is operating the boat and how well they know how to operate the boat. The boats are designed to ride over the waves rather than into them, which doesn't shake the boat. As long as the pilot is doing their job correctly, it is not that bad.

Vice-Chairman Kirschner asked who made the boat and what kind of propulsion it has. Chief Gerren answered that the manufacturing company was Lake Assault. The boat propulsion is two outboards that are 225 Mercury Verados with counter rotating props so that they don't lose power in altitude. Once your pilot has learned how to operate the boat, they can do a lot in a lot of different conditions.

Guest Ann Grant asked what the normal maintenance cost is.

Chief Gerren answered that they spend about \$800 annually for maintenance.

Trustee Kjer asked what the training cost is.

Chief Gerren answered that the people that delivered the boat gave them 6 days of training and showed them how to operate it. There are 5 crew members that can operate the boat and at least one of them is always on duty. The rest of the crew members will be sent to a two week coast guard training this year. The manufacturing company did an outstanding job with training the boat operators. All operators were there all week long so that they received the same training.

Chairman Felton asked whether the boat was in board or out board.

Chief Gerren answered that it is outboard because it is a lot easier to maintain and replace.

Chairman Felton asked why they don't maintain the boat year-round.

Chief Gerren answered that the lake is too rough and they don't have people there during the winter. It is easier to use the old boat and not have the boat get too beat up by the heavy wind that is common in winter. During high winds in the summer, they beach the boat to prevent damage from the docks.

Chairman Felton asked Chief Gerren if he was in our position, what would be considered as additional.

Chief Gerren answered that a bigger and longer boat, hose racks in the front, ladder racks in the roof line (28 ft extension ladder in the roof line), 10.5 beam and at least 36 ft boat with 350 or 400s on the back just based on the type of water and the large size of the district. The good thing about the company is that they will design the boat based on what you need. They are great to work with and have done a good job.

Chief Gerren stated he appreciates the invitation to come speak at the meeting and thanked the Board for the opportunity.

Fire Marshal Guevin commented that the fire department in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho has similar winter conditions as Lake Tahoe, and they run a boat program year round. We got very fortunate with the water rescue of the victims clinging to the cooler, and with the F.L.I.R., it would have been so much easier.

**Problems of a sole power source and disadvantages of individual pump systems.**

Carl Ruschmeyer, Public Works Director – Douglas County  
Public Works Director

Fire Marshal Guevin introduced Carl Ruschmeyer to the Board, he

Ruschmeyer thanked the Board for the opportunity to be at the meeting.

The county systems owned by the Douglas County Public Works are the Zephyr Water Utility District, including Marla Bay.

Cave Rock and Skyland are interconnected and serviced off the same intake with 5 water tanks between the two. Zephyr Cove has a single intake. Uppaway Estates has two infiltration wells.

There are a number of issues with the water system in the district. There are a lot of old, dilapidated, failing systems. There has been a lot of effort to upgrade and bring the systems up to code for water flow and fire supply and there is undersized infrastructure. The system can't meet fire flow requirements today, and there are very few interties and backups to support each other.

There are quite a few gaps between the water systems in the district where there is no water supply, which has been a challenge for the District. In 2009, Public Works worked with other water districts and NDEP to look at ways to fix issues and fill these gaps. One option was to intertie Glenbrook (private) with Uppaway Estates so that water flows both ways. In 2010, this would have cost about a million dollars, but today, it would cost closer to 1.25 million dollars. To create an intertie between Uppaway Estate and Logan Creek, it would cost about 3.6 million dollars.

A major issue in connecting the water systems is Cave Rock because there is no viable way to connect the systems by going around or through it.

There are interties between Cave Rock and Skyland, which serve most of the large lake front homes. Some of the bigger homes have put private lines and hydrants down to the lake.

There is a lot of support for the concept of intertying all of the systems throughout the district, but the challenge is finding funding.

Fire Marshal Guevin asked what the timeline would be to complete the entire system intertie. Ruschmeyer answered it would take multiple years of design and multiple years of construction, and would be at least 5 years before it would be completed if they had funding and started working immediately.

In Cave Rock especially there are so many deficiencies within the current system. An engineer would want to make sure the existing system is up to par and to check the four existing water systems. They will be going before their board to show how they have remodeled the system and what it would take to bring the current systems up to par. Estimated cost is over 25 million dollars for the full project.

Douglas County Public Works Office understands the value of the interties, but there is a need to bring current system up to par first.

Public Works will need to look at federal or Earmark grants to get the funding for this project. The Water Resource Development Act could potentially be an option for funding as well, but it still needs to be passed for rural Nevada. They will be working with our legislators to try to get funding coming in.

Fire Marshal Guevin asked Ruschmeyer to speak to the Cave Rock system, and specifically the issues with the current tank in Cave Rock.

Ruschmeyer said the area that brings the most problem is the piping and the distribution due to the poor construction that does not meet current standards for a water system. Piping was done very poorly with pipes that have been bent around rocks and non-like metals welded together that are corroding. It is really hard for Public Works to assess the pipes because of the poor construction. In one year, they have spent \$100,000 in leak repair, which kills the budget, drives up rates, and does not provide adequate service.

Fire Marshal Guevin asked Ruschmeyer to speak to the pumps in lake.

Ruschmeyer has met with a developer and agents on this issue. Piers are a timeline issue for them. They would like to install a lake intake with booster pumps, run the line up a county easement and put a fire hydrant at the end of the pipe. The developer to the county and asked for the right-of-way and if they could build it. This would be owned by homeowners and there will be long term issues for maintenance. Ruschmeyer believes it needs to be run under a public agency rather than homeowners to ensure proper maintenance and inspections. They have expressed interest that they just need to move forward, and they are fine with the fire boat, but are concerned about the timeline.

Fire Marshal Guevin thanked Ruschmeyer for coming.

Chairman Felton commented that section B is the area we have had significant discussion on. The ideal situation is tanks, lines in the ground and hydrants creating an "unlimited supply in



water” due to the risks of when a boat can deploy. What is the likelihood, opportunity and cost of putting in the correct solution to the problem in this area?

Ruschmeyer answered that the issue is how to get around Cave Rock. There is opportunity to get the “unlimited water supply” into Pittman Terrace because Logan Creek’s water system is run by a GID and is not under county jurisdiction, but they are a deficient system as well. The project would cost at least 1-1.5 million dollars because of the Cave Rock tunnel. Construction cost over \$200 per foot of pipe.

Fire Marshal Guevin said they had discussed it briefly, and it would be at least a decade, if not longer to complete the full in ground system, especially depending on funding.

Guest Ann Grant asked if Glenbrook and Uppaway Estates have their systems, is there not a cheaper connection if they would agree rather than going through Cave Rock? Is there any reason the systems have to be connected through Cave Rock?

Ruschmeyer answered that no, there isn’t an easier connection because water tanks would have to be updated regardless of where they were making connections, and they might as well complete the line at that point if the entire rest of the system was intertied. It would also be hard to complete a single line that far without any issues.

There are many different hypothetical options, but it all comes down to responsibility and cost.

Chairman Felton asked whose responsibility is it to get water into those homes. The law asks them to provide for sprinklers and lines into the lake. The city typically puts the water system in for all residents, so is this a county responsibility to put this system in?

Ruschmeyer responded that he doesn’t think it is the county’s responsibility. All of the existing systems were built as private water systems that the county took over after the systems all failed. They can’t ask parts of the county to pay for the water system if they are not receiving the benefits from it. If the system was intertied and all parts of the county were part of the water system, then you can provide the support for the argument for funds.

Vice-Chairman Kirschner asked about a bond issue for a couple million dollars.

Ruschmeyer responded that bonds are dead, and who would you put the debt on for that. When Public Works comes back at the first of the year they will talk about different options and the cost of each.

Fire Marshal Guevin commented that the important thing to remember is these current systems already have so many problems it’s not feasible to intertie the systems without fixing the existing issues.

Chief Baker asked what do we typically find with pumps in the lake.

Douglas County Utilities Superintendent Tim Deturk responded that he would shy away from fire drivers because they must be maintained and utilized to continue to function properly. The current water tanks will not supply enough water; they have too many leaks, and are not built

correctly, so they will not provide adequate fire flow. Turning on hydrants too quickly will create multiple leaks – it is a very fragile system.

Ruschmeyer commented that he would shy away from something that you need to get a barge to fix on a submerged pump because of the response time it would take to make any repairs.

Chief Baker asked about how often maintenance would need to be done on the lake pumps. Deturk responded that fire drivers create a lot of headaches for maintenance, but it would depend on the type of pump and is difficult to say for sure without knowing exactly what kind of pump it would be. You need to run pumps without a load at least once a week, but you also shouldn't have one without a generator because if the power goes out the pump is non-operational.

Legal Counsel Guinasso commented that one thing the county has available is to extend GIDs to cover more area. Has there been any discussion about creating one general GID?

Ruschmeyer responded that there has been some discussion, but it has created a lot of issues. While there is value in consolidation, there is a lot of money that could be used better, and political issues are big in this situation. There is not a lot of support from other districts for this idea.

Fire Marshal Guevin commented that they were not happy even with expanding costs for expanding the systems, and were really not pleased about any of the options.

Chairman Felton stated the Board will be making short-term decision to fix a long-term problem. If there were funding, how long would it take to complete the full system repair and interties?

Ruschmeyer responded that it would take a minimum of five years if everything started tomorrow.

Trustee Seibel asked if they are talking about rebuilding the entire system all the way through on top of creating additions.

Vice-Chairman Kirschner commented that they are basically starting from scratch.

Ruschmeyer responded that we have hydrants throughout the district that could collapse the entire system by running them.

Trustee Seibel commented that even if we built the tanks on the hill, there are too many deficiencies in the system to create adequate fire flow throughout.

Chairman Felton stated he would like to see us have an integrated, in-the-ground water system throughout the district.

Ruschmeyer responded that that is the goal.

Chief Baker thanked Ruschmeyer and Deturk for coming to the meeting.

Fire Marshal Guevin commented that San Francisco Fire Department was going to decommission their boat because they had the full in-ground system, but after the last bad earthquake, their system had been destroyed and they had no water system other than their boat.

- 10. For Discussion and Possible Action:** **For discussion and possible action to adopt staff recommendation to proceed in the development of a fire boat and floating hydrant system to address fire flow issues in under-served areas of the Fire District.**  
Fire Marshal Eric Guevin

Guevin explained at this point as a fire district we would like to pursue the opportunity to look into how feasible the boat program is. We need to look at funding, legal issues, what is needed to get it started, and what is needed to maintain it. We would like to do research and come back to the Board with presentation of further sustainable options.

We would like the Board to allow staff to proceed in the development of a fire boat and floating hydrant system to address the fire flow issues throughout the district.

Chairman Felton clarified that the Board is not authorizing TDFPD to purchase a fire boat at this time; they are just authorizing the energy and resources to explore it as an option.

Guest Nackey Scagliotti, a resident who lives on Bitler's road, said she is in the position of being very close to having a certificate of occupancy depending on whether they have sufficient fire flow or not. Their options at this point are to put in their own pump or leave their home. They would like to invest in a more global solution, because ultimately the risk is for the entire area. It affects them just as deeply if neighbors are affected by a fire. They would rather support a solution that will work more permanently than fire sprinklers, whatever that may be for the district. She thanked the Board, Chief Baker, and Fire Marshal Guevin for looking into solutions that will be long lasting for a lot of people. All solutions on the table have challenges, and they will wait longer to occupy their home in the hope that there is a solution for the entire Basin to participate in.

Vice-Chairman Kirschner motioned to adopt staff recommendation to proceed in the development of a fire boat and floating hydrant system to address fire flow issues in under-served areas of the Fire District. Trustee Seibel seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

- 11. For Discussion and Possible Action:** **To adopt Resolution #12-2016 which approves the successor Co-Trustee of the Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District Post-Retirement Plan & Trust.**  
Fire Chief Scott Baker

Chief Baker explained that there are five members on the Post-Retirement Plan & Trust, consisting of 2 union members, 2 administrative members, and 1 independent member. The current members on the account are Charles Salerno, Scott Vandover, Benjamin Sharit, Guy LeFever, and Bill Johnson. Trustee LeFever requested to come off the board, and Chief Baker will be added in his place as a successor to the Post-Retirement Plan & Trust directed by the Board.

Trustee Seibel motioned to adopt Resolution #12-2016 which approves the successor Co-Trustee of the Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District Post-Retirement Plan & Trust. Trustee Kjer seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

- 12. For Discussion and Possible Action:** **For discussion and possible action to adopt the Board directed salary range change for Assistant Chief and Fire Chief to be effective October 2, 2016 (first day of the next pay period).**  
Chairman Greg Felton

Chairman Felton explained that for most, if not all, personnel in the district, there are time-based steps for salaried employees, which is not currently true for the Fire Chief and Assistant Chief. They have examined comparable salaries for other Fire Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs in the area and the proposal is to add a 5<sup>th</sup> step to each of the ranges.

Vice-Chairman Kirschner motioned to adopt the Board directed salary range change for Assistant Chief and Fire Chief to be effective October 2, 2016 which is the first day of the next pay period. Trustee Kjer seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

- 13. For Discussion and Possible Action:** **For discussion and possible action on the ratification of a contract with Fire Chief Gregory Scott Baker effective July 1, 2016.**  
Chairman Greg Felton

Chairman Felton explained that the proposed contract is available to public. Chief Baker has been patient in this process because we have had a lot of other priorities, and it has taken a while to get to this. He fights hard for everyone in this district and thinks of himself last, he deferred a lot during discussions, and he is looking for what is right for this district. This contract is fair to the district and to Chief Baker. The only unusual element is that due to his history in fire service, he has healthcare taken care of by other means and has a stipend to pay for that other service. Chairman Felton proposes to adopt the contract as written.

Vice-Chairman Kirschner motioned to adopt the ratification of a contract with Fire Chief Gregory Scott Baker effective July 1, 2016. Trustee Seibel seconded the motion. Trustee Kjer thanked Chief Baker for being patient and thanked Chairman Felton and Trustee Seibel for

working with him. Chief Baker thanked Chairman Felton, Trustee Seibel, and the Board for taking the time to work this out with him. Motion approved 4-0.

Chairman Felton welcomed Chief Baker and thanked him for being with us.

- 14. For Discussion and Possible Action:** **For discussion and possible action to adopt a proposed change in the TDFPD Board policy regarding Trustee stipends from not more than one meeting per month to not to exceed twelve (12) meetings in a calendar year.**  
Trustee Kevin Kjer

Trustee Kjer thanked Kate Warner for getting the reference material for him for this policy. This policy aims to update the stipend of one meeting per month to not to exceed twelve meetings in a calendar year. This year, the Board cancelled one meeting and had two in the next month, but only got paid for one meeting even though they attended two. This policy change is reflected to fix that issue.

Trustee Seibel asked if we do two meetings in one month would the Board members be paid twice?

Trustee Kjer answered yes, up to the twelve meetings per calendar year.

Vice-Chairman Kirschner commented this is similar to most GIDs and other departments in the area.

Trustee Kjer motioned that TDFPD Board trustees shall be paid a stipend for each meeting attended by phone or in person not to exceed twelve meetings per year. Trustee Kirschner seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

- 15. For Discussion and Possible Action:** **For discussion and possible action to adopt a proposed change in the per meeting stipend for TDFPD Board of Trustee Compensation to be effective January 1, 2017.**  
Trustee Kevin Kjer

Currently the board stipend is \$300 a month, which is \$3,600 per year for each trustee.

Legal counsel researched the policy and [per NRS 318.085](#) a yearly \$6,000 limit would be appropriate for a district like TDFPD, which would be \$500 per month.

Generally, we try to not be at the top or the bottom, but somewhere in the middle when it comes to salaries as a district, so that should be reflected for our trustees as well.

Trustee Kjer motioned that the per meeting stipend for TDFPD Board trustees shall be \$400 per meeting, not to exceed \$4,800 per year, effective January 1, 2017. Vice-Chairman Kirschner

seconded the motion. Vice-Chairman Kirschner commented that he would go for \$450 per month due to cost of living having gone up considerably in the past few years. If the trustees were paid \$450 a month, the district would still be below the \$6,000 limit.

Trustee Kjer commented he would like to keep it at \$400. Vice-Chairman Kirschner agreed to the \$400 and withdrew the comment of raising the per meeting stipend to \$450. Motion approved 4-0.

Chairman Felton thanked Trustee Kjer and Vice-Chairman Kirschner for researching the policy, Warner for helping with research, and legal counsel for reviewing the policy.

**16. Report Item: Review of Monthly Fire District Activities.**  
Fire Chief Scott Baker

Battalion Chief Nalder has achieved 36 years of service in this district specifically, which is amazing. He has been in the fire service for longer, with time spent at East Fork Fire before coming to Tahoe Douglas.

Firefighter/Paramedic Jenny Alustiza and Captain Andrew Isenberg have been with Tahoe Douglas for six years, Firefighter/Paramedic James Ward has been with Tahoe Douglas for three years, and Firefighter/Paramedic Chris Wade has been with Tahoe Douglas for two years.

In Steve Teshara's Sustainable Community Advocates report, TRPA voted and authorized three public safety piers, which falls into the boat plan we are currently working on. The Lake Tahoe Restoration Act is moving on with 2 different versions with two different dollar amounts, and they are pushing for the higher dollar amount. The Board of County Commissioners and Chief Baker will be trying to get some of the money diverted up here no matter what happens.

Michelle Turner from Belfor was part of the RV vs car motor vehicle accident on Kingsbury last week where three patients were transported via helicopter. She gave kudos to all crew who were on scene: Battalion Chief Nalder, Captains Cranch, Isenberg, and Zabel, Engineers Pratt, Apple, Reddig, and Darr, and Firefighter/Paramedics Arrate, Kynett, Hamann, Robidart, Vizzusi, and McDonald. Chief Baker commended them for their professionalism and care. Firefighter/Paramedic Chris Kynett got a lot of kudos from the Careflight crews, as he was the one attending to the most critical of the three patients.

Board of County Commissioners meeting is on October 4, 2016 at 9:00 am at the courthouse. East Fork Fire will present possible board members for their vote. They have more than five candidates for the five available positions.

This month, a donation was made to the Children's Cancer Fund in honor of Christie Smith. Chief Baker thanked the Board for allowing us to give this donation.

Chairman Felton commented that the section of the Fire Chief's report that includes letters of praise just gets longer and longer every month and it is fantastic to see.

Vice-Chairman Kirschner commented that it is good to be recognized by the community.

The Annual Pancake Breakfast had nearly doubled attendance than last year. We had a great turn out, and he thanked everyone for their hard work on the event.

Fire Marshal Guevin, Fire Inspector Stroup and Forester Pickett did a great job with FireFest. They knocked it out of the park and did an amazing job. Chief Baker thanked Fire Marshal Guevin for recognizing the opportunity to bring this event to our district.

Vice-Chairman Kirschner commented that he has been to FireFest for a long time, but this year's event was by far the best one he has ever been to and having it at the Hard Rock was great.

**17. Report Item: Review of Fire District Division Reports.**  
Fire Marshal Eric Guevin

Fire Marshal Guevin thanked the Board.

The Labor Day fireworks show went great. Zambelli (vendor) did a great job cleaning up, and we will be releasing their bond for the cleanup. They will be looking to come back next year, and we will be happy to work with them again.

FireFest was a huge success. Fire Marshal Guevin thanked all of the sponsors, the Hard Rock, Belfor, Hydrofire, South Tahoe Refuse, and Kiwanis. He also thanked Fire Inspector Stroup for putting the map together and being constantly on top of things, Forester Pickett for all of the fuels and logging equipment, Crew Foreman Matt Fogarty, Crew Supervisor Keegan Schafer, and Office Manager Kate Warner for helping with the coordination of the event. We have a lot of thank you cards to send out for this event.

October 15, 2016 is last day to break ground on construction. We have had a lot of plans coming in and have been very back logged with all of the major events and calls going on.

The Lodge at Edgewood is moving forward with walls, sprinklers, and alarms. There have been some significant changes; particularly there is no parking lot in front of the Lodge anymore. Fire Marshal Guevin and Fire Inspector Stroup will be doing inspections as they complete construction.

Tahoe Shores has the foundation in the ground and plan to be building during the winter.

There will be a vigil/memorial for the 5 fallen firefighters from the 1926 Kings Canyon Fire on September 28, 2016 at 5:30 pm. The memorial will be on the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fire, and they will be placing flowers, a banner, and helmets at the memorial site. The Zephyr Crew will remember the fallen firefighters with a short biography and the wildland helmets being placed at the site. All of the public is invited and encouraged to attend. The current marker is somewhat hidden and difficult to locate, and we will be working to raise awareness and visibility of the memorial in the future.

Carson City Fire Chief Carlini told Fire Marshal Guevin he will be unable to attend the memorial. It is in close proximity to Carson and his district, but unfortunately he won't be there.

Vice-Chairman Kirschner commented that in speaking with Chief Baker at FireFest, they commented that the room simulation burns were very nicely done. Chairman Felton commented that the way the sprinklers worked was great.

Fire Marshal Guevin thanked Warner for running around to supply things at the last minute during FireFest. They sold 420 hamburgers, and they typically only sell around 300. We received and heard many comments from vendors/organizations that they handed out at least 1/3 more things at the event than they normally do. The kids IDs and fingerprinting booth said they did the most they've ever done at a single event.

Fire Marshal Guevin thanked everyone for support and for the team effort they made the event so great.

**18. Discussion: Confirm next meeting, with a proposed date of Wednesday October 26, 2016 with a start time of 2:30 p.m. and possible agenda items.**

Meeting confirmed for Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 with a start time of 2:30 p.m. in the Station 23 classroom.

**Adjourn.**

Vice-Chairman Kirschner motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Trustee Seibel seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

**Closed Session: Not needed at this meeting.**

**Erin Allison  
Board Secretary  
Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District**