

**WEBER FIRE DISTRICT**  
**2023 W. 1300 N.**  
**Farr West, UT 84404**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 12, 2008**

Members present:           Blaine Holmes                           Tim Shupe  
                                  Scott VanLeeuwen                    Alan Clapperton  
                                  Dennis Montgomery                 Mike Hancock  
                                  Paul Skeen

Excused members:         Val Heiner and Richard Noyes

Others present:            David Austin, Fire Chief  
                                  Ted Black, Fire Marshal  
                                  Amy Hugie, Attorney  
                                  Kate Smith, Admin. Assist/Clerk

1. Board Vice-Chair Dennis Montgomery, called the meeting to order at 5:34 P.M.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Scott VanLeeuwen

3. **Opening Ceremony** offered by Ted Black

4. **Public Comments** – There were none.

**5. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for July 08, 2008.**

MOTION made by Scott VanLeeuwen to approve the minutes of the July 08, 2008 meeting. SECOND by Mike Hancock, MOTION approved, none opposing.

**6. Treasurers Report and Approval of Expenditures.**

Alan Clapperton asked about the Fire & Police Selection, Chief Austin explained that it was for the health and fitness validation for the District. Alan Clapperton then asked about Intermountain T-Shirt, Clerk Kate Smith told him it was for department shirts, shorts, hats, etc. Dennis Montgomery then asked about Mike Kilfoyle, to which Kate Smith told him it was for the intermediate teacher and certifications for 10 more firefighters. MOTION was made by Alan Clapperton to approve the payables as presented. Paul Skeen SECOND the motion. MOTION was approved, none opposing.

Chair for the Board of Directors, Blaine Holmes, has joined the group and will now take over and lead the meeting.

**7. Powder Mountain; Boundary Adjustments**

The powder mountain group had contacted Fire Marshal Ted Black and had asked to be removed from the agenda. They will contact the District in the future for a new presentation date.

**MOTION by Scott VanLeeuwen to leave the regular meeting in order to hold the Public Hearing at 6:00pm. Second by Mike Hancock. MOTION carried.**

**First Item: Tax Increase**

This is the second hearing for the same tax increase for the 2008 budget that was proposed in the hearing held on December 11, 2007. Please see attached for budget breakdown.

**Second Item: 2008 Proposed Budget Amendments**

The proposed 2008 budget amendments narrative was given by Chief David Austin, please see attached for budget breakdown. The following citizens were present and spoke during the hearing process. All citizens listed, asked board members to give consideration as to the financial impact and its implications, before voting on the proposed budget increase.

Charles W. Watson, of Eden Utah  
Mr. & Mrs. David Burch, of Ogden Utah  
Alan Clapperton, of Huntsville Utah

**MOTION by Mike Hancock to leave the public hearing and return to the regular board meeting. Second by Dennis Montgomery. MOTION carried.**

**8. Approval of 2008 Certified Tax Rate**

After a brief narrative by Chief David Austin and a discussion by members of the board, Dennis Montgomery made MOTION to approve the new certified tax rate, Mike Hancock SECOND the motion. MOTION was approved by roll call vote, none opposing.

**9. Approval of compensation adjustments**

Chief David Austin briefly discussed the compensation comparison charts he had made for the boards review. Please see attached for details and breakdowns. Dennis Montgomery asked that for the 2009 adjustments, the District try to find an alternative was to make the compensations more even across the board. Dennis Montgomery made the MOTION to give a 3% compensation adjustment for cost of living to all District employees. Paul Skeen SECOND the motion. MOTION was approved through a roll call vote, none opposing.

**10. Approval of two new Firefighters**

Chief David Austin noted to the Board, that due to the new certified tax rate that had been approved of earlier, the District could now hire two additional firefighters with the Boards approval. Dennis Montgomery made the MOTION to enable the district move forward with the hiring process. Scott VanLeeuwen SECOND the motion. MOTION was approved, none opposing.

**11. Appointment of Board Member for Association of Special Districts**

Past member John Kimball was the previous board member who represented the District for 4 years. Dennis Montgomery volunteered for the position. Mike Hancock made MOTION to accept Dennis Montgomery as the new representative. Tim Shupe SECOND the motion. MOTION was approved, none opposing.

**12. Board of Trustees Training: Open and Public Meetings Act**

Was tabled until the September meeting.

**13. Chief's Report**

The Board received a printed copy of the Chief's report in advance of the meeting. Please see attachment for content.

**14. Board Presentations**

Scott VanLeeuwen was glad to see that the turning lane for station 61 had been completed, so the chance of an automobile accident was greatly reduced. Other members of the Board thanked Scott for all of his efforts and his continual support to complete the project.

Paul Skeen wanted to note Dennis Montgomery achievement, honors and recognition through Weber State for his involvement with the youth rodeo team.

**15. Adjournment.**

MOTION by Mike Hancock to adjourn meeting. SECOND by Dennis Montgomery, MOTION carried. 7:28pm.

**Next regular meeting – Sept. 09, 2008 at 5:30pm**

**Blaine Holmes**  
Chairman

**Alan Clapperton**  
Treasurer