



DORSET FIRE DISTRICT

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Dorset Water Co.

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DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1

August 9, 2021

(Via Zoom Call)

Present: Ben Weiss, Chairman, Roger Squire, Lee Fox, Patrick McGuire, Cindy Loudenslager, Rob Gaiotti (Town Manager), Greg Kepler, Shawn Hazelton

Absent:

Ben Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Approval of May Minutes

Roger Squire moved and Cindy Loudenslager seconded to approve the July 14th minutes as presented, motion passed, 4-0.

Fire Chief's Report

Chief Shawn Hazelton reviewed the calls and issues for the previous month. The Department continues to be busy with a high volume of calls, with many calls being mutual aid support to other towns. Lee Fox moved and Roger Squire seconded to approve the Fire Chief's report, motion passed 4-0.

Project Discussion:

Ben Weiss gave a water system project update with regard to uncertainty in funding. Rob Gaiotti noted that he had spoken with Eric Blatt today and it seems as though there may still be subsidy funding in FY21 but the State needs to review things. The State has lost 2 support staff in the funding program. It was also noted that in FY22 there was \$885,000 in subsidy earmarked for DFD. Discussion ensued about the process and meeting the readiness to proceed

criteria. The only item remaining for DFD is approval of the ARA and mitigation measures for service line work. Further discussion ensued about timing and process for funding etc. Eric Blatt is supposed to follow up with R. Gaiotti in a few weeks.

Engineer's Report

G. Kepler presented that Engineer's Report which covered:

- Awaiting SOS pumping test of the new well
- Awaiting further SOS work to perform pilot spring yield testing up at the reservoir
- Working with Otter Creek and Hartgen to get the ARA approved

Lee Fox moved and Roger Squire seconded to approve the Engineer's report as presented, motion passed 4-0.

Water Manager's Report

R. Gaiotti went through the monthly manager's report giving updates on:

- Service Line Easement updates (78 in hand)
- Continued coordination with State and project officials
- Operations work and Safe Yield planning etc.

Roger Squire moved and Lee Fox seconded to approve the Water Manager's Report, motion passed 4-0.

Water/ Fire Financials

R. Gaiotti presented the monthly financial information for Water & Fire Divisions. He noted an audit recommendation to lower the loan from Fire to Water down to \$35,000 due to a portion of the previous year's engineering work being a fire department allocated expense (hydraulic modeling study).

Roger Squire asked about status of the various Planning Loans and whether the Board could see more detailed figures related to them. Discussion ensued. R. Gaiotti will provide at next meeting.

Roger Squire moved and Lee Fox seconded to approve the monthly financials, motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting stood adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Rob Gaiotti, Town Manager