



DORSET FIRE DISTRICT

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Dorset Water Co.

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DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1

September 13, 2021

(Via Zoom Call)

Present: Ben Weiss, Chairman, Roger Squire, Lee Fox, Patrick McGuire, Cindy Loudenslager, Rob Gaiotti (Town Manager), Greg Kepler, Shawn Hazelton, Ginny & Andy Longacre, Nancy Faesy.

Absent:

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

Approval of August Minutes

Roger Squire moved and Lee Fox seconded to approve the August minutes 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 (90 in hand)
- Memo on system wide project efforts and financing
- 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.

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. Other calls included a gas leak at Haskins Gas in Dorset. Calls for the year have topped 90 (last year there were 102 total) Lee Fox moved and Cindy Loudenslager seconded to approve the Fire Chief's report, motion passed 4-0.

Engineer's Report

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

- Status of the well testing was positive from a quantity standpoint;
- Awaiting water quality testing for the well to confirm and then coordinate with SB Church.
- 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

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

New Well Discussion:

Roger Squire inquired about connecting the new well to the system to provide for more water. Discussion ensued about submitting a new Planning Loan to cover this work as the State has potential subsidy available and the PLoan might be eligible for 50% forgiveness. It was the consensus of the Board to try and have a draft PLoan application for the next meeting.

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).

R. Gaiotti presented the PLoan debt memo giving an up to date figure on District water debt.

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 8:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Rob Gaiotti, Town Manager