



# DORSET FIRE DISTRICT

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Dorset Water Co.

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## DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1

**February 8, 2021**

**(Via Zoom Call)**

**Present:** Ben Weiss, Chairman, Milt McWayne, Roger Squire, Lee Fox, Rob Gaiotti (Town Manager), Shawn Hazelton (Fire Chief).

**Absent:** Abbott de Rham

**Others Present:** Greg Kepler

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

### **Approval of January Minutes**

Lee Fox moved and Roger Squire seconded to approve the January 11<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented, motion passed, 4-0.

Lee Fox moved and Roger Squire seconded to approve the January 20<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented.

### **Bond Vote Info Meeting Preparation:**

Ben Weiss presented power point slides that outlined the presentation for the upcoming bond vote informational meeting. Lee Fox reported his edits and additions to the presentation. Discussion ensued about the project aspects, costs, and financing details. Lee Fox noted that an additional slide could be included for a "status quo" option with regard to service lines. He stated that DFD has often spent \$20-\$30,000 annually to repair leaks and if the larger project is not pursued that would only continue and likely get worse each year. Ben Weiss noted that this was a good point and the annual amount of the status quo option was approaching the cost of the bond payment for the larger project. Roger Squire noted that he would like to see a schedule for the project process

with dates for each portion. Discussion ensued with regard to the financing process.

### **Engineer's Report:**

Greg Kepler presented the monthly engineer's report. He provided information with regard to the safe yield estimate of the Kellogg springs and the status of that process. Stone environmental has put together a scope and DFD will need to have the State review it to make sure it will provide the data they want. Greg Kepler has spoken with operations staff to set up changes to the valve and piping set up at the reservoir in advance of the yield process. He also noted that DFD is still awaiting the Source Protection Plan info for the Cheney Road site with the bedrock well and gravel well. Greg Kepler noted that the FY22 priority list for State Funding is due February 25<sup>th</sup>. Discussion ensued about DFD submitting an application as a place holder for other projects should favorable funding come along. It was noted that phases 1C, 2 and 3 of the preliminary engineering report could be used for the application. It was the consensus of the board to submit a priority list application. Milt McWayne moved and Roger Squire seconded to approve the engineer's report, motion passed 3-0.

### **Water Manger's Report:**

- R. Gaiotti gave the monthly operations report as noted
- Bond Vote/ process preparation
- Service calls from a few customers
- Spring yield information was 85 gpm, it was noted that this did not include the overflow.

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

### **Fire Chief's Report**

Chief Hazleton gave the monthly report for the Fire Department activities. He noted the calls for the month and the work done by the members. Chief Hazleton asked the board to review a membership application that he had concerns with, and it was noted that this would be discussed in executive session for personnel. Milt McWayne moved and Lee Fox seconded to approve the Fire Chief's report for February, motion passed 4-0.

### **Water/ Fire Financials:**

R. Gaiotti presented the monthly financial information for Water & Fire Divisions. He noted that is was a fairly quiet month for expenses for both fire and water. He also noted that 88% of the \$85,000 preliminary engineering costs have been paid out to Otter Creek for the water project.

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

**Executive Session: Personnel:**

Abbot de Rham moved and Lee Fox seconded to enter into executive session to discuss personnel compensation for the Fire Department at 8:34pm, motion passed 4-0. The Board exited executive session at 8:39pm with no action taken.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

Respectfully Submitted, Rob Gaiotti, Town Manager