

DRAFT MINUTES OF BUDGET HEARING
DAMMERON VALLEY FIRE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT BOARD
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 10, 2021
Dammeron Valley Fire Station
Accommodations made Via Zoom

Board Members:
Chair: Mack Sorensen
Vice Chair: Larry Carlon
Treasurer: Curt Shelley
Clerk: Ryan Andersen
Member at Large: Rick Johnson

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE conducted by Mack Sorensen. Other Board Members present were Larry Carlon, Ryan Anderson, Rick Johnson, and Curt Shelley.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - A motion was made by Rick Johnson to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ryan Anderson and all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF THE 2021 CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET presented by Curt Shelley, Treasurer. The proposed Capital Project Budget was explained in that it is a separate budget from the Operating Budget adopted in 2020 for the year 2021. These are monies set aside for capital items such as vehicles, facilities, air packs, etc. In December, the Board defined what a capital item is. Chief Barnes made recommendations for investments and anticipated expenses. The percentage of grant money that would be utilized is included. The DVFSSD anticipates a total of \$311,000.00 from 2021 to 2025 with an overall worth of \$857,000.00 with grant contributions. A by-year breakdown was presented of the expenditures. Grant opportunities that have been identified are included:

DVF SSD Capital Budget 2021-2025			
Item	QTY	DVF SSD Total BY's 2021-2025	Comment
Vehicles:			
Engine 13 replacement (Urban-Wildland Engine)	1	\$50,000.00	Full expenditure \$250,000, 20% matching grant
Tender	1	\$36,000.00	Full expenditure \$180,000, 20% matching grant
Ambulance	1	\$30,000.00	Full expenditure \$30,000
Facility(s)			
Building upgrade, backup power system	1	\$0.00	Full expenditure \$15,000, 100% matching grant
Building upgrade, training room audio-visual	1	\$0.00	Full expenditure \$10,000, 100% matching grant
Pavement addition and repair		\$45,000.00	Full expenditure \$45,000
New Structure, Metal Building 50'x60' Apparatus and storage		\$95,000.00	Full expenditure \$95,000
Other:			
Airpacks (ordered late 2020)	4	\$25,000.00	Full expenditure \$25,000
Airpacks	8	\$0.00	Full expenditure \$50,000, 100% matching
Turnouts	12	\$0.00	Full expenditure \$50,000, 100% matching
EKG Monitors, replace existing	2	\$30,000.00	Full expenditure \$60,000 50% matching grant
Zoll Auto Pulse Revivant Board	1	\$0.00	Full expenditure \$15,000, 100% matching grant
Cascade system	1	\$0.00	Full expenditure \$17,000, 100% matching grant
Training props and equip, fire and EMS	1	\$0.00	Full expenditure \$15,000, 100% matching grant
Total Capital Project expenditures		\$ 311,000.00	Total Capital Project value: \$857,000

Moving forward, adopting a Capital Project Budget will be routine every year along with the Operating Budget. Some adjustments may need to be made if additional needs are identified over time.

OPEN DISCUSSION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rick Johnson inquired if Fire Department is anticipating creating a higher quality living quarters for the men and women, and made the suggestion to set aside some type of capital remodeling budget. Chief Barnes responded, stating he believes those items can be taken care of as revenue is generated by the department from the operating account. Mack Sorensen invited the public to visit the Fire Station to see the living quarters created for the members of the Fire Department.

Ryan Anderson inquired what the plan of action would be if the anticipated grant monies were not to be awarded. Chief Barnes stated that the life of the apparatus would be extended. There are other options that we would prefer to avoid to not incur debt including purchasing used apparatus', etc. He added that the Grant Committee is working very aggressively. Ryan Anderson expressed concern by depending on grants. Chief Barnes and Mack Sorensen reiterates that the Department has other, less preferable, options if absolutely necessary.

Rick Johnson inquired if a line item would be left open for a possible expansion in the future. Curt Shelley explained that the is the SSD is demonstrating to the community the department is to be developed, however, there is a fair amount of latitude with the State Auditor for future changes when necessary. It can be amended any time necessary. The grants that are readily available and the high possibility of the SSD obtaining those grants was discussed regarding the work that has been done to make the Department eligible as well as the work being done by the grant committee.

BOARD APPROVAL OF THE 2021 CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET - Ryan Anderson made a motion to accept the Capital Project Budget as proposed. The motion was seconded by Rick Johnson and all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNED