

Dammeron Valley Fire SSD

Approved Minutes of Public Meeting Held August 20, 2013

Meeting Place: Dammeron Valley Fire Station - Training Room
1261 N Dammeron Valley Drive East, Dammeron Valley, UT 84783

ACB Members Present: Clerk William King
Treasurer Craig Meyocks
Member at Large Mac Thomson

ACB Members Absent: Chairman Mack Sorensen

Meeting called to order by Clerk William King at approximately 7:00PM.

1. Approval of Agenda

Craig Meyocks made a motion "we accept the Agenda", Mac Thomson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Old Business

A. Review and approve invoices

Bill King presented a list of items purchased with Board approval by him for reimbursement. The list of items were a Sony Digital Voice Recorder, HP laptop bundle, Quickbooks Premier 2013, a package of 50 file folders and the Public Hearing Notice for the Budget which was paid to the Spectrum. The total was \$924.21, if approved for payment the Bank balance will be \$3350.55 afterwards. Craig Meyocks made a motion " we pay the bills", Mac Thomson seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

B. DVFSSD Board Appointment

This item was tabled due to the Chairman being absent.

C. Water Company Committee

Discussion of formation of a Committee to interface with the DV Water Company continued, Mac Thomson volunteered to be the Chairman of the Committee, Craig Meyocks would be Vice-Chairman and liaison to DVLA. Bill Haag was not present but had expressed an interest in being on the Committee, so he will be contacted and asked if he is still interested. DVFSSD is looking for 5-6 individuals who wish to serve on this Committee, technical expertise is not necessary, if anyone is interested they can contact Mac Thomson, 435-574-2111 or Craig Meyocks, 435-592-5506. An announcement will be made when the Committee is complete.

D. Sign the Bylaws

The approved Bylaws were signed by those Board Members present when they were passed. This completed the process and the Bylaws could now be posted on the Public

Notice Website. Chairman Sorensen had signed the sheet prior to the meeting, so all signatures were complete, Bylaws will be configured in pdf format and posted.

3. New Business

A. Al Painter Property

Mac Thomson requested this item and advised the Painter property had been financed by a Reverse Mortgage. Now that Mr Painter had passed away, the Mortgage Company, Champion Mortgage of Lansing MI, had taken over the property and had all the utilities, including water, turned off. Mac advised this will cause the vegetation on the property to dry up and die presenting a possible fire hazard. Mac Thomson made a motion "that we contact the Mortgage Company for the Al Painter residence on Orchard, and ask them to maintain the watering of the vegetation on the lot at that address", Craig Meyocks seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

B. Sales Tax Exemption

Bill King advised the proper forms had been received and filled out, so the State Tax Commission will review the form and issue the account number we will need to use so we can avoid paying sales tax. The review should be complete within 15 days.

4. Dammeron Valley Fire Department Report, Chief Maciej Szczerbiak

Chief Szczerbiak had nothing new to report and was excused from attending the meeting.

5. Approval of Minutes

Mac Thomson had not reviewed the minutes from the August 6th meeting, so this item was tabled until the next meeting.

6. Chair Opens Discussion for Public Comments

There was discussion about properties of part-time residents as some had a problem similar to that discussed in item 3.A above, they turn off their water and vegetation dies and there is a possibility of a fire hazard developing on these properties. The DVFSSD is looking into the possibility of creating a position of Fire Marshall, these types of issues would fall under the supervision and responsibility of this position. The Wildland Fire Act was also brought up and there are many properties in DV not in compliance with this Act. There are many provisions to this act, one of which is maintaining a defensible space around your structures. Mac Thomson also advised if a fire starts on a property that has not been properly maintained in regards to fire protection and prevention and spreads to other properties there is a possibility the owner of the initial property will be held liable for damages to other properties. This is why some of the properties around DV are being thinned to limit this liability. Some insurance companies are paying for their customers to have this service as it's cheaper for them than paying a huge claim. Lots that are being cleared off in DV will also be a problem, once the soil is disturbed the weeds will move in quickly and present a hazard from the noxious weed, water runoff as well as fire. Craig Meyocks suggested the use of a pre-emergent to control new growth of weeds as it will eliminate most growth of vegetation that hasn't sprouted at the time of application of the pre-emergent.

7. Adjourn

Craig Meyocks made a motion "I make a motion we adjourn the meeting", Mac Thomson seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.