

MINUTES OF MEETING  
DAMMERON VALLEY FIRE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT BOARD  
7:30 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 Ryan Anderson to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Curt Shelley and all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES** - A motion was made by Ryan Anderson to approve the past meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Curt Shelley and all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

**CONSENT EXPENDITURE AGENDA** presented by Ryan Anderson:

Name	Vendor	Date	Description	Code	Amount
<b>Visa Card Statements</b>		1/10/2021	<b>Closing Date</b>		
	Interest & Fees				
	Chief Chet Barnes	10/12/2020	Little Ceasers	4404	\$ 54.91
		10/16/2020	UDOH	4310	\$ 135.00
		10/13/2020	Dickeys	4404	\$ 599.40
		1/6/2021	SteamRoller Copies	4156	\$ 72.06
		1/7/2021	Staples	4156	\$ 11.20
		1/10/2021	Costco (Printer, Label Tape & Soda)	4156	\$ 410.74
		1/10/2021	Amazon -Brush 1 Pump Parts	4314	\$ 5.73
		1/10/2021	Amazon -Brush 1 Pump Parts	4314	\$ 32.63
		1/10/2021	Amazon -Brush 1 Pump Parts	4314	\$ 9.37
		1/10/2021	Amazon -Brush 1 Pump Parts	4314	\$ 15.91
			Payment: 12/8/2020 - \$189.91		Not Cleared
			Payment: 12/28/2020 - \$787.58		Cleared
			Payment: 1/26/2021 - \$575.51		Not Cleared
			Online Payment: 2/3/2021 - \$1,346.95		Cleared
<b>Management &amp; Utilities</b>					
	Community Assn Mngmt	2/10/2021	Monthly Management	4104	\$ 742.00
	Community Assn Mngmt	2/10/2021	Printing & Reproduction	4310	\$ 19.08
	Community Assn Mngmt	2/10/2021	Postage & Delivery	4310	\$ 121.64

	Wex Diesel	1/31/2021	Vehicle Fuel	4302	\$ 284.30
	Verizon Cellular Phones	1/13/2021	5 lines: 3 people, 2 devices	4402	\$ 105.22
	Dominion Energy	2/2/2021	Natural Gas	4410	\$ 298.39
	Republic Waste	1/31/2021	Trash cans	4410	\$ 112.73
	Rocky Mountain Power	1/1/2021	Electricity	4410	\$ 126.71
	Fire Chief - Chet Barnes	1/10 - 1/25	Monthly Compensation	4401	\$ 4,000.00
	John Hennessy	2/15/2021	Monthly Stipend	4205	\$ 500.00
	Medical Director- Dr. Brad Crosby	2/10/2021	Monthly Compensation	4405	\$ 500.00
	EMS Trainer - Colleen Homer	2/15/2021	Monthly Compensation	4406	\$ 200.00
Other Invoices					
	Utah Local Governments Trust	1/13/2021	Auto Insurance (New Truck)	4135	\$ 5.68
	Apparatus Equipment & Service	1/4/2021	E13 Repairs	4314	\$ 1,812.25
	Ryan D'Ambrosio	1/18/2021	Jan. 15-16 48 Hour Shift	4205	\$ 480.00
	Ryan D'Ambrosio	1/1/2021	Jan. 29-30 48 Hour Shift	4205	\$ 487.20
	Horsepower Fleet Leasing	1/7/2021	Annual Lease Payment	4317	\$ 4,500.00
	Mack Sorensen	1/20/2021	Plumbing Repairs	4312	\$ 50.73
	Backdraft OpCo, LLC	1/27/2021	EMT reporting system & record retention	4410	\$ 2,545.00
	Ryan Moore	1/22/2021	CPR Course	4415	\$ 600.00
	Emergency Vehicle Systems	1/12/2021	New Lease Assembly/Installations	4317	\$ 1,709.00
	Henry Schein	1/22/2021	EMS Supplies	4156	\$ 348.02
	Henry Schein	1/26/2021	EMS Supplies	4156	\$ 57.04
	Henry Schein	1/13/2021	EMS Supplies	4156	\$ 275.50
	Henry Schein	1/14/2021	EMS Supplies	4156	\$ 286.93
	Alliance Fire & Safety	12/22/2020	Fire Extinguishers/Inspection & Testing	4312	\$ 160.93
TOTAL	Reference only. Not meant to match any other Statement.				\$ 21,675.30

**A motion was made by Rick Johnson to accept the consent expenditure agenda as explained.** Rick Johnson inquired if the cost of PPE presented should be the anticipated expense on a monthly basis. Chief Barnes explained that many expired items had to be replaced for inspections. Around inspection time is mainly when these expenses will occur at this rate. Mack Sorensen explained the high volume of items that were found to be expired, some from 2014. Larry Carlon inquired if some of the items are replaceable by transport companies. Chief Barnes confirmed. **Curt Shelley seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT** presented by Curt Shelley.

Operating account balance: \$238,954.90

Reserve account balance: \$10,000.00

Capital Project account balance: \$96,513.88

BY 2021 Income (Fees, MOUs for Red Card/Brush, Donations, Misc.): \$166,242.62

BY 2021 Expenses: \$17,243.48

Mack Sorensen added that about 85% of the annual budget has been collected.

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT** - Chief Chet Barnes introduced Chief John Hennessy as Deputy Chief who is responsible for all training. Chief Barnes shared Deputy Chief Hennessy's well rounded, knowledgeable, and professional history in the Fire industry. Mack Sorensen expressed high regard for Deputy Chief Hennessy. Chief Barnes

provided an update on each objective previously presented as the strategic plan of the Fire Department. Adequate staffing levels has been a big challenge and they are looking on how to distribute the work load more evenly. There is about seven department members who are on a chain system who are always available, with 5 people on the call 24-7, providing a 24-7 commitment to look out for the safety of the community. A comprehensive training program has been developed as well as a succession program to ensure service is never interrupted. An equipment replacement program is also in progress. Community outreach initiative is going well with the new website, Facebook page, and communications with the community. Wildland training program in progress in hopes to be prepared for this season, squaring away certifications so the Department can deploy in a very positive manner and protect the community. SOP's and SOG's coming out to address a lot of the NFPA 1720 Standards that need to be met. Average response time is 8 minutes which is all the way to Gunlock and Brookside. The average response time in Dammeron Valley is 2 to 3 minutes.

Rick Johnson inquired what possibilities there are for a potential 24-7 paramedic. Chief Barnes explained the current license maintained by the Department is for EMT, however, they are absolutely looking at being able to provide better service. Rick Johnson inquired if there is a possibility where the Dammeron Valley FD becomes a mentoring department to gain the good will of other surrounding departments. Chief Barnes confirmed the possibility as that is kind of the way it is now. He explained that the only way to be successful is to have that relationship with surrounding department and having the facility to be able to do that puts the Department in a different arena to be able to bring in resources with a lot of avenues for revenue. There are no negatives to the strength and culture that it brings.

Carla Saunders thanked Chief Chet Barnes and Deputy Chief Hennessy on behalf of the DVLA.

Mack Sorensen met with the County Commissioners regarding a proposal created by Deputy Chief Hennessey for a training facility along the corridor, in which the County was asked to respond in a timely manner. The SSD has a great interest to build that training facility with assistance from the County and no interest in combining departments along the corridor at this time.

Curt Shelley stated if we can dramatically improve our performance, as we progress, we need to bring our neighbors along with us. We are now seeing that openness and willingness to collaborate. To create a whole new culture that is Highway 18 will take some time.

Chief Barnes reiterated that his focus is this agency and acknowledged the amount of work being out in Dammeron Valley including the grant committee whose work is detailed and amazing, Hunter who has put a lot of work in on the website, logos and uniforms. The amount of coordination and work being done are full time jobs. The EMT class is a 6-credit college course. They have to do it for 7 days straight. The fire fighters are going through a lot with a lot of sacrifices and commitment going on right now for the community.

Mack Sorensen announced he is going to cook dinner at the fire station for the Department tomorrow night.

**PARKS REPORT** presented by Mack Sorensen:

Contract for Aeration - Mack will continue to take care of mowing, etc. but the park needs to be aerated. He is going to get bids for likely less than \$400.00.

Purchase of chips - Mack Sorensen assessed the current chips on the playground which hasn't been replenished since 2013. It's a specific spec chip needed sometime in the next couple of months. Fertilizing will be done with aeration. Mack Sorensen will be doing the weed abatement. A RAP grant was applied for, for about \$30k to build a pickleball court. A determination should be made by the 10<sup>th</sup> of March.

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF AMBULANCE PURCHASE** - Mack Sorensen explained the proposed vehicle is a rescue vehicle, it is an ambulance but won't be used as one, nor will it be used for transport. Chief Barnes reiterated it is going to be a response vehicle as a replacement for the Excursion. An ambulance is the right vehicle, a lot less than a pick-up truck. The Dodge would be used as a back-up rescue. An ambulance gives the Department everything that a pick up doesn't. It provides a controlled environment to treat people while awaiting transport. Mack Sorensen would like approval to approve \$25k. The ambulance will be \$15k, and it will take \$1k to get it here. He is going to go down with Chief Barnes and Rick Johnson on the 24th of

February to inspect it, then he will begin driving it back. A deposit of \$5k is needed tomorrow, however, negotiations continue. \$10k will be needed to outfit it the right way. Curt Shelley mentioned that under the CARES act, fire departments in the area obtained power stretchers that could load 600 lbs. with one person to minimize the number of people crowded around a patient or victim, the ambulance could be outfitted with some of those things. **Larry Carlon made a motion to make available up to \$25k for the purchase of the ambulance from the Capital Project Fund. Ryan Anderson seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT - Rick Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Curt Shelley seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.**