

## Meeting minutes of the April 20, 2023 or the Dammeron Valley Fire SSD

Welcome from Board Chair Mack Sorensen at 7:00 pm.

Motion was made to approve the agenda. Curt Shelley made a motion to approve the agenda and Larry Carlon seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

Motion was made to approve the past meeting minutes. Ryan Andersen made a motion to approve the minutes and Curt Shelley seconded the motion. All voted to approve the minutes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated by all in attendance. Led by Mack Sorensen Ryan Andersen read the consent agenda. A motion was made by Larry Carlon to accept the consent agenda, a second by Curt Shelley. All voted in favor to accept the consent agenda.

Curt Shelley made a comment that we had three pay periods in this report and also the yearly payment on the Dodge Ram rescue unit.

Treasurers Report was presented by Curt Shelley. Mack commented that there was a lot that goes into the Treasures Report. Curt is also working on the interim board to help get it going. He is dedicating a lot of time to both SSD's.

Chief's Report: Given by John Hennessey: Response times are below 8 minutes.

Department has been down to Gunlock Reservoir three times in the last month.

Department is doing swift water training. Have certification testing in May. Training hours over 4000 hours in the first quarter. Should have 12000 hours by the end of the year. All red cards will be submitted by tomorrow for a total of 44 certified wildland firefighters. We will be putting a unit on the board for deployment shortly. Meeting with Gold Cross was canceled. Personnel retention is always a problem. Chief will start taking some shifts if needed to cut costs. Just hired a captain who has been in the business for over 30 years. We did get a couple of more radios. We need more radios. Facilities: we need new asphalt around the building. We need to get it resolved. The budget is relying on the wildland program. We have been getting people and equipment ready to deploy. Working on getting some federal deployments as well. Maintenance costs on the trucks are killing the budget. We have to work on modernization of the fleet.

Mack made a comment about Chief Hennessey. Mack mentioned that Chief Hennessey pulled a shift on Sunday. Chief spends a lot of time at the station and meeting with people. Today he had people here who will help us get deployed. These individuals are here because of the time and energy put in by the chief and his leaders. Mack expressed his love for the chief and his gratitude for what they do and for his leadership.

Community Center remodel update: Mack made mention of Ryan Andersen's efforts on the remodel of the community center. Ryan indicated that Mack had primed the drywall. Ryan expressed appreciation to those who hung the drywall. I Hope to have

the paint up next week. Working on the shower and trying to get things ready to tile. Mack asked if anybody knew where the water shutoff to the community center is, We would appreciate knowing where it is. Curt, Mack and Mike Arnone helped get the drywall up.

Mack gave an update on the western fire district. He feels it will be a struggle for the interim board, but that they will do the right thing. We owe it to the new board to trust them to get things right. Mack indicated that he can't continue to serve. He thinks his end date will be December 31st. He isn't worried about the equipment and the station. We won't accept a lower standard of service. We won't support a lower standard than what we now have. We must have a good leader for the department. We as a board are united and together and we always have been. Mack discussed the history of this board and the decisions that we have had to make. We have to keep our fire department moving forward. Discussed his experience over the years as a member of the SSD board.

Curt Shelley: the interim board is in agreement that the service has to remain at the level we currently provide. There is no support for the interim board to dump down or reduce the level of service. The interim board is waiting for the county so they can post on the public notice website. They are also asking the county for some money for signs to advertise the meetings. The interim board got no money from the county to try and put things together.

Park Report from Mack Sorensen: Park is green and he will get it mowed and start watering it as well. He will have it looking nice for the Fire Department Activity on the 22nd.

Helping Hands Update by Ryan. We need to get going next week. We have a service opportunity at a neighbors on Canyon Trails. Asked for help at the community center remodel We will also be helping with the chipping project in the valley as soon as they let Ryan know. Talked about a service opportunity at Carol Classon's. Had a lot of the young men in the valley which helped with it. Mack talked about others who had also helped in the valley.

Chief said we have 12 days of Chipping. 6 days this year and 6 days next year. Chief will be getting bids from landscape companies that can do it. The plan is to have the chipper go to the homes throughout the valley.

Saturday is the community town hall open house at the fire station. The whole community is invited to come. There will be learning opportunities and also awards for Department members. There will be some demonstrations as well.

Public Comments: someone asked about the pickleball courts. Mack explained that they have been put on hold as we lost the grant money. Hopefully we will get it next year.

Chief made a comment that all the departments from around the area will be doing training on June 3rd. They will have leaders from the county and the state here to participate. This is a big event for training and it will be here in our community. Alan Burns commented that AA was moving their meeting up to Brookside. Thanked the community for the use of the community center.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ryan Andersen, Second by Curt Shelley.  
Meeting adjourned