

## Dorset Fire District Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2025

**Members Present:** Ben Weiss, Lee Fox, Cindy Loudenslager, Jon Ams

**Members Absent:** Roger Squire

**Others Present:** Greg Kepler, Rob Gaiotti

### **Meeting Minutes:**

Lee Fox moved and Cindy Loudenslager seconded to approve the meeting minutes, motion passed 3-0.

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

- MA - ED  
MVA x 2
- MA - ED  
Haskins Gas x 2
- CO Route 30
- Brush Fire/controlled burn
- MVA Rt 30 DMR
- Eagle Ridge FA
- Nichols Hill kwh fire
- Nichols Hill FA
- MA - ED trees on wires

DFD needs wiring work for the new washing machine. The new tanker is having warranty work done and will be picked up soon. Auto chains not working, some other items needing work. Nearly fully equipped on the new tanker truck. Will have to buy a new CO meter soon, the thermal imaging cameras are purchased but not delivered yet.

Lee Fox moved and Jon Ams seconded to approve the Fire Chief's report, motion passed 3-0.

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

Greg Kepler was present to give updates on Contract 3: Casella has shut down the Route 30 work for the winter and still has not provided pricing on the 10 additional service lines.

Discussion ensued about contract 3 work. Spring Yield/well 3 updates, SOS strongly supports well 3 coming online, ANR is holding a public hearing upon request for well 3. Public Hearing is January 14th at 5pm at the Dorset Town Office and via zoom. The Water committee met with the State recently to prepare for the public hearing. Discussion ensued about well 3 and the public hearing process. Discussion ensued about notification to water customers relative to the public

hearing and informing people to attend. Priority List applications for FFY2026 are due Feb 6, 2026.

Cindy Loudenslager moved and Lee Fox seconded to approve the Engineer's Report, motion passed 3-0.

### **Water Manager/ Operations Report:**

- Supplemental Well: ANR had a request to hold a public hearing on the source permit application. It's likely this will happen in mid-January. The water subcommittee discussed DFD looking at costs for doing the very minimum construction needed to connect well 3 and plan for emergency use only. This would allow the moratorium to be lifted and would give SOS another source for back up if needed. SOS highly recommends adding well 3 in some form.
- Lease agreement with Page (222 Cheney) will need to be extended, still need to let the well process play out prior to extending.
- Made first SRF loan payment on 12/1/25
- Casella supposed to be working but we have yet to see much activity.
- Water subcommittee met with ANR about the well 3 public hearing meeting. We were able to ask questions about general strategy and approach. There are plans for another meeting to discuss capacity issues with the State.
- Down to the last few meters to be installed.
- Did work on the first portion of the service to 2918 DWR, installing a new T and valve. The old valve had a small leak.
- SOS located a large leak on DWR adjacent to 2918 DWR, the old curb stop to the empty lot was turned on and there was a big leak. Anthony turned off the curb and the leak stopped. Night time usage is now at a 10 year low.

### **OPERATIONS:**

- SOS has done great work to isolate and deal with recent leaks.
- Blow off valve at top of Barrows Heights is now running.
- Coordinating power to be run to metering station.
- Calls for service: 4

## **DFD Financials:**

Expense and revenue reports are attached, highlights below:

Water District:

Cash on hand:

Money Market balance: \$23,891

Checking balance: \$23,638

Loan to Fire: -\$64,166

Cash position: \$47,529

- Quarter 2 bills go out soon;
- Expenses for large project construction, engineering; operations
- LOC balance currently: \$250,000 – will pull more from LOC soon as Casella bills start to come in for Contract No. 3.
- Main Line/Service line expense
- Operations expense

Water fees due (more than 30 days): 4 accounts in total past due: \$7,396

Fire District:

- Expenses paid: Equipment & Utilities.
- Donations sit at \$39,147

Cash on hand:

Education Retention Fund: \$2,396

General Checking: \$112,747

(Jones Donation money: \$100,000)

Truck Escrow: \$2,947 (restricted)

Cash Position: \$118,090

Loan From Water: \$64,166

Jon Ams moved and Cindy Loudenslager seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm, motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rob Gaiotti Town Manager

# *Dorset Fire*

## *District # 1*



*Chartered 1911*

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112 Mad Tom Road

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### **DFD MANAGER/ OPERATIONS REPORT 1-12-25:**

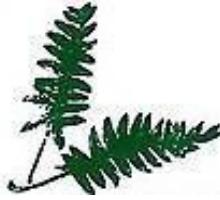
- Supplemental Well: ANR will hold a public hearing on well no. 3 on 1/14. We understand that the request for the hearing came from a Dorset resident and customer. ANR and DFD will answer questions and discuss the well and PFAS etc. ANR then expects to issue the source permit after the hearing.
- Lease agreement with Page (222 Cheney) will need to be extended, still need to let the well process play out prior to extending.
- Our 1/8 meeting with the State shed some important light on the possible lifting of the moratorium. We received positive input that based on the recent leak mitigation works and decline in use, if DFD use stays consistent into the spring the State will lift the moratorium.
- DFD will still need to produce the yield study for the springs.
- Casella has not yet given pricing for the additional services on Route 30.
- Down to the last few meters to be installed.
- IUP application is due 2/6 – shall we submit an application similar to last year? \$3 million for main line replacement and possible source work?

### **OPERATIONS:**

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### **DORSET FIRE DISTRICT # 1 FINANCE REPORT JANUARY 12, 2025:**

**Expense and revenue reports are attached, highlights below:**

**Water District:**

Cash on hand:

Money Market balance:	\$23,943
Checking balance:	\$39,821
Loan to Fire:	-\$64,166
Cash position:	\$63,764

- Quarter 2 bills due now;
- Expenses for large project construction, engineering; operations
- LOC balance currently: \$250,000 – will pull more from LOC soon as Casella bills start to come in for Contract No. 3.
- Main Line/Service line expense
- Operations expense

**Water fees due (more than 30 days):** 5 accounts in total past due: \$8,570.55

**Fire District:**

- Expenses paid: Equipment & Utilities.
- Donations sit at \$39,147

Cash on hand:

Education Retention Fund:	\$2,401
General Checking:	\$94,238
(Jones Donation money: \$100,000)	

Truck Escrow:	\$2,953 (restricted)
Cash Position:	\$96,639
Loan From Water:	\$64,166

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Dorset Fire District #1 General Ledger  
Trial Balance - Fire Dept  
Current Year - Period 7 Jan

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Account/Description	Budget	Balance
01-1000-00.01 BB - Educ/Rent Fund	0.00	2,401.33
01-1000-00.02 Berkshire - Checking	0.00	94,238.02
01-1000-00.03 Truck Escrow - Berkshire	0.00	2,953.74
01-1100-00.00 Accounts Receivable	0.00	0.00
01-1110-00.00 Opening Bal Equity	0.00	0.00
01-1120-00.00 Retained Earnings	0.00	0.00
01-1400-00.00 Truck Deposit	0.00	0.00
01-1500-00.01 Capital Assets	0.00	2,658,971.99
01-1500-00.02 Accumulated Depreciation	0.00	-1,085,281.10
01-1900-00.00 Inventory Asset	0.00	0.00
01-1900-00.01 Equipment	0.00	0.00
01-1900-00.02 Due From Water District	0.00	-64,191.30
01-1900-00.03 Investment Change	0.00	0.00
01-1900-00.04 Interfund Note Receivable	0.00	0.00
01-2300-00.00 Due to Other Funds	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Asset</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,609,092.68</b>
01-2000-00.00 Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00
01-2000-00.01 New Truck Payment Payable	0.00	487,863.01
01-2000-00.02 Payroll Liabilities	0.00	0.00
01-2000-00.03 Payroll taxes payable	0.00	0.00
01-2000-00.04 Long Term Debt	0.00	0.00
01-2300-00.01 Due to Truck Escrow Accou	0.00	0.00
01-2300-00.02 Due to Water District	0.00	0.00
01-2300-00.03 Purchase Orders	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Liability</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>487,863.01</b>
01-3000-00.00 Fund Balance	0.00	1,080,084.26
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,080,084.26</b>
01-3000-00.01 Reserve for Truck Sinking	0.00	2,921.69
01-3000-00.02 Res for Tax Sale	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,921.69</b>

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Account/Description	Estimated	Received	Uncollected	MTD
	Revenue	To Date	Balance	Revenue
01-6000-00.00 Fire Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-6000-10.00 Fire Tax - Delinquent	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-6000-20.00 Fire Tax Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-6000-30.00 Interest Income	0.00	64.35	-64.35	0.00
01-6000-40.00 Misc Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-6000-45.00 Insurance Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-6000-50.00 Dispatch Reimbursement	0.00	2,750.00	-2,750.00	0.00
01-6000-60.00 Town Tax Appropriation	209,250.00	104,463.00	104,787.00	0.00
01-6000-70.00 Truck Escrow Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-6000-80.00 Withdrawal from Sinking F	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-6700-00.00 FEMA - Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-6800-00.00 Donations	0.00	42,172.00	-42,172.00	100.00
01-6900-00.05 Sale of Equipment/Bldg	0.00	77,493.00	-77,493.00	0.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>209,250.00</b>	<b>226,942.35</b>	<b>-17,692.35</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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Account/Description	Budget	Expenditures	Balance	MTD Expenditures
01-7100-10.00 Advertisements	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
01-7100-20.00 Fire Prevention	600.00	0.00	600.00	0.00
01-7100-30.00 Insurance	19,500.00	30,360.99	-10,860.99	0.00
01-7100-40.00 Ofc/Fireman Supplies	1,000.00	936.21	63.79	0.00
01-7100-45.00 Postage & Printing	250.00	1,014.00	-764.00	0.00
01-7100-50.00 Professional Fees	3,500.00	3,750.00	-250.00	0.00
01-7100-51.00 Clerk/Mgr Fees	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
01-7100-52.00 Dam Fee Prentiss Pond	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-7100-53.00 Dispatch Fees	0.00	2,750.00	-2,750.00	0.00
01-7200-10.00 Gas/Diesel Fuel Apparatus	5,950.00	4,120.39	1,829.61	0.00
01-7200-12.00 Fed Tax on Fuel	0.00	228.77	-228.77	0.00
01-7200-15.00 Maintenance-Equipment	25,000.00	24,757.57	242.43	0.00
01-7200-20.00 New Equipment	23,000.00	36,144.23	-13,144.23	0.00
01-7200-32.00 New Truck Payment	50,353.00	50,725.92	-372.92	0.00
01-7200-32.01 Truck Payment Interest	0.00	23,127.45	-23,127.45	0.00
01-7200-33.00 Truck Sinking Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-7300-00.00 Contingency Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-7500-00.00 Firehouse Maintenance	20,000.00	2,629.19	17,370.81	0.00
01-7500-21.00 Supplies - Firehouse	497.00	55.23	441.77	0.00
01-7500-30.00 Utilities	11,500.00	6,131.17	5,368.83	0.00
01-7600-20.00 FM Training/Dues/Mileage	3,500.00	288.00	3,212.00	0.00
01-7600-30.00 Firemen Education & Reten	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	0.00
01-7600-40.00 Firemen Dinner/Meals	1,000.00	707.15	292.85	0.00
01-7700-00.00 FEMA Grant Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-7800-00.00 Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-7900-00.00 Transfer - Out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-7900-00.01 Grant Matching Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-7900-00.04 Misc Expense	0.00	602.36	-602.36	0.00
01-7900-00.05 Bad Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-7900-00.09 Payroll-Taxes	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00
01-7900-00.10 Payroll-Processing	0.00	390.00	-390.00	0.00
01-7900-00.11 Cost of Goods Sold	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>209,250.00</b>	<b>188,718.63</b>	<b>20,531.37</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Fire Dept</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Total Debits: 3,156,533.71 Total Credits: 3,156,533.71

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02-1000-00.00 Berkshire - Money Market	0.00	23,943.57
02-1000-00.02 Berkshire - Checking	0.00	39,821.76
02-1100-00.00 Accounts Receivable	0.00	26,272.13
02-1100-00.01 Water Repair Receivable	0.00	0.00
02-1100-00.02 Grant Receivable	0.00	0.00
02-1100-10.00 Due To Customers	0.00	-10,826.10
02-1100-20.00 Undeposited Funds	0.00	0.00
02-1100-30.00 Investiment Changes	0.00	0.00
02-1500-00.01 Capital Assets	0.00	4,239,254.13
02-1500-00.02 Accumulated Depreciation	0.00	-49,723.67
02-1900-00.02 Inter-Fund	0.00	64,191.30
02-2300-00.00 Due from Fire District	0.00	0.00
02-6000-41.00 Maintenance-Service Pymts	0.00	0.00
02-6000-42.00 Water Study Grant Revenue	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Asset</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,332,933.12</b>
02-1900-00.04 Interfund Note Payable	0.00	0.00
02-2000-00.00 Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00
02-2000-00.01 Water Planning Loan	0.00	3,299,857.28
02-2000-00.02 Line of Credit	0.00	250,000.00
<b>Total Liability</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,549,857.28</b>
02-3000-00.00 Fund Balance	0.00	846,337.96
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>846,337.96</b>
02-3000-00.01 Reserve for Water Sinking	0.00	17,133.40
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>17,133.40</b>

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02-6000-30.00 Interest Income	500.00	883.29	-383.29	0.00
02-6000-30.10 User Fees - Delinquent	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
02-6000-30.20 User Fees - Current	163,000.00	72,361.50	90,638.50	0.00
02-6000-35.00 Misc. Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-6000-40.00 Maintenance Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-6000-50.00 Taken from Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-6000-60.00 LineCredit/Grant Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-6000-65.00 Asset Mgmt Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-6000-70.00 Planning Loan Revenue	0.00	159,782.50	-159,782.50	0.00
02-6000-71.00 Sinking Fund Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-6000-72.00 Engineer Revenue FireDept	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-6000-80.00 Transfer - In	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>164,000.00</b>	<b>233,027.29</b>	<b>-69,027.29</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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02-7000-01.00 Bank Service Charge	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-02.00 Chemicals	500.00	622.40	-122.40	0.00	0.00
02-7000-03.00 Clerical Supplies	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-04.00 Clerk/Mgr Fees	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-05.00 Contingency	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-07.00 Dues & Publications	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-08.00 Fuel	700.00	0.00	700.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-09.00 Insurance	4,800.00	2,386.00	2,414.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-11.01 Maintenance - Main Line	16,500.00	24,915.01	-8,415.01	0.00	0.00
02-7000-11.02 Maintenance - Reservoir	3,500.00	6,577.90	-3,077.90	0.00	0.00
02-7000-11.03 Maintenance - Road	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-11.04 Maintenance-Service Line	0.00	20,957.20	-20,957.20	0.00	0.00
02-7000-12.00 Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-13.00 Misc. Expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-14.00 Plan Loan/Bond Expenses	0.00	103,449.12	-103,449.12	0.00	0.00
02-7000-15.00 Plan Loan Payments	0.00	108,333.33	-108,333.33	0.00	0.00
02-7000-16.00 Operating Permit	1,950.00	738.95	1,211.05	0.00	0.00
02-7000-18.00 Postage	800.00	542.90	257.10	0.00	0.00
02-7000-19.00 Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-20.00 Professional Fees	12,000.00	10,013.00	1,987.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-21.00 Repay Loans/Debt Retireme	38,500.00	0.00	38,500.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-22.00 Sinking Fund	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-23.00 System Operator	59,000.00	30,402.00	28,598.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-24.00 Telephone	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-25.00 Testing	1,800.00	1,485.00	315.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-26.00 Consumer Confid Reports	350.00	0.00	350.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-29.00 Other Expenses	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.00	0.00
02-7800-00.00 Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7900-00.09 Payroll-Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7900-00.10 Payroll Processing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>164,000.00</b>	<b>313,422.81</b>	<b>-149,422.81</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Total Water Dept</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	

Total Debits: 4,870,905.70 Total Credits: 4,870,905.70

<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	

Grand Total Debits: 8,027,439.41 Grand Total Credits: 8,027,439.41

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Dorset Fire District #1 Utility Billing  
Aged Receivables Report  
All accounts by Account Number

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