Dorset Fire District
Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2026

Members Present: Ben Weiss, Cindy Loudenslager, Roger Squire, Jon Ams, Lee Fox, Jacob Gribble, Rob Gaiotti, Greg Kepler, Robert Clark

Fire Chief's Report:

- FA spring hill
- FA DWR
- SF ED
- MA FA Rupert
- FA DWR
- MVA DWR
- MVA Kelleher
- FA Barrows House

The tanker truck is back in Dorset. The truck was used in the recent structure fire in East Dorset. The crew has been training on the new truck and things have gone well. The Department has ordered 2 new suction hoses that were damaged in the East Dorset structure fire event, pulling from a dry hydrant. An additional 2" hose has been priced out for all trucks that carry the hose. The price on the new hose is $8,050. The Ford truck has been in the shop again and will be repaired. Order time on the hose is 6-8 weeks. Rk Miles has donated all the paint needed to paint the inside of the truck bay. The hope is to finish the painting by the end of August. The election of officers is this week. Chief Gribble is not planning on running for Fire Chief position again. He has been in the position since 2018, and is not sure about others that might run for the position. Discussion ensued about the demands of being the Fire Chief and what could be done to attract and retain a new Chief. Additional discussion was had about improvements to the Fire House over time and new equipment.

Cindy Loudenslager moved and Lee Fox seconded to accept the Fire Chief's report, motion passed 4-0.

Engineer's Report:
Robert Clark from Otter Creek Engineering was present to give updates to the board about ongoing projects.

Application for payment $195,235 from Casella. Lee Fox moved and Jon Ams seconded to approve the payment, motion passed 4-0.

DFD started all the work in 2023. Multiple funding items are due for reimbursement back to the District. OCE is helping to facilitate the items needed to achieve the reimbursements. Discussion ensued about the ongoing Casella project. The general sense is that the contrac 2 work will end up 10-15% under budget.

DFD MANAGER/ OPERATIONS REPORT 6-8-26:

• Lease agreement with Page (222 Cheney) will need to be extended, still need to let the well process play out prior to extending.

• Awaiting Yield Study approval from the State. After that the plan is to make the formal request to lift the moratorium. Hope this can happen in the next month. Potential customers we can then send letters to:

• Holman – Playhouse Lane, vacant lot, request for 3-4 bedroom allocation (420-560gpd)
• Doughtery – Dorset West Road, vacant lot, request for 3-4 bedroom allocation (420-560gpd)
• Raspe – 75 Cheney Road, 2-bedroom cottage wants to add it to system (280gpd)
• Hart – 41 Church Street, adjust allocation from business to 3-4 bedroom allocation (300-500gpd)

• Kepler is helping with quantities for the pricing sheet for the 23 services with Herrmann. The collective pricing for this could exceed $400,000. We have been talking to Herrmann on the benefits of doing the work "as available" vs. taking up a big chunk of schedule requiring the work to take him away from other work. More to follow. Could be most beneficial to just adapt the DWR model to the other 23 services (which could extend the time the work takes).

• Still awaiting the ACCD reimbursement of $650,000 and SRF small purchase for meters of $125,000.

• Down to the last two meters to be installed – 57 Dorset Hollow, 2918 Dorset West, 2846 Route 30.

• Casella work is going along smoothly, they are replacing 1 service each day for the most part

• System meter data is going well under 80,000 most days.

• Power work for metering station is pending, electrician and excavator have said this will happen soon.

OPERATIONS:

- Finished up 2918 DWR on 6/5 – will have pricing compiled soon.
- Next we plan to run the new service to 2773 DWR and 3172 DWR. Both of these services will require directional drilling.
- Calls for service last month: 5

DFD FINANCE REPORT 6-8-26

Expense and revenue reports are attached, highlights below:

Water District:
Cash on hand:
Money Market balance: $24,608
Checking balance: $673,808
Loan to Fire: -$64,166
Cash position: $739,762

- Quarter 4 bills being paid;
- Expenses for large project construction, engineering; operations
- LOC balance currently: $1,000,000 – this is to prepare for Casella
- Operations expense
- Casella first application for payment to be received on 6/8 and approved at 6/8 board meeting.

Water fees due (more than 30 days): 8 accounts with a balance of $2,273

Fire District:
- Expenses paid: equipment, fire house maintenance
- Town won't be able to advance fire protection payment until we get tax bills out in July/August

Cash on hand:
Education Retention Fund: $2,427
General Checking: $65,584 (Jones Donation money: $100,000)

Truck Escrow: $2,979 (restricted)
Cash Position: $99,765
Loan From Water: $64,166

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Gaiotti, Town Manager

Dorset Fire District # 1

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DFD MANAGER/ OPERATIONS REPORT 7-13-26:

- Lease agreement with Page (222 Cheney) will need to be extended, still need to let the well process play out prior to extending.
- Awaiting Yield Study approval from the State. After that the plan is to make the formal request to lift the moratorium. Hope this can happen in the next month. Potential customers we can then send letters.
- DFD has completed service replacements for 2918 DWR and 2773 DWR. We should finish 3172 DWR in the next week or so. We will collect cost figures for these and report them hopefully in August. This did include directional drilling at 2773 and 3172.
- Kepler has provided help with quantity calculations that we can work with Herrmann on for the 23 final services. Still working on this. The costs of the West Road efforts will help us inform this process and strategize.
- Still awaiting the ACCD reimbursement of $650,000 and SRF small purchase for meters of $125,000.
- Down to the last two meters to be installed – 57 Dorset Hollow, 2846 Route 30.
- Casella work has increased in speed with 2 crews. On 7/9 they repaired what seems to be a 15 gpm leak, which is great.
- System meter data had been creeping up during the last month. Town was very very busy during the 4th of July.
- Power work for metering station is supposed to start next week.

OPERATIONS:

- Calls for service last month: 4
- Chris and his crew continue to be rock stars and serving DFD very well. He's even under cut Simon Operations pricing on the regular part of the contract, which is great.

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DORSET FIRE DISTRICT # 1 FINANCE REPORT JULY 13, 2026:

Expense and revenue reports are attached, highlights below:

Water District:
Cash on hand:

Sinking Fund balance:	$29,717
Checking balance:	$457,033
Loan to Fire:	-$64,166
Cash position:	$486,750

- Quarter 4 bills were due last month;
- Expenses for large project construction, engineering; operations
- LOC balance currently: $1,000,000 – this is to prepare for Casella
- Operations expense
- Awaiting 7/13 Casella application for payment, will be largest to date.

Water fees due (more than 30 days): 8 accounts with a balance of $2,273

Fire District:
- Expenses paid: truck payment, misc.
- Donation of $5,000 recently (Picotte family!)
- Town won't be able to advance fire protection payment until we get tax bills out in July/August

Cash on hand:

Education Retention Fund:	$2,437
General Checking:	$15,743 (Jones Donation money: $100,000)
Truck Escrow:	$2,998 (restricted)
Cash Position:	$21,178
Loan From Water:	$64,166

Account/Description	Budget	Balance
01-1000-00.01 BB - Educ/Rent Fund	0.00	2,437.91
01-1000-00.02 Berkshire - Checking	0.00	15,743.02
01-1000-00.03 Truck Escrow - Berkshire	0.00	2,998.73
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	-2,369.61
Total Asset	**0.00**	**1,528,309.64**
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
Total Liability	**0.00**	**487,863.01**
01-3000-00.00 Fund Balance	-97.00	1,083,806.61
Total Fund Balance	**-97.00**	**1,083,806.61**
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
Total Reserves	**0.00**	**2,921.69**

Account/Description	Estimated Revenue		Received To Date	Uncollected Balance	MTD Revenue
01-6000-30.00 Interest Income	100.00		0.00	100.00	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		0.00	0.00	0.00
01-6000-60.00 Town Tax Appropriation	215,500.00		0.00	215,500.00	0.00
01-6000-70.00 Truck Escrow Income	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		5,000.00	-5,000.00	5,000.00
01-6900-00.05 Sale of Equipment/Bldg	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues	**215,600.00**		**5,000.00**	**210,600.00**	**5,000.00**

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	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00
01-7100-40.00 Ofc/Fireman Supplies	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
01-7100-45.00 Postage & Printing	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
01-7100-50.00 Professional Fees	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	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	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-7200-10.00 Gas/Diesel Fuel Apparatus	8,000.00	338.04	7,661.96	338.04
01-7200-12.00 Fed Tax on Fuel	0.00	43.97	-43.97	43.97
01-7200-15.00 Maintenance-Equipment	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00
01-7200-20.00 New Equipment	24,000.00	0.00	24,000.00	0.00
01-7200-32.00 New Truck Payment	50,353.00	50,353.44	-0.44	50,353.44
01-7200-32.01 Truck Payment Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-7200-33.00 Truck Sinking Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-7300-00.00 Contigency Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-7500-00.00 Firehouse Maintenance	22,000.00	115.91	21,884.09	115.91
01-7500-21.00 Supplies - Firehouse	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
01-7500-30.00 Utilities	13,000.00	332.34	12,667.66	332.34
01-7600-20.00 FM Training/Dues/Mileage	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	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	1,200.00	97.97	1,102.03	97.97
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
01-7900-00.04 Misc Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditures	**215,503.00**	**51,281.67**	**164,221.33**	**51,281.67**
Total Fire Dept	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**

Total Debits: 2,947,033.32 Total Credits: 2,947,033.32

Account/Description	Budget	Balance
02-1000-00.00 Berkshire - Money Market	0.00	29,717.44
02-1000-00.02 Berkshire - Checking	0.00	457,033.29
02-1100-00.00 Accounts Receivable	0.00	4,960.74
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	-7,891.98
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	2,369.61
02-6000-41.00 Maintenance-Service Pymts	0.00	0.00
02-6000-42.00 Water Study Grant Revenue	0.00	0.00
Total Asset	**0.00**	**4,739,910.86**
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
Total Liability	**0.00**	**3,549,857.28**
02-3000-00.00 Fund Balance	0.00	1,178,675.33
Total Fund Balance	**0.00**	**1,178,675.33**
02-3000-00.01 Reserve for Water Sinking	0.00	17,133.40
Total Reserves	**0.00**	**17,133.40**

Dorset Fire District #1 General Ledger

Trial Balance - Water Dept

Current Year - Period 1 Jul

Account/Description	Estimated Revenue		Received To Date	Uncollected Balance	MTD Revenue
02-6000-30.00 Interest Income	500.00		0.00	500.00	0.00
02-6000-30.10 User Fees - Delinquent	500.00		0.00	500.00	0.00
02-6000-30.20 User Fees - Current	167,000.00		0.00	167,000.00	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		0.00	0.00	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
Total Revenues	**168,000.00**		**0.00**	**168,000.00**	**0.00**

Account/Description	Budget	Expenditures	Balance	MTD Expenditures
02-7000-01.00 Bank Service Charge	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-02.00 Chemicals	750.00	0.00	750.00	0.00
02-7000-03.00 Clerical Supplies	350.00	0.00	350.00	0.00
02-7000-04.00 Clerk/Mgr Fees	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
02-7000-05.00 Contingency	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
02-7000-07.00 Dues & Publications	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00
02-7000-08.00 Fuel	700.00	0.00	700.00	0.00
02-7000-09.00 Insurance	4,800.00	0.00	4,800.00	0.00
02-7000-11.01 Maintenance - Main Line	12,500.00	0.00	12,500.00	0.00
02-7000-11.02 Maintenance - Reservoir	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
02-7000-11.03 Maintenance - Road	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00
02-7000-11.04 Maintenance-Service Line	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-12.00 Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-13.00 Misc. Expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
02-7000-14.00 Plan Loan/Bond Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-15.00 Plan Loan Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-16.00 Operating Permit	1,950.00	317.15	1,632.85	317.15
02-7000-18.00 Postage	1,000.00	78.00	922.00	78.00
02-7000-19.00 Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-20.00 Professtional Fees	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00	0.00
02-7000-21.00 Repay Loans/Debt Retireme	65,000.00	0.00	65,000.00	0.00
02-7000-22.00 Sinking Fund	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
02-7000-23.00 System Operator	45,000.00	4,810.00	40,190.00	4,810.00
02-7000-24.00 Telephone	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-25.00 Testing	1,800.00	550.00	1,250.00	550.00
02-7000-26.00 Consumer Confid Reports	350.00	0.00	350.00	0.00
02-7000-29.00 Other Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7800-00.00 Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7900-00.09 Payroll-Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7900-00.10 Payroll Processing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditures	**168,000.00**	**5,755.15**	**162,244.85**	**5,755.15**
Total Water Dept	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**

Total Debits: 4,971,281.66 Total Credits: 4,971,281.66

	Budget	Expenditures	Balance	MTD Expenditures
Total All Funds	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**

Grand Total Debits: 7,918,314.98 Grand Total Credits: 7,918,314.98