

# Davis Mountains Property Owner's Association, Inc.

## Monthly Board of Director's Meeting April 9, 2022

The meeting was held at the Davis Mountains Community Center. Board members present were: Dale Learish- Pres. Wretha Smith – VP, Jeff Fisher – Sec, Chris Kirby, Janette Winters, Paul Conner,

Jeff Smith. Not Present: Bill Ghormley, Tommy Jackson, Tracci Logan

The meeting was called to order by Dale Learish at 2:05 pm, a quorum was established and proper posting of the agenda was verified.

The invocation was given by Jeff Fisher and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dale.

**Minutes of March 12, 2022 Board Meeting** – Secretary Jeff Fisher read the minutes from the March 12, 2022 DMPOA meeting. Janette motioned to approve the minutes as amended and Jeff Smith seconded. The minutes were approved as corrected. Corrections: Remove second present first paragraph.

**Treasurer's Report** - presented by Vice President Wretha Smith. It was noted that a drum of oil last year cost appx \$550. Now it's about \$950. We deposited appx \$6,000 and spent appx \$20,000. Jeff Fisher motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report and payment of the bills. Paul seconded and motion passed unanimously.

**a. Auditor Selection-** Jeff Fisher made the motion that Sue Smith be appointed as auditor for this year. Janette Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Selection of office manager trainee:** Jeff Fisher advised the Board that last Saturday the officers met to discuss three applications for Office Manager. The three applications included Bill Ghormley, the current Treasurer. He has now stated that he is going to stay with his job as Treasurer and enjoy his retirement. Additionally, Bill could not serve as Treasurer and Officer Manager at the same time. The two remaining applicants, Ilena O'Blenis and Susann Hall, both knowledgeable individuals. Susann Hall currently lives in the DMR and Ilena O'Blenis will move here in May. As training is needed before the June meeting, the officers moved to put to the board that Susann Hall be hired as our office manager trainee. The starting salary will be \$14.00 per hour. Jeff Fisher made the motion to hire Susann Hall as the office manager trainee. Jeff Smith made the second. The motion passed unanimously.

**Road Committee Report** – Presented by Dale. (March 12, 2022-April 9, 2022).  
(See Road Committee Report Attached.)

Special notation: Dale Learish noted that some individual(s) have been confronting our road operator(s) asking when they were going to stop working driveways and get back to working our roads. Snide comments have also been written on the Road Work Request board in the Community Center. We have the best operator(s) there can be. The road crew does not and has never worked on private roadways. If the crew work a road, they will make any repairs to any driveway entrance that is needed because of the road work. If a property owner buys a culvert, the road crew will install it free of charge.

**DMRVFD REPORT:** Report Given by Fire Chief Edna Queen.  
(See Attached Report.)

The DMRVFD is planning a Memorial Day Cook-off to bring the community together. It is planned on being a fun fundraiser for the DMRVFD.

Jeff Fisher asked the Chief if we could get a copy of the Jeff Davis County Fire Ban. No one has been able to get a copy of it from the Commissioner's Court. Even the Fort Davis Fire Department have not gotten or seen a copy of the Burn Ban. It was suggested that Fire Marshall Roy Hurley or County Judge Curtis Evans may have a copy of the document.

Wretha Smith noted that people need to be careful when they pull their vehicle off the road. Don't pull over in tall grass areas. It was also noted that chains are a big cause of fires causing sparks. Edna Queen posted that they have been amazed at the amount of cigarette butts they have been thrown on the sides of the road when they do trash pick-up.

The status of EMS in Fort Davis was brought up by Paul Conner. According to Edna Queen, Vickie Fowler who is currently in charge of EMS, is retiring. Until someone takes over the position, no new EMS training is being offered.

Chief Edna Queen noted that some individuals are actually dropping coals and ash on the wood pile. This is a very dangerous activity and it is strictly not allowed.

Jeff Smith asked the Board to discuss the possibility of a permanent Firewise page to be added to the DMPOA official website (dmpoa.net). A separate page would allow new residents to easily see information from Firewise. The webmaster agreed to the creation of a Firewise page on the dmpoa.net site. Jeff Smith made the motion that the web master be authorized to create new page. Janette Winters seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

As far as the burn pile, Chief Edna Queen stated that it cannot be burned until we can get some rain. It may be that the road crew may have to split the pile into two for safety sake.

**Road Sign Report:** The report was presented by Jeff Smith. Well, Jeff thought we were through with the signs. Janette Winters finished with the repairs. After updating all of the records, another gremlin popped up. The DMPOA received a letter from Penni Watters – Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector. It was regarding Yellow Knife Trail. There are two separate roads that do not connect at the top, and have not in years. We've discussed this before over the years. We've put "E" and "W" on the signs most recently. Jeff Smith suggested that we put up directional signs directing people to east or west Yellowknife Trail. We've already spent a lot of money on patchwork for signs. If we do replace the two signs in this, the cost would be \$113.68. One sign would be where E Yellowknife begins at Crazy Horse. The main directional sign would be at the road pole near the round house. Also, the addresses involved would have to be on the directional signs. Jeff Smith motioned for a resolution concerning signs. (See attached). No second. Dale Learish made a motion to allow Jeff Smith to pursue this, to decide what he thinks the signs should look like and to get the cost. Jeff will then e-mail Dale the costs. Dale will then e-mail the Board members for approval. Jeff Smith seconded. Motion passed. If anyone is interested in any of the old road signs, contact Una at the office.

**OPEN COMMENTS:** Perryman update – the DMPOA had arranged for the abandoned vehicle to be towed away. Jeff Fisher had offered to use his vehicle to help remove it. Before that happened, Collin Perryman picked the truck up and towed it somewhere on a trailer.

Una Learish advised that we are needing people to run for the DMPOA Board in June. Thanked Ralf for Help on Internet.

Robert Simpsons truck is still broken down near the roundhouse. Dale Learish will attempt to find out what the status is.

A DMR property owner was recently scammed by a phone caller out of a large amount of money. The property owner thought he was originally dealing with Publishers Clearing House, then later, the FBI or Postal Inspectors. The property owner would go to various Dollar Stores and buy the maximum amount of gift cards each store could sell. He/she would then provide the caller the numbers for the gift cards. Apparently, the scammers were then able to change the property owner's telephone number three times without the owner's knowledge or permission. There are apparently a lot of people getting scammed in this and other manners. The Community Church is going to have a meeting Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at the Community Center regarding the various scams.

Deb Lagarde announced that from 9 am – 3 pm on May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Community Church is the Spring Fling. Donations and raffles will be raising money for the road crew maintenance.

Jeff Smith noted that there was a notice in the Fort Davis Newspaper that a feral hog clinic will be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> in Alpine, TX. For further information, call 432-837-6207.

Jeff Smith motioned to adjourn. Janette seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Fisher

DMPOA Board Secretary

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