

Greater Sissonville Development Council Minutes | 2013

February 11, 2013

Meeting started: 5:10 pm

The meeting was called to order by President, Johnnie Brown. Those attending were Johnnie Brown, president; Dana Ferrell, Vice President; Tom Crouser, Secretary, Danny Bragg; Tom Miller; Earl Scyoc, Lisa Godwin and visitors Kerri Wade (WVU Extension Service); and Kevin Thomas.

Minutes: Printed copy of previous meeting (January 14, 2013) was distributed to all. *Tom Miller* moved to accept minutes without reading. *Johnnie Brown* seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Sissonville Volunteer Fire Department Report: Tom Miller – Sissonville VFD successfully opened the new building on Call Road – and since, two tractor trailers have run through the grass, however the facility is fully operational and no other problems have been encountered.

Increased Property Insurance Premiums: Tom Miller also reported that some residents have received letters regarding property premiums going up – premiums should not be going up – Tom recommends anyone receiving such a letter contact the Sissonville VFD for assistance.

Seventh Annual Fire And Rescue School coming up **March 8-10 and 15-17** (training sessions are held on two consecutive weekends – some attend classes that are one weekend only and others are two weekends). Currently 250 registrations have been received from five states – as far away as Hawaii.

Sissonville VFD Gospel Sing, April 6th gospel sing will be held at the new fire station on Call Road.

New State Building Code Requires Residential Sprinklers in New Construction: Tom Miller has a copy of the new state building code. The State Fire commission is starting to mandating sprinklers in new residential structures. It also covers positioning of mobile homes (Title 87, series 1). This will impact our development because we're typically on either 3 or 4 inch water line but the sprinklers have to be on 6 inch line. A discussion ensued on requirement for sprinklers. West Virginia has had 72 fire deaths last year, second highest in country. Tom Miller reported that the Sissonville VFD runs more catastrophic loss events on new construction than old construction because of changes in construction materials – discussion of pros and cons of proposed code.

Kerri Wade (Kanawha County Extension Agent, Camp Virgil Tate) – Kerri reported that the new camp director is **Justin Lynch**. The camp's administrative assistant has retired "*but we have pulled her back in a couple of times.*" She also reported they have not yet fixed the food service issue – contract food service bids came in high and is pricing the camp out of reach of many groups. Other camps, such as Cedar Lakes, have year round staff. Camp is now trying to get a list of cooks that could be available for part-time work.

Discussion of lodging available at the camp (24 rooms) ensued. The camp has 400+ acres and a lot of strengths. The camp needs a new website.

Question on donations – Camp Virgil Tate has an account within the WVU Extension Service and all funds designated for the camp are used for the camp and not used by WVU. The reconstruction of the **camp's swimming pool** looks like it will cost \$750,000. The camp currently has about \$200,000. Discussed installing a "splash zone" and then the pool to make it a two stage project.

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Kerri Wade additionally is working on a “**Nationally Certified For Food For Profit**” course. Details forthcoming.

MOTION: Johnnie Brown make a motion to make it a council priority to support Camp Virgil Tate in their fund raising activities. Tom Miller seconded. All in favor. No dissent. Motion passed.

Mike Trader, former GSDC Board Member passes.

Mike’s passing was noted and his many contributions were discussed. Obituary for Mike may be found at: <http://wvgazette.com/Obituaries/201302010001?display=print&id=118917&build=cache>

Johnnie Brown: reported that the committee to update our mission plan Johnnie Brown, Tom Crouser, Dana Ferrell, Lisa Godwin and Clifford Keys ... would have an updated mission plan for the council to consider in the March meeting.

Tom Crouser relayed that **Senator Chris Walters** reported on the drainage of the Martin’s Branch side of Rite Aide – DOT will have it fixed in 60-90 days. Additionally the Senator is working on *Whittington Hill clean up* through the State’s Environmental Protection Department.

Tom Crouser, Secretary, reported that he has been in contact with **Jason Fields** regarding the council’s website and details were being worked out regarding how to update the site.

Tom Crouser reported that he has acquired a list of 220 businesses in the 25312 and 25320 zip code area which can be used by the council for mailing as needed.

Tom Crouser mentioned a need a meeting calendar for the council’s website which will be investigated.

Reminder: Sissonville Lions Car Show is April 13 with rain date of April 20th. Contact Tom Crouser at tom@crouser.com should you wish to be a sponsor.

Dana Ferrell: reported that he had discussions with **Brett Walker**, State Department of Transportation, regarding lighting at Tappers Creek Interstate exit. They will be talking again next week. State indicated that they would revisit lighting at the exit. Also discussion of other exit issues such as potentially restriping the road to provide for a turn lane.

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Johnnie Brown: reported that he wrote an email today to **Delegate Ron Walters** regarding how to obtain the state funds in the Budget Digest that have been earmarked for the council.

Johnnie Brown: reported he was preparing a set of minutes for the council's corporate records to update board members and amend our Articles of Incorporation to allow board members to attend and vote at meetings by alternative means (cell phones, computers) as well as provide for proxy voting.

Discussion on having a community-wide Sissonville homecoming the day after Sissonville High School Homecoming event.

Topspot Restaurant provided cookies for the board meeting via Danny Bragg. The secretary was directed to send a "thank you" letter to the restaurant from the council.

Motion made by Dana Ferrell to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Johnnie Brown and passed.

Meeting ended 6:20 pm

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.