

Greater Sissonville Development Council Minutes | 2013

Thanks to Anita Shaffer of **Tudor's Biscuit World** for furnishing snacks to the board during this meeting. Tudor's is located at 6304 Sissonville Drive, Charleston, WV 25320

Highlights: quorum not present. No motions adopted. Discussion on pipeline issues

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Sissonville Public Library

Meeting started: **5:15 pm**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dana Ferrell who presided.

Attending: **Dana Ferrell**, Vice President; **Tom Crouser**, Secretary, **Dr. David Santrock**, **Thomas Miller**; **Danny Bragg**; and visitors **Kerri Wade** (WVU Extension Service), **Curt Caldwell** and Kanawha County Deputy Planning Director **Colt Sandoro**

Quorum was not present therefore an informational only meeting was held.

Minutes: Printed copy of previous meeting (April 8, 2013) was distributed to all via email. Printed copies also were available at the meeting. Minutes were not adopted due to lack of a quorum.

Topics discussed:

1. **Sissonville Library Funding** – Pat Abbott reported via email, “Kanawha County Schools have agreed to a reduced funding level for the Kanawha County Library System (including Sissonville) through June 2014. Additionally, the Kanawha County Board of Education will promote an excess levy election in November to fund the library system in the future. The election will be one question with a yes or no vote. The levy will require a 50% passing of those people voting. It is imperative that we all go out and vote in November to make sure this levy passes. In the meantime, the libraries in the KCPL system are anticipated to remain open with a tightening of the budget and a freeze on about 18 job vacancies.”
2. **Website** – *Tom Crouser* reported that the move of the website approved at the last meeting has occurred and that it is now hosted by Crouser & Associates without cost to the council. Tom also noted that **Jason Fields** has made many updates have been made to the site and it appears to be current at this point.

Tom Crouser further reported that a letter was sent to Eddie Elmore to indicate a donation of \$300 for use of his URL, www.sissonville.org as directed by the board in the last meeting.

3. **Sissonville Relay for Life** – June 7-8, 2013 – In March's meeting, the group requested assistance in funding a banner for the event. The matter was held over for purposes of obtaining costs. *Tom Crouser* reported that an email was received today from *JoAnn Jones*

and *Carolyn Reed* indicating the funds was no longer needed as attorney **Keith Jones** is paying for the banner sign which will be located in front of his office until the day of the event.

4. **Sissonville Drive/White Oak –**

Thomas Miller reported that WV Secretary of Transportation Maddox was in attendance at the Sissonville Volunteer Fire Department station on Call Road when the Governor signed legislation covering pipeline safety today. He reported that the Secretary said that unless funding becomes available; the upgrade of this intersection is not one of their priorities. He further said the Department of Highways is facing a \$880 million short fall in federal funds because of the federal sequester and anticipated additional budget cuts and that a lot of needy projects were standing in line, specifically installing an Internet cabling systems in the median of I-79 in the Sissonville area. The intersection of Call Road and Route 21 was also mentioned as a high accident area. *Dana Ferrell* agreed that this item should be removed as an actionable agenda item until the situation improved.

5. **Millertown DOH Maintenance:** *Dana Ferrell* reported that he sent a request in for the Millertown exit clean-up based on information *Earl Scyoc* provided. He called North Charleston district garage as well and will follow up this week. This mainly deals with cleaning debris from the side of the roadway. This item should be carried forward to next meeting.

6. **Sissonville Lions Spring Fever Car Show:** *Tom Crouser*, chairman of the event for the *Sissonville Lions Club*, reported that a total of 126 cars were on display which was the largest showing since the inception of the event.

7. **Update on Signage at Sissonville High School:** *Dana Ferrell* reported that he talked to officials at Sissonville High School and that all money has been secured for the marquee sign and that it has been ordered. It should be up within the next 30 days.

8. **Items not on the Agenda**

Report from Sissonville Volunteer Fire Department **Pipelines**

Thomas Miller, secretary *Sissonville Volunteer Fire Department*: we met with NiSource about reopening the SM80 pipeline. They have completed all that the feds have asked them to do. *NiSource* is replacing the pipeline from the Lanham Station to Fisher's Branch – a 12 inch line. They are going to "pig" (inspect with a mechanical device inside the pipeline) the 26 inch line that exploded with a goal of having it complete by mid-July.

He noted in the process that *Camp Virgil Tate* has three pipelines that cross it that do not belong to NiSource: rather they belong to Cabot, Viking and Tennessee Pipeline. He encouraged the camp to contact the companies to determine the location of the pipeline and to see if any camp building encroached on the pipeline right of ways and if there was any concern about the proposed swimming pool construction being too close.

He further noted that Sissonville High School has a pipeline on their property and indicated it runs under the visitors' bleachers in football field. Many other properties in our area have similar situations.

His main message was to all Sissonville residents, "**Call before you dig.**" The greater Sissonville area extending all the way to Elkview was a major gas field as far back as the early 1900s and that production lines used by the gas companies are not federally regulated as opposed to transmission lines.

He also felt that the new pipeline regulations may result in a "*no encroachment*" policy being *strictly enforced* by the pipeline companies which may hamper construction on some property.

He encouraged anyone who suspects they may have pipeline issues to contact the companies. He further noted that most title searches for property go back 30 to 50 years while many pipeline "*right of ways*" were granted in the 1901-1920 time period so many property owners might not be aware of them.

Mock drills no longer supported by SVFD

Thomas Miller also noted that the mock drill at Sissonville High was a success but the Sissonville Volunteer Fire Department will not be able to do so in the future because of liability which may be incurred.

Update Training Records with a goal of lowering ISO rating

"6, 7, 8, 9 now shooting for class 4 which could lower insurance rates." Big issue is water system. Water company needs to trim around hydrants, and flow test the hydrants. Hydrant system is not well maintained in his opinion.

He also reported that almost 800 attended the recent **fire school** from six states and that the annual event was becoming a major regional event for fire fighters.

Other items

Aldersgate Receives Grant

Dr. Dave Santrock reported that Aldersgate United Methodist received a \$16k grant from government through senior services, much of it being used to provide a handicapped accessible door.

Camp Virgil Tate Report

Kerri Wade, Extension Agent: reported that the camp has hired an engineering firm for the proposed pool. The firm will draw up plans and provide some marketing materials. The camp is also getting ready for the annual 4H camps during the month of June. Two weeks of Kanawha and one of Putnam and one of Logan County.

There being no other discussion, Vice President Dana Ferrell moved to end the meeting.

The meeting ended at 6:02 pm

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Next Scheduled Meeting: **Monday, June 10, 2013 at 5 pm** in the Sissonville Public Library.