**Date:** July 28, 2021

**To:** Terry Beebe, President

Chris Gober, Vice-President

Linda Kole, Director

Clark Roach, Director

Mark Wagner, Director

Paul Duggan, Treasurer

**From:** Teresa Downing, Secretary

**CC:** Bill Swapp, Architectural Review Committee Chairperson

Les Kole, Wildfire Adapted Partnership, Council Representative

All Owners with email

**Website for Deer Valley Estates:**  www.deervalleyestates.net

**Re:** Minutes of the Deer Valley Estates (DVE) Board of Directors Meeting held July 22, 2021

The Board of Directors meeting was brought to order at 6:37 PM on July 22, 2021 via ZOOM video conference. Directors present were Terry Beebe, Chris Gober, Linda Kole, Clark Roach and Mark Wagner. John Beebe, Paul Duggan, Shelly Faris, Les Kole, Linda Pampinella, Charlie Popeck, Paul Romere and Karl Schreiber were present. Teresa Downing was also present.

Terry Beebe, President, called the meeting to order.

**Opening Remarks** – Terry Beebe

* Annual Meeting, August 7, 2021

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

* + - * Addition under New Business – Chris Gober

Weed Control

**Minutes of the June 2021 Board Meeting** – All

* Chris Gober motioned to approve the June 16, 2021 DVE Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. Linda Kole seconded. Vote was unanimous.
* Chris Gober motioned to approve the July 8, 2021 DVE Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes – via ZOOM. Mark Wagner seconded. Vote was unanimous.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Paul Duggan

The following figures as of July 2021 for FY 2020-2021.

* Revenues - $155,707.13
* Expenditures - $81,752.57
* Reserve Fund Total - $30,582.15
* Review and discussion regarding the separation of special assessment money from regular checking account into a savings account and the possible laddering of CDs with the current Reserve Fund balance.
* Reserve Fund balance to be distributed as follows:

40% approximately $12,300 – 15-month CD

40% approximately $12,300 – 27-month CD

Remaining 20% approximately $5,982.15 - 42-month CD

For a Reserve Fund Total - $30, 582.15

* Chris Gober motioned for approval of CD laddering with the Reserve Funds in the above amounts and durations. Linda Kole seconded. Vote was unanimous.
* Chris Gober motioned for approval of the separation of special assessment money from the regular checking account into a savings account. Linda Kole seconded. Vote was unanimous.

**Architectural Review Committee Report –** Bill Swapp

* A previous ARC approved project on lot 54 has been completed.

**Welcome Committee Report** – Lucy Ruduski/Lori Swapp

* No new activity

**Wildfire Adapted Partnership Report** – Les Kole

* After a major mitigation project 7 years ago, several lots have become overgrown. A private contractor was arranged to complete mitigation for 10 Owners at the rate of $65/hour, at the Owner’s expense. Twelve acres were involved. Mitigation went well and Owners are appreciative.

**OLD Business**

* Internet Update – John Beebe

There have been recent meetings with LPEA and Brainstorm regarding the best approach to move forward.

Sid Arnold of Brainstorm, is investigating micro trenching to reduce costs.

If LPEA hangs fiber within 6 inches of their bottom power line, they would have to own the fiber backbone. Brainstorm feels the ownership of the backbone is a very important part of the project and would like to maintain ownership.

This project has many steps, some could be completed before others. The timeframe once started has a relatively short completion time.

Brainstorm is moving forward with investigation of alternatives to expensive costs.

The State of Colorado has reimbursed Brainstorm $72,000 for approved expenses. Brainstorm has not requested any funds from Deer Valley Estates at this time.

The DVE Board of Directors appreciates of all John Beebe’s time and efforts on this project.

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* Annual Meeting Planning – August 7, 2021

After discussion of attendance options for the Annual Meeting, it was decided to move the 2021 Annual Meeting to remote via ZOOM.

An email will be sent to all Owners with this decision and suggested guidelines for a productive meeting.

**NEW Business**

* Amendment to CWPP - Les Kole

The amendment to Deer Valley Estates Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) started with 20 items in need of completion. There has been a 99% completion of these items. The CWPP must be continually monitored and updated as conditions and community change. **(See attached document)** Please contact Les Kole with questions or concerns regarding this document.

Chris Gober motioned to accept this document as submitted with all amendments to original documents. Mark Wagner seconded. Vote was unanimous.

* Discuss neighborhood drop box for DVE checks – Paul Duggan

Discussion regarding a drop box placed near the trash dumpster enclosure. This box would collect checks and/or ballots as needed from DVE Owners. Ideas and suggestions still in discussion for this project.

* Weed Control – Chris Gober

A representative from La Plata County, Ben Bain made a visit to DVE regarding weed control. The possible development of a plan regarding the spraying and mowing of weeds to help control their spread was suggested. The county has a possible reimbursement plan for chemicals used in weed control. A flyer regarding weeds will be sent to DVE Owners.

**Reports**

1. Snow Plowing

* None at this time

1. Work Days

* Repair dumpster damage
* Stain road signs
* Paul Romere has wood and nails available for repairs

1. Road Maintenance

* None at this time

1. Annual Meeting

* See Annual Meeting under Old Business

1. Right of Way Committee

* None at this time

1. Special Projects

* Slow Down signs for DVE roads
* Second name for front gate keypad sign
* Lesson on how to manually open front gate
* Road signs need to be restained, see work days

1. Review Planning Calendar

* No changes made

1. Property Owners List

* Changes made

1. Fencing

* None at this time

**Discussion** – Open Forum

There will be an open house at 1941 Beaver Creek Dr, Saturday July 25, 2021, 1-3PM.

The front gate will be locked opened during this time.

Next DVE Board Meeting – Wednesday, August 18, 2021

* **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM

**July 10, 2021**

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**Amendment to Deer Valley Estates Community Wildfire Protection Plan**

**Monitoring and Evaluation**

Monitoring is a critical component of all natural resource management programs. Monitoring provides information on whether a program is meeting its goals and objectives. The purpose of this monitoring strategy is to track implementation of planned activities and evaluate how the goals of the DVE CWPP are being met over time. The data gathered will help to determine if the objectives of the plan are being met, if updates need to be made, and if the plan is useful and being implemented as envisioned.

This CWPP is a “living” document and must be continually monitored and updated as conditions and community values change. Monitoring of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA) activities has been identified as a major weakness at the national level.

The purpose of this monitoring strategy is to track implementation of activities and evaluate how well the goals of the CWPP are being met. The following are three different types of monitoring:

* Implementation: Did you do what you said you would do?
* Effectiveness: Did treatments meet the objectives?
* Verification: Did our actions lead to outcomes we expected?

Each functional element of the DVE CWPP provides monitoring task for recommended action items. Table 7 provides a summary of tasks for each of these functional areas. Evaluations were conducted on an annual basis and adjusted as required.

**Summary of Accomplishments**

The action plan as outlined in Table 7 has essentially been completed with some very minor exceptions. There are two lots that still require considerable mitigation of oak brush and tree thinning removal. Forty-one (41) private lots were mitigated for a total of seventy (70) acres. In addition, one hundred (100) acres were mitigated outside of DVE that were in the DVE WUI. Additionally, DVE collaborated with the U.S.F.S. to conduct controlled burns surrounding DVE in the Sauls Creek area.

All of the fuel breaks were completed as outlined in the CWPP as two hundred sixty-four (264) trees were removed from our right of ways as was significant oak brush and any noxious weeds by volunteers who contributed approximately one hundred twenty-five (125) hours.

Funding from a State of Colorado WUI grant provided the first dollars to start the work as outlined in the action plan. Additional funding from the Stevens and Watershed Grants via the Upper Pine River Fire Protection District provided on the ground work throughout the entire subdivision.

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**Monitoring and Evaluation (continued)**

In regards to the monitoring questions outlined in the Action Plan (Table 7), we did in fact do what was proposed, the treatments did meet the objectives, and the outcomes did lead to actions we expected.

Additionally in 2021, ten (10) Owners participated in hiring a private contractor to reduce the new oak brush growth on their properties. Approximately twelve (12) acres were mitigated. Also, many Owners continue to reduce new oak brush growth on their own on a yearly basis.

**Recommended Follow-up**

* Provide updated information to the Board of Directors.
* Continue education of Owners in regards to defensible space issues.
* Engagement of Owners to perform yearly mitigation on their properties including noxious weeds.
* Work with the U.S.F.S. towards performing controlled burns in areas surrounding DVE.
* Continue to be proactive with the efforts of the U.P.R.F.P.D.
* Support wildfire efforts of La Plata County Board of Commissioners.
* Keep abreast of State and Federal programs toward wildfire mitigation.
* Evaluate the construction of two turnarounds on dead-end roads.
* Conduct another evacuation simulation.
* Continue to monitor emergency routes out of DVE together with the U.S.F.S.

Table 7 (page 32) in the CWPP has been updated in the completed column to reflect the actions taken over the years.

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**Table 7: Action Plan for Completing the Deer Valley Estates CWPP**

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| **Mitigation Action** | **Target Dates** | **Assigned to** | **Completed** |
| Completion of Universal Street Addressing Signage | 08/01/2009 | Addressing Committee | **Signage Completed on All Lots in 2009** |
| Defensible Space Around Structures | Fall 2010 | Board of Directors | **Yes - 2010 - 2016** |
| Laminated Triage Maps  (20 sets) | Fall 2009 | Firewise Ambassador | **Not done for lack of funds** |
| Prioritize and Construct Turnarounds on Dead End Streets | Fall 2012 | Board of Directors | **Turnaround Completed on Wieland Drive only** |
| Beaver Creek Drive fuel break | Fall 2009 | Board of Directors | **Yes – 2010** |
| Elk Valley Road fuel break | Spring 2010 | Board of Directors | **Yes - 2010** |
| Spur Lane fuel break | Spring 2010 | Board of Directors | **Yes - 2010** |
| Sawmill Circle fuel break | Spring 2010 | Board of Directors | **Yes - 2010** |
| Stagecoach Road fuel break | Spring 2010 | Board of Directors | **Yes - 2010** |
| Log Cabin Lane fuel break | Fall 2009 | Board of Directors | **Yes - 2010** |
| Wieland Drive fuel break | Fall 2009 | Board of Directors | **Yes - 2010** |
| Area 1 | 07/01/2011 | Board of Directors | **Yes – 2009 to 2016** |
| Area 2 | 07/01/2012 | Board of Directors | **Yes – 2009 to 2016** |
| Area 3 | 07/01/13 | Board of Directors | **Yes – 2009 to 2016** |
| Area 4 | 07/01/2014 | Board of Directors | **Yes – 2009 to 2016** |
| Area 5 | 07/01/2015 | Board of Directors | **Yes – 2009 to 2016** |
| Area 6 | 07/01/2016 | Board of Directors | **Yes – 2009 to 2016** |
| National Forest (North) | 07/01/2017 | Board of Directors | **Yes – 2009 to 2016** |
| Fuel Break Maintenance | Ongoing | Board of Directors | **Done Annually** |
| Negotiate Emergency Routes Out of DVE | ASAP | Firewise Ambassador | **Approval given from U.S.F.S. in 2010** |
| Seek Funds for the Plan | Ongoing | Firewise Ambassador | **U.P.R.F.P.D. secured Grant Funds -2010/2012** |
| Evacuation Simulation | Spring 2010 | Board of Directors | **Conducted - 2009** |