

Devenger Special Tax District
Meeting Minutes January 12, 2010, 7:00 P.M. Foxcroft Family Center

DSTD Members Present:

David Fowlkes, Randy Hull, Norman Kirkwood, Susan Lyness, and Bain Stewart.

Minutes

1. Randy Hull called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. Attendees were given the opportunity to be heard on matters contained on the current meeting's agenda. No significant issues were presented concerning meeting agenda items at this time.

Old Business

1. Randy made note of the newly appointed commission member and welcomed Susan Lyness to the Tax District Commission.
2. The meeting minutes from the October 13th, 2009 meeting were presented for review, comment, and approval. Motion was made to approve as submitted with unanimous approval being given.
3. Due to previously unseen notations by the auditors in the Commission's 2008 audited financial report and Randy Price's absence at the October meeting, Commission review and approval had been deferred to the January meeting. Mr. Price provided adequate clarification in that the Commission uses a cash basis accounting method while the auditor employs accrued accounting practices and that no significant findings or improprieties were noted in 2008. On that basis a motion was made and unanimous approval given to the 2008 audited financials.

New Business

1. Commission members were given the 4th quarter, 2009 transaction details and the final year end actual expenses to budget report. The only unplanned expenditure was \$125 for gate replacement at the community center which had been approved at the October meeting. Motion was made and unanimous approval given to the Commission's 4th quarter financial report.
2. In response to one of the issues raised by Greenville County Council's Finance Committee during its consideration of the Tax Commission's 2010 tax millage/service fee increase request was the lack of a long range plan for how the additional revenue would be utilized. A current plus three year capital plan had been drafted and was presented at the October meeting but required modification to address the Family Center Board's request for building demolition support. Upon further review Commission members still had a variety of viewpoints as to how the plan should look, so additional work was deemed necessary before the plan could be brought to a vote.
3. To address the issue of using public funds to support the private property recreational purposes of the community the Greenville County Attorney's Office furnished both the Tax Commission and Family Center Board a "Services Agreement" by which to enter into mutually beneficial funding of facility improvements and their use by community residents. It was determined that there were a number of details related to such an agreement which needed to be worked out before an agreement could be voted on by the Commission. A decision was made that Commission members would engage in a series of

Planning Sessions between now and the April meeting to construct both a long range capital improvement plan and corresponding service agreement with the Family Center Board.

4. Other items not scheduled but discussed:

The general deteriorating condition of neighborhood roads and curbs suggests that some action needs to be undertaken by the Commission to address those conditions.

General discussion of neighborhood security including hours and focus as well as re-instituting a Neighborhood Watch program.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.