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DALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

July 21, 2026

Present: James Driscoll, Camillus Cachat Clerk Melanie Roucoulet, Water Superintendent Bob Benlien, Chief Ryan Foley, Assistant Chief Charlotte Crane Dennis Croughwell, Dave Pugh, Rob-Dalton TV, Cody Doyle, Chris Gleason

James Driscoll called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

General Business:

- James Driscoll made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 30, 2026 meeting as printed, Cam Cachat seconded, approved unanimously.
- Tong Pagliarulo recommended that we have our monthly meetings at the senior center. And also that we go through Waterworth, and make sure that we have money in reserves in case of a water main break.
- Run reports summary
 - Fire 96 Incidents total
 - EMS 74 EMS
- Apparatus updates
 - Ladder truck outfitting nearly complete. Radios, lights, tools, etc have been installed. Training and sign off program has been implemented and has begun being carried out. Expect to have truck in service in coming weeks. This was delayed due to an unexpected service issue that has been resolved.
 - Car 1 command vehicle has reached a point where it is no longer suitable for reliable operational service due to its age, condition, and increasing maintenance requirements. The cost of repairs have adversely affected the vehicle's dependability and cost-effectiveness. In the interest of maintaining safe and reliable emergency response capabilities, the department will begin researching and evaluating replacement options. A recommendation, including potential vehicle specifications and funding considerations, will be presented to the Commissioners for review and consideration at a future meeting.
- Personnel updates
 - Addition of 3 new call FF recruits.
 - Still actively recruiting for an additional paramedic, and potentially filling additional EMT/FF positions to maintain a 3 per shift rotation.
- Building committee updates
 - MissionCIT assessment has reached draft status. The Committee has received the draft, met, and provided MCIT with feedback. We are expecting the final draft in coming days, and expect to present to the commissioners at the August meeting.

Water Department:

- Tighe & Bond Tank Elevations and SCADA.
- Overflowed tanks for designed fluid level.
- Hot water power washer.
- Summer Help painting, mowing and weed whacking.
- Truck 4 Resurrected.
- Ryan and Bob caked in for Main St Cemetery Break.

Treasurer's Report:

- AR Balance of semi-annual water bills is a little above \$45,000.00
- I will be starting Shut off notices will soon
- We are hoping to have FY25 and FY26 balanced and ready to certify free cash by the end of September 2026
- I have been working on creating the Budget for FY27 in Vadar, creating FY27 Cah book
- The financials for June 2026 are not completed

Dave Pugh suggested that we upped our water prices and also our fees for shut off notices and late fees.

James Driscoll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm seconded by Cam Cachat, passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be August 25, 2026, at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Roucoulet
Treasurer/Clerk

