

**Working Board Meeting Minutes**

**April 16, 2024**

**Call to Order:** 7:30 by President Dean Bolden

**Attending were:** President Dean Bolden, Secretary Melanie Butler, Treasurer Brenda Collette and 4 members of the district.

**Minutes:** Board member approval for the meeting held March 19, 2024. (Minutes are posted on our District #8 website: [Special Road District #8 \(specialdistrict.org\)](https://specialdistrict.org) under meetings.) A Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Board member approval of treasurer's report for March 2024. (Treasurer's report is posted on website as above minutes.) Ending balance of all funds was \$260,577.44. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

**New Bills:** Streamline \$42.00, no other bills.

**Correspondence:** (This is for written letters received via USPS, not submissions from the website.) From the Oregon State Treasury we received the Public Depositor Annual Verification and responded with an updated mailing address for the Treasurer.

**Old Business:**

- We need to have a working meeting to discuss Option Tax dates and process. This meeting was a working meeting.
- We need to contact County Legal Department and the County Clerk for correct process. We got directions and examples of Option Tax summaries and explanations with the deadline dates.
- Traffic count to estimate use. We discussed and approved the purchase of a road counter at approximately \$350.
- Ask for bids for cost and amount of gravel needed. Melanie will draft up a request for bids. We could use a committee of district members to help with this process. Also a bid for the spread, compaction and grading required for the gravel placement.
- We could gravel main roads only or two roads to start. If we get the Option Tax approved, we could gravel one main road a year. We could look into getting a loan against the Option Tax to gravel all roads the first year. This would involve paying interest on the loan for 5 years.

**New Business:**

- Determine if and when to put Option Tax on the ballot. We will try for the August 27 ballot. We discussed the possible negatives of going on the November ballot in a Presidential election year.
- Write up a draft Explanatory Statement for country voter's pamphlet and Notice of Measure election. Expand on this for the website.
- We will write it for the full amount needed, stretched out over 5 years.
- Questions to ask the County Clerk: 1) Are we the only ones on the ballot for August? If so, we need a 60% voter turnout to pass the measure, with 50% +1 of the voters voting in favor. 2) What is our cost per registered voter? 3) Does an out-of-state owner get a vote? 4) Can a renter of a property vote? 5) When would we start getting funds? 6) How much would it be per 1,000 assessed value? We want to get this in the ballot summary. 7) Cost per lot of construction.
- We need to remind the County of missing signs. Melanie will call.
- How do we secure a road counter? What is the cost to rent one?
- The contract with La Pine Equipment is up September 2024. We will need to do a request for bids.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be May 21, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at the La Pine Senior Center 16450 Victory Way (next to Bi-Mart). **Adjournment:** 8:42 p.m.