

Special Road District #8
PO Box 646
La Pine, OR 07739

Minutes for the meeting of July 20, 2021

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order 7:33 p.m. by Chair Todd Moorman

Minutes: Minutes for the meeting held January 21, 2020 were read and approved. No changes were made.

Treasurer's Report: A compilation of income and bills paid since our last meeting and account balances were read by Secretary Melanie Butler. No corrections were reported and the report was approved.

New Bills: Monthly rent for Senior Center room \$45. Monthly fee for website \$25.

Correspondence: None. (Secretary Melanie Butler stated that this is for written letters received via USPS, not submissions from the website. Submission to website and email are read and responded to by the secretary privately.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- **Chip or Otta Seal –**
 - **Pros –** Permanent surface for eliminating dust, pot holes and washboard; surface lasts 10 years before requiring additional layers; less ice and earlier melting of roadways; eliminate “donuts” and other damage to our roads; eliminates need for expensive dust abatement; eliminates the twice yearly (or more) grading and need for gravel; up-front costs can be mitigated to eliminate the need for additional tax money (or assessments) to do the work.
 - **Cons –** Up-front costs; speeders; prep work of eliminating trees in easement (already underway); prep work of notifying homeowners to move fences that are outside property lines in road easement; long-term loan (10 year).

Lots of questions were asked and discussions were made about types of seal and potential for speeders to drive even faster. One company was mentioned for seal; Bowman asphalt. Earthbound Dust Control of Oregon was mentioned as a dust control company that may be better/cheaper than Envirotec. Speed bumps were mentioned as a speed control method. Board has learned from the county that this is not allowed. Someone mentioned that there is a landscape company on 8th whose trucks tend to speed down our roads. Ideas such as a speed check machine and more speed signs may help. SDAO (Special District Association of Oregon) was contacted regarding a loan to do the work. We could get \$450,000 toward the chip seal. We are not sure how much of the district roads this would cover. We also have the money saved from two years not during dust control and light snow years. This loan would take 10 years to repay. This would be entirely paid back through property taxes already being collected. No new taxation or levies on your property will be required.

- **We have an applicant for treasurer –** Brenda Lee Collette. A motion was made by a member to approve the application; motion was seconded from the floor. A vote was taken and Brenda was approved as the new treasurer.

- **Fence lines and driveway pavement** – The County says that paved driveways must end no more than two feet past the owners’ property line. Any driveways coming out further into the road may damage snow plowing equipment. If that occurs and the snow plow is damaged, the homeowner is responsible for repairs to the equipment. Any damage to pavement is properties owners’ responsibility.
- **Road sign replacement** – Todd drove the district and noted that need about six stop signs need to be replaced and some signs need to be reset so that are to the height (above the road surface) code of the county.
- **What we need from members** – *Bid Committee* to put together bid requirements and judge bids (background in road maintenance or government bidding process helpful, but not required); *Snow Committee* of members from around the neighborhood to advise board when to call for snowplow; *Sign Committee* to advise on missing signs and help put up signs. Members responded by signing up for all three. For chip seal bid committee: Mark Cook (via phone), Dean Bolden, Tracy Guenther (via her husband), George Jacob, and Bill Arthur. For the sign committee: Mark Cook (via phone), Dean Balden, Billy Guenther, Jim Moore, Rick Hanrden, Pat Cookson and Bill Arthur. For the snow advising committee: Larry Larson, Mike Thomas, Pat Cookson, Bill Arthur, and Joe Deak. Thank you to all who volunteered. Anyone else who is interested may volunteer by sending an email with the name of the committee, your name, address, email address, and phone number.

Next Meeting: August 17th 7:30 p.m. at the La Pine Senior Center.

Adjournment: 8:24 p.m. A motion was made to adjourn, motion seconded and vote passed.