

Special Road District No. 8
P.O. Box 646, La Pine, OR 97739

Special Board Meeting Minutes
July 30, 2026

Call to Order: 6:15 p.m. by President Dean Bolden.

Attending: President Dean Bolden, Secretary Brenda Collette, and Treasurer Gary Anderson.
Member: George Jordan; **Guest:** Mike Shields, La Pine Equipment, Inc.

This Special Board Meeting was noticed on the District's website. The meeting was limited to discussion regarding the La Pine Fire Mitigation Grant (as it relates to roadside brush removal) and to discuss and vote on the road maintenance for the summer/fall of 2026.

La Pine Fire Mitigation Grant:

Brenda provided information regarding the Grant gained during a drive through the District with Lauren Street of Deschutes County. Lauren believes our District could qualify for as much as \$20,000 in grant funds to remove bitterbrush and downed trees from the ingress/egress in our District. The County requires the contractor to be preapproved as well as hold a UEI federal contractor identification number. We have an estimate from Blackthorn Timber & Tech, who is County approved with an UEI number; however, the County will require estimates from three contractors. Once they have three estimates, the County will accept an estimate and draw up a contract. The Contract will be signed by both the chosen contractor and a District Board Member.

Lauren believes the application and contract process will take a while and she anticipates work would be done in October 2026.

Discussion: Board members came up with several follow up questions for Brenda to ask Lauren:

1. What happens if the grant monies received are less than the contractor estimate or there is overage at the end of the Contract?
2. Is there an application the District needs to complete to apply for the Grant?
3. How is the amount of the grant determined?
4. Do we get to approve the Contract?

Motion: *Gary Anderson moved that we obtain additional information before we decide whether to proceed. Dean seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

2026-2027 Road Maintenance:

The Board reviewed with Mike Shields the estimates from La Pine Equipment, Inc., for proposed road work including clearing and grubbing as necessary, ditching, and application of gravel on the North/South roads within the District. Specifically, the roads needing this work include Yoho, 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th Streets. The District was also provided an estimate specific to creating three mailbox pullouts (one per block) on 3rd and 6th Streets. Discussion also included the fact that there are fences and trees in the ROW on Yoho that need to be removed prior to work starting. La Pine Equipment will waive any extra charges for the removal of the trees on Yoho. The total estimates presented are more than the District has budgeted for the 2026-27 year. Discussion included paying only once to move equipment into the District; possibly limiting the work to specific streets;

reducing the amount of gravel applied this season to reduce the total cost; and setting a cap on the dollars spent on the project. Discussion was also held that whatever clearing and grubbing La Pine Equipment does not do within the ROWs will be completed with the Grant from Deschutes County hopefully in October 2026.

Motion: *Dean Bolden moved that we proceed with the work as defined in the estimates provided by La Pine Equipment to first do clearing, grubbing, and tree removal on all streets followed by ditching and gravel on 7th Street, 2nd Street, and Yoho. After completion of this work the Board will reevaluate. Further that the District will allow up to \$110,000 of the budget for 2026-27 for this work*

Additional Discussion was held about finishing the last two bus turnouts as part of this road work.

Amended Motion: *Dean Bolden amended his motion to add that the work will include the bus turnout on West Sparks South Side and West Lava South Side at the cost of \$6,129 each based on February 2026 estimates totaling \$12,258.*

Brenda seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: 7:30 p.m. by President Dean Bolden