

Special Road District #8
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Board Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2024

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:36 by Secretary Melanie Butler.
Attending were: Secretary Melanie Butler, Treasurer Brenda Collette and member Tom Opsal.

Minutes: Board member approval for the meeting held September 17, 2024. Brenda moved that the minutes for the Board Meeting be approved as read. Melanie seconded. Motion passed. (Minutes are posted on our District #8 website: [Special Road District #8 \(specialdistrict.org\)](https://specialdistrict.org) under meetings.)

Treasurer's Report: Board member approval of treasurer's report for September 2024. Melanie moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved as read. Brenda seconded. Motion passed. (Treasurer's report is posted on website.)

New Bills: Streamline \$65.00; La Pine Equipment \$14,402.50, and Senior Citizens room rent \$270.00.

Correspondence: (This is for written letters received via USPS, not submissions from the website.) District received a letter from the county with the final results of Measure 9-172, a levy to raise money for the full specification gravel. It did not pass. A letter from Deschutes county legal counsel was received asking for a member of the board to attend a meeting about a potential lawsuit regarding the surplus value of tax foreclosed property. A new Contract from First Class handyman was received.

Old Business:

- Contract with La Pine Equipment expires September 2024 – bid requests. We have not received any bids to date. Deadline is October 31, 2024. Bid request is published on the SDAO website (state-wide), the RD#8 website and in the South County Shopper print and online editions.
- Gravel/Fall grading update. Mike is still working on this, awaiting moisture to do Fall Grading.
- Two positions becoming open on the board. Treasurer and Secretary. If we cannot fill these positions, what happens? Melanie to call county and ask. Also do commissioners need to be citizens of the US?
- Driveway snow removal contract for 2024-2025. We have a new potential contract. Melanie to email Scott to ask for a couple of changes.
- New signage for meetings. Permanent sign with “meetings every 3rd Tuesday of the month.” A big thank you to Tom for getting these up quickly.
- School Bus Route gravel – Dean update. La Pine Equipment contacted the schools to get this figured out.
- Fifth Street Pull-Out for parents. By-Law Article 10.A.4 states that “there will be no parking to load or unload children within 50 feet of any stop sign.” We received an email from 16060 Park Drive, our first test site, asking why we did this. We have a need for a safer parking area back from the stop sign and graveled. Could we put up “Bus Drop-off Parking Only” signs? Tabled until we do some research.

New Business:

- Committee needed to find new commissioners (Treasurer and Secretary) for the Road District. Tabled.
- Stop sign on South corner of 7th and Park is facing wrong direction. Dean is aware of this and will fix when he is back from his trip.
- How should we repair deep ditch on South corner of Park & 8th Streets? Some Gravel? Mike says gravel is not a good way to fix this; a vehicle would get stuck even with gravel. The corner is wide enough to allow plenty of room to go around the corner with two cars passing.
- Deschutes County held a meeting to let us know about a new Supreme Court ruling requiring all states to return excess monies (beyond back taxes and expenses to sell foreclosed properties) back to the former home/property owners. The county had been paying Special Districts a “Land Sales” payment from these foreclosed properties. The county is proposing that Special Districts repay this money back to the county and it will go to the property’s former owner. This is not an imminent repayment request, as the “Demands for payment” coming from the foreclosed properties is awaiting judgement from the courts on several points including the Statute of Limitations on back years’ foreclosures.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be November 19, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at the La Pine Senior Center 16450 Victory Way (next to Bi-Mart).

Adjournment: 8:36 p.m.