

Special Road District #8, PO Box 646, La Pine, OR 97739

Board Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2023

Call to Order: 7:29 p.m. by President Dean Bolden

Attending: President Dean Bolden, Secretary Melanie Butler, and Treasurer Brenda Collette and 6 community members.

Minutes: Board member approval for the meeting held September 19, 2023. (Minutes are posted on our District #8 website: [Special Road District #8 \(specialdistrict.org\)](http://specialdistrict.org) under meetings.) Brenda motioned and Dean Seconded, motion to accept minutes passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Board member approval treasurer's report for September 2023. (Treasurer's report posted on website as above minutes.) Melanie motioned and Brenda seconded motion to accept treasurer's report passed unanimously. Ending balance \$277,800.03.

New Bills: Monthly fee for Streamline website \$42. Senior Center room rental \$270 paid July through December 2023 (6 months). First half of tree removal billed for \$31,825.

Correspondence: (This is for written letters received via USPS, not submissions from the website.) None.

Old Business:

- Sign replacement update – one more sign up.
- Update on tree removal – mostly done with some cleanup remaining.
- We submitted an application for a Fall 2023 Fuel Reduction Grant – response was no. We needed to be a “Firewise USA” community to be competitive for this grant.
- Fall road grading and limited gravel placement. Road Graded October 7th. Still some work to do.
- If contractor must return to remove trees after fences moved, can we charge that back to homeowner as a penalty for not moving their fences within a year? An email was written to the County. Reply from county was that we must retain our own lawyer to advise us.

New Business:

- Discussion and Vote required to reimburse Suzanne M. for her payment of RD8 fees. She was billed and paid for RD8 fees when she doesn't live in the district (Pine Drop Lane). She paid for 6 months of 2021 and all of 2022. Her 2023 bill has been revised to eliminate RD8 fees. Total is \$587. Motion to pay was made and tabled. County has corrected the billing. Member asked that we question the county and ask who made the decision to bill her? We should ask county to process a refund.
- Driveway snow removal bids – any local to our district? Melanie to call Scott for a bid.
- Questions on new contract for road maintenance and snow removal. We cannot ensure Article 5 compliance. Melanie to call Mike to revise contract.
- We had complaints about stumps in easement on the numbered roads.
- We had a complaint from a member regarding the right-of-way being too far into her property. Dean to check this out.
- Brenda to look into the “Firewise USA” community plan.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be November 21, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the La Pine Senior Center 16450 Victory Way (next to Bi-Mart).

Adjournment: 8:39 p.m.