

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

**Budget Meeting Minutes**

**June 20, 2023**

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by President Dean Bolden at 7:30.

**Attending:** President Dean Bolden, Secretary Melanie Butler, and Treasurer Brenda Collette. Members: Don and Cecilia Barnes, Charles Searcy, Randy Johnson, Andy Russell, and George Jacob.

**Minutes:** Approve for the meeting held May 16, 2023. Minutes are posted on our District #8 website: [Special Road District #8 \(specialdistrict.org\)](https://specialdistrict.org) under meetings. Motion was made and seconded to accept minutes, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Approve treasurer's report for May 2023. Treasurer's report posted on website as above minutes. Ending balance of all funds was \$272,493.95. Motion was made and seconded to accept treasurer's report, motion passed.

**New Bills:** Monthly fee for Streamline website \$25. There were no other bills.

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

**Old Business:**

- BUDGET for 2023-2024. Treasurer Brenda Collette presented a draft budget and explained the difference between proposed budget and actual spending. This budget is what we expect for expenses this Fiscal Year, it may be updated or adjusted as necessary. Motion was made and seconded to accept the budget as proposed, motion passed. Total expected expenses are \$126,000.
- Graveling the roads: Before we gravel, we must remove trees to allow for the full width of the roads to be shaped and ditches to be dug. This will reverse the member vote of a couple of months ago. In that vote, members wanted to use the tree removal monies to apply towards gravel. Member's suggestions: Use snow plow rather than grader to maintain crown on roads; perhaps get a plow for \$11k and plow ourselves. To reduce liability and other expenses, board would rather pay a contractor.
- Other issues:
  - **Mail Boxes** are too close to the roads – mail stops with multiple mailboxes should allow for mail carrier to be able to pull out of the roadway sufficiently for two-way traffic to pass. We could buy multiple box units and members could pay for their individual boxes. Board will look further into this. Would probably need at least 34 units of 16 boxes each at \$1800. per unit.
  - **Driveways** should be lower than that of the main road to maintain crown on road and facilitate drainage of roadway.
  - **Address Signs** should be on the right side of the main driveway and outside any fences for emergency response teams to get to you quickly.
  - **Newspaper boxes** should be back from the road at least as far as the back side of the ditch.
  - **Garbage cans** should be out of the roadway – garbage trucks have arms that can reach cans well out the way of passing cars, snow plow and grader.
  - **Driveways per dwelling** – should be at the most 2 to allow for maximum ditch length for drainage.
- We need to put up stop signs and replace road district notice sign on Amber.

**New Business:**

- Member Randy Johnson is getting bids for gravel and potentially Otta Seal or equivalent.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be July 18, 2023 7:30 p.m. at the La Pine Senior Center 16450 Victory Way (next to Bi-Mart).

**Adjournment: 8:40 p.m.**