

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

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 17, 2026**

**Call to Order:** 7:32 p.m. by President Dean Bolden.

**Attending:** President Dean Bolden and Treasurer Brenda Collette.  
Members: Gary Anderson, Arlo Fertig, Tom Opsal.

**Minutes:** Board member approval of the February 17, 2026, board meeting minutes (posted on the road district website). Brenda moved that reading of the minutes be waived and that the minutes be approved as posted on the website. Dean seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Board member approval of the Treasurer's Report for month ending February 28, 2026. Ending balance of all funds as of February 28, 2026, was \$214,562.32. Brenda moved and Dean seconded that the Treasurer's report be approved as posted on the website and summarized at the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**New Bills:** Streamline website hosting \$68 monthly for March; La Pine Equipment \$6,128.50 Lava East Bus Pullout; La Pine Equipment \$2,768.50 Sparks East Bus Pullout. Bills will be paid as presented.

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

**Old Business:**

- Open Board Positions –*Secretary position as of 12/31/2025. Treasurer position open.*
  - *Application received from Arlo D. Fertig for Chairman/President. President position NOT open for at least a year; letter to be sent to Arlo Fertig.*
  - *Application received from Gary Anderson for Treasurer. Board vote on Anderson Application: **Brenda Collette moved that the Application for Board Membership submitted by Gary Anderson be approved for the position of Treasurer.***  
*Vote of Board Members: Collette - yes; Bolden - yes.*  
*Application will be submitted by Brenda Collette to the Deschutes County Commissioners for approval.*
  - *Brenda Collette has agreed to be interim Secretary until such time as an Application for the position is submitted and approved by the Board. Board vote: **Motion: Dean Bolden moved that Brenda Collette serve as interim Secretary until an Application is submitted and approved by the Board.***  
*Vote of Board Members: Collette - Yes; Bolden - Yes.*  
*Brenda Collette will notify the Deschutes County Commissioners.*
  
- BUDGET 2026-2027 – Vote must occur on June 16, 2026
  - April meeting – evaluate needs including if we need estimates for proposed work
  - May meeting – review and evaluate proposed budget \
  
- Stop signs/Meeting signs –*Brenda ordered 25 MPH sign to be posted East of 5<sup>th</sup> on Lava. Dean and Gary added signs at the new bus pullout locations on Lava and Sparks.*
  
- Mailbox Relocation – Discussion about the first steps re feasibility study for 5<sup>th</sup> Street mailbox location vs. 4<sup>th</sup> – Yolo and 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> street locations. Member opposition to road district funds being spent on project; more research to be done.

- Road Maintenance – Spring maintenance considerations and budget considerations:
  - *Numbered side streets gravel*
  - *Gravel on Amber (Dean to drive)*
  - *6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> streets low spots raised and gravel. Obtain estimate from La Pine Equip?*
  - *bus pullouts on West Sparks and West Lava. Obtain estimates?*
  - *Spring light grading done; full grading date to be determined by weather.*
- What District’s priorities for the next 5 years?
  - *Central mailbox location(s) either 5<sup>th</sup> Street or center West side of North/South Streets.*
  - *Numbered street stump and bitterbrush removing and ditching*
  - *Bitter Brush removal. Obtain estimates from contractors for work?*
- Insurance –*Brenda’s received refund for auto liability insurance premium of \$200.*
- Letters regarding Right-of-Way Violations – *Send letters via Certified Mail – Brenda will try to get some drafted in April. Discussion held about requesting County assistance for most egregious violations of vehicles and boats.*
- Proposed Statement for Website – *What happens if district fails to elect district board members to fill vacancies on the district board. Brenda will draft in June.*
- Secretary Vacancy Issues: *Two board members is a quorum for voting.*
  - *Email to Website Subscribers – Brenda will get this sent in April.*
  - *Corporation Division – Brenda will submit amended report in April.*
  - *SDAO/SDIS – Brenda will submit updated contact sheet in April.*
  - *Deschutes County Assessor – Brenda will contact to ensure they have Brenda and Dean as only contacts*
- Neighborhood Watch – *This is a national program/organization that provides information to start Neighborhood Watch in your neighborhood. Unknown who started it in our neighborhood and placed the signs. NOT road district responsibility. Brenda responded to person who inquired.*

**New Business:**

- Arlo Fertig Challenge re Board Driveway Snow Removal/Conflict of Interest Using District’s Contractor – Brenda researched ORS 198.190 Compensation and expenses of governing body members. Board may receive an amount not to exceed \$50 for each day or portion thereof as compensation for services performed as a member of the governing body. May also receive reimbursement for actual and reasonable traveling and other expenses necessarily incurred by a member in performing official duties. The Board members receive driveway snow clearing in lieu of \$50 for each day compensation. *Brenda will provide ORS 198.190 to Arlo. Do we want to change this and receive compensation and reimbursement for actual travel expenses?*
- Amend La Pine Equipment Contract –
  - Board signed amendment removing Melanie and adding Brenda as primary contract for District. Included updated equipment prices. No other contract terms changed.
  - Request quote for proposed amendment to include equipment cost of driveway snow removal (follows behind plow/snow removal one driveway per residence – no vacant properties).
  - Do we want to approach Mike about splitting the cost of purchasing the driveway clearing blade and renegotiating contract to include driveway clearing?
- Survey to determine center of road to straighten and bring roads and intersections to correct width?
- Membership annual or semi-annual picnic/meeting – suggested it would increase membership interest in meetings; have guest speaker; simple hotdogs and hamburgers. Maybe at Tom Opsal’s property?

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be April 21, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. at the La Pine Senior Center, 16450 Victory Way (next to Bi-Mart).

**Adjournment:** 8:34 p.m. by President Dean Bolden