

**Special Road District #8, PO Box 646, La Pine, OR 07739**

**Minutes**

**April 17, 2022 held via ZOOM**

**Call to Order: 7:33 p.m.**

**Attending:** Chair Dean Bolden, Secretary Melanie Butler, Treasurer Brenda Collette, Members: Peggie Lyche, Scott and Amanda Davis, Steve Hill (for Father-in-Law), Andy Russell, “WW” (did not state name).

**Minutes:** Read and approve for the meeting held March 15, 2022. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes, motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Read and approve treasurer’s report for March 2022. All funds ending balance was \$215,556.08. Motion was made and seconded to approve the report, motion passed.

**New Bills:** Monthly fee for Streamline website \$25; April ZOOM meeting rent \$14.99; HA McCoy survey 3,106.04; La Pine Equipment (road touch up) \$2,851.25; Stamps \$304.50; Senior Center rent (6 months in advance) \$270.; Office supplies \$72.18; Road signs \$218.80.

**Correspondence:** (This is for written letters received via USPS, not submissions from the website.) La Pine Equipment changed insurance companies from Mid Valley General Agency to Atlantic Casualty Insurance Co. Letter from Mid Valley dated March 11, 2022 and Certificate of Liability Insurance from La Pine Equipment received April 8, 2022. SDAO membership renewal letter.

**Old Business:**

In order to “pave” or seal the roads, we need to:

- Survey property lines to ensure the road is where it should be. (Should be complete this week.)
- Remove trees in the easement to ensure maximum sunlight to melt roads in winter and to facilitate future road work.
- Prepare the road to proper grade and crown.
- Apply gravel and compact it. (We would need a loan to do this properly.)
- Apply seal. (This step has been postponed indefinitely. Due to lack of available funding.)

Update on work done by the survey company. Survey should be done by the end of this week. We have requested a map of monument markers. Letter to update members on current projects was sent March 28, 2022 (Dated April 2022). One of our Bid Committee members suggested pumice, “pit-run” or “over burden” on our roads for an inexpensive alternative to dust abatement. We can apply for a loan through SDAO for the gravel and compaction. We would need bids. We have some stop signs and Dean will be coordinating getting them put up. We learned from the county that we cannot put up additional speed signs.

**New Business:**

Responses to our April 2022 letter have been numerous. Several have thanked us for our hard work and one mentioned that it was a “good call in not going ahead with the previous spending plan due to budget constraints.” Some had questions, among them:

- The last thing I heard was we were going to get Chip Seal this year, disappointed to find out we are not. How much would it cost and what amount have we saved up? We have \$215,000 in our accounts. The cost of gravel alone is estimated at \$58,000 per mile x 10.85 miles = \$629,300 not including spreading, compaction and seal. Seal would double the cost.
- If we trim the lower branches of the trees, can we keep some of the trees in the easement? Trimming will not allow sun to the road surface. Complete removal of trees in the easement will help.

- Can we remove the trees ourselves and keep the wood? Or can we keep the wood when the trees are removed? You would run the risk of liability for any damage felling of a tree would cause. It is better that a professional company with full insurance and proper equipment do this. You may keep wood that is felled within the easement in front of your home.
- Can you have your snow plow driver install a bar to keep the snow from berming our driveways? (Berm Boot City of Spokane WA--YouTube video). Secretary Melanie viewed this video and the City of Spokane had considerable trouble with this apparatus. If anyone has more information about this, please let us know.

Update on Tree Removal plan. We will need to put this out to bid. If any member knows of a company they would like us to contact, please send an email to: [specialrd8@gmail.com](mailto:specialrd8@gmail.com) or submit a comment through our website at [rd8@specialdistrict.org](mailto:rd8@specialdistrict.org) . Budget is due in June. Brenda will put together a draft budget and we will discuss at May meeting.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be May 17, 2022 7:30 p.m. at the La Pine Senior Center.

**Adjournment**