

Special Road District #8 La Pine, OR 97739

MINUTES

January 18, 2022 held via ZOOM

Call to Order: 7:36 p.m. Members attending: Brandi Smith, Billy Guenther and Dean Bolden. Board Members: Melanie Butler, Secretary and Brenda Collette, Treasurer.

Minutes: Minutes were read for the meeting held November 16, 2021. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Vote passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was read for November 2021 with a balance of \$229,979.53 and for December 2021 with a balance of \$231,568.84. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Motion passed.

New Bills: Monthly fee for Streamline website \$25.00; Zoom January meeting fee \$14.99; Bennett Construction for driveway snow removal \$2210.00. SDIS (our insurance) statement for \$1,743.00. A motion was made and seconded to pay the bills. Motion passed.

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

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.
- 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.
- Apply seal.

Update on work done by the Survey company: No work has been done, due to snow. **Information from the Bid Committee:** We have an informal bid that would put the final step of applying seal at about \$30k per mile times 10.85 miles of road equalling about \$325,500 (bid ranged from \$24k to \$34k/mile). **Use of website:** Our viewing numbers were: August 662, September 627, October 597, November 800, and December 392. It seems well worth the money to keep members informed.

New Business:

Snow Berms – The board has received numerous calls about the snow berms left by our snow plows. Two callers claimed that there was a law requiring snow plowing to include removing snow berms to allow emergency vehicles clear access to properties. We researched this claim by calling the county road department and speaking with the snow plowing supervisor and by emailing the La Pine Fire Department Chief. The county does not remove snow berms. The Fire Chief replied that there is a fire code that public and commercial building must maintain "clear access" for private fire lanes, hydrants and exits. There is no fire code for road departments or contractors to remove snow berms from driveway access, mail boxes, sidewalks, fire hydrants, etc. Our road district By-Laws state that snow berm removal remains the responsibility of the property owner. The Fire Chief stated that the fire district has equipment to deal with snow-related challenges. We have posted a Snow Berm Statement on the website for further details.

Vote for new president - We have two applicants: Tracy Guenther and Dean Bolden. A vote was held via the Zoom chat feature, Secretary Melanie tallied the votes. There were two votes for Tracy and three for Dean. Dean Bolden was pronounced our new Chair. Secretary Melanie will put his name forward to the county for confirmation and do all associated paperwork.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be February 15, 2021 via ZOOM.

Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:23 p.m., motion passed.