

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

Board Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2022

Call to Order: 7:28 p.m. President Dean Bolden called the meeting to order.

Attending were: President Dean Bolden, Secretary Melanie Butler, Treasurer Brenda Collette, Pat Cookson, Scott Freshwaters, Mary Russell, Gary Clason, Rick Harden, Amanda Davis, Scott Davis, Andy Russell, Tim Eiden, Mike Grossman, Michael Smith, Arlo and Nancy Fertig, Todd Moorman.

Minutes: Approve minutes for the meeting held September 20, 2022. Minutes are posted on our District #8 website: [Special Road District #8 \(https://rd8.specialdistrict.org\)](https://rd8.specialdistrict.org) under meetings link. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Approve treasurer's report for September 2022. Treasurer's report posted on website. Total funds are: \$204,663.95. Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report, motion passed.

New Bills: Monthly fee for Streamline website \$25. Senior Center rent paid up through November.

Correspondence: (This is for written letters received via USPS, not submissions from the website.) We had one letter reminding that there is an audit report due.

Old Business:

In order to maintain and upgrade the roads in budget year 2022-2023, we want to:

- Remove trees in the easement. Update given on survey, certified letter to homeowners with fence or items in easement, and timeline for tree removal.
 - There were several comments about tree removal including a question as to why trees in the North/South road easements needed to be removed. It is not a snow melt issue as these roads get plenty of sun. Removing the trees on the North/South streets will allow for clear sightlines for the length of those roads, reveal stop signs that are now obscured, and allow for large snow deposits from the road to be pushed into the easement to keep our roadways clear and as wide as possible.
 - Members on Yoho at the West end of Twin were concerned that removing the trees in front of their home would be dangerous as cars frequently slide on ice and snow, past the road and into the trees in the easement. These trees prevent cars from entering their property and act as barriers to damage to their property. The members were concerned that replacing these barriers with others (rock, posts, etc.) might open them up to lawsuits should someone be seriously injured.
 - Other members were concerned that "their trees" would be removed.
 - Some members have not received letters informing them of fences in the easement.
 - Board reminded members that the trees in the easement belong to the road district, which is made up of all the members in the district but administered by the Board.
- Other road maintenance needed:
 - Apply gravel only where severely needed.
 - Widen road where needed East of 5th street.
 - Rework each approach to 5th street to replace gravel and repair pot holes.
 - We still need to do Fall Grading.
- We want to abate the dust in Spring 2023. Due to budget restraints and the high cost of dust abatement, we will probably not be able to do this every year.

New Business:

- To all homeowners: please remove all vehicles, pulled-tree stumps, and decor from easement before snow season. This will allow the snow from roads to be pushed into the easement and will allow the full width of the roads to be plowed. Easement should remain clear of all vehicles at all times.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be November 15, 2022, at 7:30 p.m., at the La Pine Senior Center.

Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.