

Minutes for Timberland Acres Special Road District #1

April 27, 2019 at TA Community Center on Juniper Ridge Road

Trustees in attendance: Russell “Rusty” Britt, Chair
 Charles “Charlie” Denham, Treasurer
 Rick Bowers, Culvert/Driveway Consultant
 Richard Wright, Clerk/Secretary

Call to Order, Confirmation of a Quorum:

Rusty called the meeting to order at 10:00 am, and confirmed the presence of a quorum. There four Board Members present, one Board position is vacant.

Minutes & Approval from January 26, 2019 meeting:

The Minutes had been handed out to the audience and the Board Members. Richard said that the Minutes from the last meeting are always posted on the website. Charlie moved to approve the Minutes from January 26, 2019, second by Rick, unanimous aye vote.

Treasurer’s Report & Approval:

Copies of the Report had been handed out to the Board and the audience present. Charlie went over the data in the documents: the Third Quarter Financial Report, January, February & March 2018 which included the record of contractor invoices and invoices for road materials, and Navajo County Treasurer’s Monthly classification Summary which has been reconciled with the Board’s records. The balance in our account with the County on April 24, 2019 was \$217,527.23. Charlie said that the last snow removal cost about \$12,000 to \$14,000. He asked if there were any questions. There was a discussion about the details in the report. Rusty moved to approve the Third Quarter Financial Report as written, second by Richard, unanimous aye vote.

Culvert Report:

Rick said that no one had contacted him with questions about culverts since the last meeting. He said he would be inspecting culverts soon and that if anyone had any questions about culverts to contact him.

Discussion of 2020 Road Maintenance Contract – No Action Today:

Richard handed out a packet with the existing contract and the documents used in the last sealed bidding process the Board did in 2014. He said he wanted to have a preliminary discussion about this. There was a discussion about several aspects of contract and the process. Richard said he would update the documents and have the bid packet ready at the October regular meeting. If those documents are approved by the Board, the expected schedule would be: publish twice in the White Mountain Independent in December, set a deadline for bids prior to the January regular meeting, and then open the bids and choose at the January regular meeting. The current contract expires March 8, 2020.

Discussion of Open Meetings Law and Public Input – No Action:

Richard talked about the Open Meetings Law and how the Board is following it. He handed out a page of information and recommended that interested members of the public look at the law, Title 38, at www.azleg.gov. There was a discussion about this law.

Discuss Contact Information of Known Providers of Private Driveway Snow Removal:

Richard said this involves residents driveways, and that is not the Road District’s responsibility or jurisdiction to clear private driveways. The Board can not endorse or recommend any provider, but Richard wanted to discuss this with the public so that people will have a way to find someone to get to plow their driveways next winter when the snow falls. Richard said he would like to have specific information that could be made public and he would put it in the Minutes. Olivia of the TA Community Center (602) 615-8779 said that she is open to gathering names of providers and putting it on the Timberland Acres Community Center facebook page, and also that if someone contacts her, she would try to help them with information about this, she said texting with her is fine. Steve Valentine (928) 587-5583 said he provides snow plowing services.

Road Maintenance:

Rusty talked about the status of chip sealing. He said that on Tuesday he met with Supervisor Williams and that the County can help with a 50% match of the cost, however, they are not able to help with the actual chip sealing as was done in the past, we would have to get private contractors. Rusty said he was meeting with some contractors to discuss the work, he said the main problem is that there are few contractors who want to do the work due to our rural location. He said that he would let us know about what he finds out. Rusty said he might have problems making something happen this summer, due to the fact that he just found out about the County not being able to do the actual chip sealing, and contractors might be scheduled on other jobs.

Call to the Public:

Rusty asked if anyone from the Public wanted to be heard.

Olivia Perez spoke saying that community members have been talking about emergency evacuation routes and wondering where they are or if they exist. This issue is not in the jurisdiction of the Board, the Board is responsible for Road Maintenance of the existing public roadways, but not this issue. There was a discussion by the public about this issue. There are two ways to enter or leave our neighborhood: 1) The usual entrance off Timberland Acres Road from 260, and 2) The Forest Service road in the southwest corner of TA off Wildcat Trail. There was mention of two other possible emergency exits, one at the end of Juniper Ridge and the other on the east across private land. Apparently both of these are not passable due to locked gates, no permission, and poor road conditions after you leave TA roads. It was mentioned that Timber Mesa Fire, or the Forest Service, or the County should be able to answer these questions. The community wants an evacuation map.

Brian Shields stated that some of the places where there are millings have some wear and tear from weather and use. He said it is mainly in the steeper areas, like on Apache and at the bottom of Wild Cat.

Charlie Denham said that people who live on Juniper Ridge east of Navajo say that there are big ruts in the bar ditch and some of the edge of the road is damaged.

Rusty asked if anyone else wanted to address the Board, no one spoke.

Announcement of Board Member Vacancy and Possible Appointment:

Rusty again announced the Vacancy, and asked for a volunteer. No one volunteered. He said that if someone is interested to please contact one of the Board members

Adjourn:

Rusty moved to adjourn the meeting at around 11:00 am, second by Charlie, unanimous aye vote.