

Minutes for Timberland Acres Special Road District #1

October 24, 2020 at TA Community Center on Juniper Ridge Road

Trustees in attendance: Charles “Charlie” Denham, Treasurer
Rick Bowers, Culvert/Driveway Consultant
Richard Wright, Clerk/Secretary
2 Board Positions are Vacant

Call to Order, Confirmation of a Quorum:

Richard called the meeting to order at 10:00 am, and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

Administer Oath of Offices:

Richard had sworn his Oath of Office in front of a Notary on October 22, 2020. Charlie administered a verbal Oath of Office to Richard. Then, Richard administered a verbal Oath of Office to Charlie and Rick Bowers, who then signed the written Oaths. Richard said he would send the original written Oaths to the Navajo Co. Elections Department as the County had instructed.

Minutes & Approval from January 25, 2020 meeting:

The July Meeting was cancelled due to COVID. The Minutes had been handed out to the audience and the Board Members. The Minutes are also posted on the TA website within a few days after the meeting occurs. Everyone spent a few minutes reading the Minutes. Charlie moved to approve the Minutes from January 25, 2020, second by Rick, unanimous aye vote.

Treasurer’s Report & Approval:

Copies of the Report had been handed out to the Board. Charlie said that he could send a copy email to anyone who wanted it. Charlie went over the data in the documents: 1) the 2019 Year End Summary for FY ending June 30, 2020, 2) the First Quarter Financial Report, July, August & September 2020, 3) FY 2019/2020 Ledger listing each check written, and 4) The Navajo Co Treasurers Summary and the Reconciliation. The balance in our account as of October 23, 2020 was \$76,722.78.

There was a question from the audience about where our funding comes from. The Board explained that all of our money comes from Property Taxes, that we have a line on the Tax Bills each year. Richard moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report, second by Rick, unanimous aye vote.

Letter of Resignation of Rusty Britt:

Richard read the letter that Rusty had sent the Board:

“On Thu, Sep 17, 2020 at 10:06 AM Russel Britt wrote:

It has been my privilege to serve as chairman, on the TASRD #1 Board over the past 5 years. During my tenure, we collectively have completed many projects to maintain and improve the roadways in Timberland Acres. The District has created strong relationships with local contractors which should continue to meet the future needs of the Road District. At this time, I find it necessary to step down from the Road Board. My resignation is effective immediately. In the future, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that may arise on any future projects. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve my neighbors and Navajo County. Respectfully, Rusty T. Britt”.

The Board discussed this, noting the many things that Rusty had done during his time on the Board. Charlie said that Rusty told him that he needed to be in the Valley a lot, but might consider coming back on as Vice-Chair or something in the future if he is able spend more time up here again.

Richard moved to accept the resignation, second by Charlie, unanimous aye vote. The Board discussed how to handle the work that Rusty was doing, Richard volunteered to make the Agenda and Post it for the next meeting, Rick said he would handle instructions to Cameron about snow removal, and Charlie said he would handle instructions to Cameron about the non-snow related grading and maintenance.

Discussion and Search for New Board Members – 2 Open Positions - Appoint new Board Members if Appropriate:

The Board asked if anyone was interested in serving on the Board. There was a brief discussion of what might be needed: 1) no previous experience is required, 2) the person would need to be able to prepare and post an agenda, which probably means needing to have a computer, 3) be willing to work with C/C Paving, Cameron Crandall our contractor to discuss Road maintenance and instruct C/C Paving, Cameron Crandall what to do, and 4) Chair the meetings. The Board said that if a person wanted to do the work of the Clerk/Secretary or the Treasurer, we could shift positions and they could do that. Richard offered to help the person get situated.

No one volunteered. Richard said to call him if someone was interested in talking about the position and gave his phone number. There was a discussion about putting a notice on the website that said we needed someone to serve on the Road Board. Richard said the Board is in a precarious position because if we lose another member, we will not be able to make a quorum.

Culvert Report:

Rick said that he had contact with a couple of property owners who put in Culverts. He said that he would be doing another inventory of culverts in the future. Rick said that property owners are responsible to put in culverts, and that if someone is going to do this to contact him.

Road Maintenance – Discussion and Motions regarding Bull Elk;

The Board discussed that the Water District has installed the new water main under Bull Elk and the 5 Fire Hydrants are installed, 2 are already operational, They still have to work on individual hookups and the connections to the cul-de-sacs. The Board wants to wait until they finish all the digging and it has settled for a while, before we put in any new surface, either chip or millings.

Charlie had talked with Cameron and Cameron was aware of the work the Water District did and was going to put down some AB so that the new work doesn't get torn up. There was a discussion about putting down some gravel where Bull Elk starts at Juniper Ridge because it looks like it might get muddy. Charlie said he would talk to Cameron about it.

Discussion of 2020 Road Maintenance Contract, hand out packets:

Richard handed out copies to the Board of the IGA that the Board has with Navajo County which the County says gives them the authority to help us some with the roads in TA. This was addressed at the meeting January 25, 2020. There was a brief discussion about the IGA.

Richard handed out a Packet to the Board about the Current contract we have with C/C Paving and a schedule of when we need to vote to renew it every two years. There was a discussion about this, no action needed.

Call of Election for March 2021 for 2 Board Positions:

Richard said, “the Board makes a Call of Election for March 9, 2021 to fill 2 Board positions.” There was a discussion about this with the audience, including that we could appointment someone to one or both of the positions now before the election if someone would volunteer.

Call to the Public:

The Board can only discuss and take action on items that were on the agenda.

Rick Murphy asked what is going to happen at Fielding Road where the property owners to the south gain access to their land of 10, 20, 40 acre parcels. The Board can not block off that road, the County says it is a public road. Mr. Murphy said that the County should reimburse us for the damage to our roads when they start to build back there, or maybe the County can help maintain the Road under the IGA because of this through traffic. There is no concrete information about if someone is going to build back there, but with all the demand lately it seems like something might happen.

David Blair said that quads and ATVs are coming on to his property on the weekend sometimes 6 at a time, he thinks they want to try to get to the ranch land through his property but there has never been access there. There is a sign at the start of the cul-de-sac that says “No Outlet” and Mr. Blair said he has a sign that says private property and two cars parked in the way, which the ATVs go around. This was discussed. Mr. Blair asked if maybe the County would help repair the roads under the IGA because non-residents are driving through on ATVs too.

R. D. Hobbs said that a 5th wheel recreation vehicle was parked on a lot down the street near him and asked about if there was a time limit for people to do that, like 12 months while you are building a home. The Road Board has no authority over what is on private property. This was discussed and the County Building Department should be contacted if there is something not code that is going on on private property. The County will send a letter to the property owner about any use that is not permitted by code, like storage or living in a camper.

Adjourn:

Richard moved to adjourn the meeting at around 11:25 am, second by Charlie, unanimous aye vote.