

Minutes for Timberland Acres Special Road District #1

October 27, 2018 at TA Community Center on Juniper Ridge Road

Trustees in attendance: Russell “Rusty” Britt, Chair
Charles “Charlie” Denham, Vice-Chair
Kristine Sleighter, Treasurer
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; Trustee Rick Bowers was not present.

Minutes & Approval from July 28, 2018 meeting:

The Minutes had been handed out to the audience and the Board Members. After allowing some time for those present to be able to read them, Kristine moved “To approve the Minutes from July 28, 2018 as written”, second by Charlie, unanimous aye vote.

Treasurer’s Report & Approval:

Kristine had handed out copies to the Board and the audience present. She went over the data in the documents: the First Quarter Financial Report, July, August, & September 2018 which included the record of contractor invoices and invoices for road materials, the FY 2018/19 ledger of all checks written and Navajo County Treasurer’s Monthly classification Summary which has been reconciled with the Board’s records. The First Quarter ending balance on 09/30/18 was \$196,958.67. Kristine asked if anyone had any questions, no one had any. Charlie moved to approve the First Quarter Financial Report as written, second by Rusty, unanimous aye vote.

Kristine spoke about the Biennial Financial Review process, it is not due this year; the next time we have to initiate it is July 2019. She reminded the Board that we must use a Licensed CPA to do the review; we last used a firm with state certification in Fire District financial reviews. She said that A.R.S 48-253 is the statute we have to follow.

Culvert Report:

Rick Bowers was not present. Rusty said he gives Rick a lot of credit for the detailed report that he had prepared at the last meeting. Rusty asked Cameron Crandall the contractor (who was present) about the culvert maintenance and Cameron said he had cleared several and they all look OK at this point.

Road Maintenance:

Rusty reported that maintenance and repairs are on-going. He reported that millings were put down on Navajo between Juniper Ridge and Bull Elk, and that the sections were patched on Navajo between Juniper Ridge and Bear Track to complete the paving there.

Board Member Resignation:

Kristine presented her letter of resignation, effective immediately, to the Board. She said that she was working full time and could no longer serve on the Board. She asked for someone in the audience to please step forward and help by becoming the Treasurer, she said she would help during the transition. Rusty said that no one has done more for the Road Board in the last 6 years than Kristine, and he thanked her, the audience clapped and several said “thanks Kristine”. Rusty noted that the finances are very well in order and she has done a lot to make that happen. Rusty said that he would reluctantly move to accept the resignation, second by Charlie, unanimous vote. There was a discussion about finding someone to volunteer for the Board, Richard asked the audience for any volunteers. There was a discussion about the treasurer’s duties with the audience, and several possible residents who were not present were mentioned

as possibilities, but no one came forward. Kristine said that she had a calendar “cheat sheet” that can be followed to see what is due each month, and that the new treasurer can follow that. The Board thanked Kristine again for her service.

Call to the Public:

Rusty said he first wanted to apologize to anyone he had offended, or who he had been sharp with. He said that he took a vow to protect and work for the community in his oath, swearing “so help me God” and that is who he has to answer to; that is why he wanted to apologize and do better. Rusty said that he would work to do his best. Rusty asked if anyone in the audience had any comments. An audience member asked that some gravel be put at the intersection of Loggers and Apache, that there is a lot of traffic, and on Mogollon also. There was a brief discussion about how to improve the road there. Rusty asked Cameron about the patching he did yesterday, Cameron said he used hot patch on Old Oak and other places. Rusty said that shoulders on the chip seal will “blow out” over time; that asphalt would be doing the same thing because there is no curb, and that we will have to keep maintaining that.

There was a discussion about preparation for snow removal. Cameron said he thinks we should plow if over approximately 4 inches has fallen and it is supposed to keep snowing. But it really depends on what the Board and the residents think. He said he was of the opinion that cars can get through up to 6 inches pretty well, and that if we plow, there is the problem of the snow berm that is left blocking the driveways, so it is a matter of trying to balance those problems. Rusty said that we do not clear the snow berm out of peoples driveways after we plow, that no municipality he knows of does that, but the Road Board will do the best we can to maintain the roads.

An audience member said he was curious about where the Road Board got the money to do the work. Rusty explained that it is property tax money. Richard said that it was a line on each property tax bill so you can see how much the Road Board is getting.

There was more audience discussion about finding a Treasurer. After talking about it a while, Charlie Denham said he would do it if no one else would step forward. There was a discussion whether it was necessary to appoint Charlie, but that was not needed, because once a Board Trustee is elected or appointed to the Board, they do not fill a specific position, that they could be in any position. So Charlie agreed to immediately become acting Treasurer. The Board will put an agenda item regarding these changes for the next meeting, including hopefully appointing a new Board Member if someone comes forward to volunteer.

An audience member said that he wanted to compliment the Board for the work that has been done, that the condition of roads speaks for itself and it is outstanding work.

Several people thanked Charlie for volunteering for the Treasurer position.

Adjourn:

Rusty moved to adjourn the meeting at around 10:40 am, second by Charlie, unanimous aye vote, Rusty, Charlie and Richard (Kristine had resigned).