

Minutes for Timberland Acres Special Road District #1

April 23, 2022 at TA Community Center, 6282 Juniper Ridge Road

Trustees in attendance: Mark Lunario, Chair
Darryl Sleighter, Vice-Chair
Gerald “Jerry” Irving, Treasurer
Richard Wright, Clerk/Secretary
Charles “Charlie” Denham, Culvert/Driveway Consultant

Call to Order, Confirmation of a Quorum:

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

Minutes from January 22, 2022 Meeting:

The Minutes have been posted on the website and Richard had handed out copies to each Board Member and the audience present. Charlie moved to Approve the Minutes as presented, second by Darryl, unanimous aye vote.

Treasurer’s Quarterly Report:

Charlie went over the details of the Third Quarter Financial Report for January, February & March 2022 and the printout from the Navajo County Treasurer about checks paid/deposits/reconciliation. For the quarter there were \$6,295.00 for Road Maintenance and \$9,176.72 in payments for Road Materials, totaling \$15,471.72. The balance on April 22, 2022 was \$157,431.76.

Charlie read the notice from the County about them requiring all reporting to be paperless by April 2022 and that he was working with Darryl to get an email address to use instead of his personal one. Jerry moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented, second by Darryl, unanimous aye vote.

Submission and Approval of Fiscal Year Budget for 2022-2023:

Charlie presented and explained the Budget for FY 2022-23 that will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for next year. Road Maintenance \$36,900, Road Material \$30,000, Administration and Misc., Improvement Projects \$8,200, totaling \$80,225. Mark asked about the funds for materials for Bull Elk project; there was a discussion; Darryl said that he expected the materials will be bought prior to the start of the fiscal year so that would be under the current Fiscal year’s accounting. Jerry moved to approve the Budget for FY 2022-23 as presented, second by Darryl, unanimous aye vote.

Culvert Report:

Jerry said that he had nothing interesting to report regarding Culverts. Darryl spoke about the Culvert map and requirements that is on the website, and asked for a new clean copy so that he can put that up on the new website he is constructing. Darryl said that the instructions need to be clarified, one issue is that since oftentimes, due to the lay of the land and the fact that the road property width of 50 feet is usually wider than the actual road as constructed, a culvert for a driveway sometimes has to be put inside the TA Road Board property. When that is done the homeowner has to meet with the Culvert person for the Board to make sure it is located properly, and afterwards it is up to the homeowner to maintain it even though it is on Road Board property.

Notification of Board Members Changing Offices:

Mark said that Charlie has done a great job as Treasurer but as of today he will be stepping down and Jerry will become the Treasurer. Charlie said he would take over the Culvert position if there was no one else in the community wanted to join the Board. Darryl spoke about how the Board Members are elected or appointed to the Board as Members, but that the individual positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, etc are decided internally by the Board.

Submission and Vote on Estimate of Material to Improve Bull Elk Run and prepare for Chip Seal:

Cameron Crandall our contractor is working on the estimate. The County has said that they will help with the costs of material gravel and rock, etc. to improve Bull Elk Run from Juniper Ridge to Wild Cat, but they won't help with the costs of the surface Chip Seal. So Cameron will provide us with the estimates, we will apply for the grant and the County will put it in their budget. Darryl moved "That the Chair, Mark, be authorized to spend the funds for the materials in the estimates that will be presented by our Contractor to improve Bull Elk", second by Richard, unanimous aye vote.

Renewal of CC Paving Road Maintenance Contract for 2 years:

After a short discussion, Darryl moved to renew the contract with CC Paving for another 2 years, second by Jerry, unanimous aye vote.

Call to the Public:

Jackie Downey 6235 Mogollon Trail, said that her driveway is narrow and because of the location of the culvert and recent erosion, it is very narrow and she is having problems getting in a out of her property because it is so narrow. Jerry said he would take a look at it.

Jim Billings 6354 Deer Run said that the culvert at his driveway is filled with dirt and asked if that is his responsibility. He also had questions about where the culvert can extend to. Darryl explained that a property owner needs to follow the standards for culverts that we have established. If needed the property owner will contact and meet with the Culvert person on the Board to locate the Culvert or discuss any issues ahead of time; this is usually an easy process.

Lana Hitchens asked about posts with reflectors that are sometimes posted at the ends of the culverts. There are some on Deer Run that are at the end of a driveway at a bend in Deer Run, but end up being so far into the road way as to be in the way when you drive on Deer Run.

Dick Hobbs 947 White Mountain Drive said that the culvert at Loggers Lane and Geronimo that was damaged by a truck a while ago and needs to be looked at. Charlie said that Cameron had worked on that damage, Darryl said that the Culvert person would look into it.

Scott Trimm asked about the status of one of the escape routes, emergency exits in case of fire. There was a discussion about this. This is a route that crosses Smith Ranch, it is controlled by Timber-Mesa and the Smith's and it is up to them; Timber-Mesa should be contacted about that route. Darryl said that since it that route runs parallel to White Mountain, in an emergency residents could use White Mountain Drive. [Note: this has been discussed at past meetings; there is information in past Minutes posted online.]

Cindy Johnson said that she doesn't doubt the honesty of the Board members, but she asked if there were audits of finances of the Board. Charlie explained that we have someone look at the books every year, but this year it has been delayed. Cindy said: Is there a plan to have it done? There was a discussion about this. Cindy also asked if the ballot measure that we did in March for the override was approved. Richard said that it was approved, 84% of the people who voted voted to approve. This was much higher percent approval than the last override 5 years ago which passed with about 53% voting in favor. There was a discussion about the override and taxing. There is a line on our property tax bill for Timberland Acres Road Board. All this is calculated by the County each year. Please contact the Navajo County Assessor or Treasurer if you want a full explanation of this. [Note: The results of the March 2022 election and past elections are posted online at Navajo County Department of Elections.]

Adjourn:

Mark moved to Adjourn the Meeting, Second by Darryl, Unanimous Aye Votes.