

Pinewood Springs Road Board Meeting Approved Minutes
7-12-2022

Board Present: John Lorang, Pat Dewey, Joan Paskewitz

Board Absent: None

Road Crew/RMI Present: None; Pat will report.

Residents Present: Martijn Bolster, Annette Crandall-Thorsted, Dianna Lawyer-Brook, Tom Tuer,
Larry Wisecup

Call to Order: 7:10

Motion to accept the Agenda: Motion Pat, second Joan. Passed.

Minutes: Motion Pat, second John to accept the Minutes as written. Passed.

Reports:

1. Treasurer: Given by Joan as acting treasurer. An adjustment of the budget at the County (Clint Jones) is required to reduce the allocation to snow removal and increase the road maintenance allocation, as was decided at the April 5 meeting. There are two paid charges the County has record of that were not authorized by the Board treasurer, and discrepancies between the County and Board records that are not solely explained by differences in dates. Joan will contact Clint Jones to resolve.
2. Chair: John stated Katie Beilby told him budget changes are OK. He proposed a 2023 budget allocating \$8K of the expected \$140K to fixed charges, \$14K to snow removal, \$20K to reserve, and the balance to road maintenance. RMI will maintain the sand barrels.
3. Road Supervisor: Pat reported priorities and budgets have been set with RMI and Bladeworks, and they are working on upper Kiowa and Ogalala, Pinewood, Seneca, Iroquois, Arapahoe and Button Rock. (See also New Business.) Priorities will be added as budgets allow. Martijn mentioned the intersection of Cherokee and US 36 where trucks have dropped into the ditch; Pat will follow up with the County.
4. RMI/Road Crew: Pat presented a progress statement from RMI. \$19K has been spent.

Old Business:

1. Schedule Annual Meeting: John suggested the first Tuesday in October, the 4th, for the Annual Meeting. Bylaws require it to be held in conjunction with a regular Board meeting. Dianna suggested business be minimized to focus on how the Board operates and what it does. Motion Pat, second Joan to hold the meeting Oct 4. Passed.
2. Road work priorities: In process.
3. Budget: John stated our main need is to divide available funds between snow removal and road maintenance. The County Commissioners need the Board's proposed budget in September. John will speak with Katie regarding designating \$20K as reserve vs no reserve. Of expected \$143K total, we propose \$15K snow removal, \$20K reserve, \$8K fixed, and the balance to road maintenance. Motion John, second Joan. Passed.

4. New Board member search: Three candidates for the two open Board positions introduced themselves. John L. expressed a desire to resign. The sentiment was expressed that a three-member turnover on the Board might not be wise. Both Dianna and Annette indicated willingness to withdraw their applications. Tom pointed out that RMI is the Board's source for both history and specific knowledge. The County has not said when they will act on new appointments.
5. Bylaws discussion: Delayed until next meeting.
6. Fire preparedness committee: Joan reported the next Community Wildfire Preparation Plan (CWPP) meeting is next week. The committee wants a commitment from the Road Board regarding what roads could do to enhance community preparation. Dianna stated plan should be specific so people would have concrete suggestions, such as reminders of resident responsibilities regarding their road Right of Way (ROW). John opined that the RMI plan to reduce double ditches would widen the road barrier to wildfire spread. All agreed to improved evacuation signage. Beyond encouraging residents to clear the ROW of vegetation, doing so would require manpower and funds the Board does not have.
7. Pedestrian safety on Seneca Bridge: Pat stated he has talked with the County and their position is that we can pay for and do what we believe is necessary as long as we follow their specifications and attach nothing to the bridge itself. The Road funds are for the roads; bridges are the responsibility of the County. We agreed that no action on the part of the Board is feasible.

New Business:

1. Review letter to Board re: Cree encroachment: Larry Wisecup presented a letter he has sent to the Road Board and the County. His concern is that the road has been narrowed by his neighbor's fence to the point that he is unable to bring his trailer into his driveway, interfering with his use of the public roadway for which we all pay. The fence has been moved farther into the roadway on three successive occasions, the most recent being while he was away from home for a few days in August of 2021. Now it is ON the improved surface of the road itself. Someone came from the County, but met with only the neighbor, not with him or others who are affected. About half of the property corner pins are visible, rendering a survey besides the point. John will contact Matt Johnson (again). Larry suggested going to the County Commissioners if Matt does not provide relief.
2. Button Rock quarry issue: John Lorang contacted the planner on call at the County, who told him they can't do anything. A resident on Button Rock has had large trucks cutting the corner and doing damage to his property. The culvert needs to be extended and very large rocks placed to block traffic onto the corner property. RMI states a few \$100 will take care of it, and they will advise on maintenance of the area. The County will repair the damaged sign.

Next meeting: August 2, 2021. (Plan the Annual Meeting.)

Adjournment: Motion Joan, second Pat. Passed 8:55

Submitted by Joan Paskewitz, acting secretary