

Hoback Ranches Service and Improvement District

P. O. Box 33, Bondurant, Wyoming 82922

NOVEMBER 16, 2018, EMERGENCY PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

Directors in attendance: Bruce Bartley, Dave Nemetz, Sally Ruosch

Owners in attendance: Dena Baker, Barb Burris, Pete Teller, April Fellows, Jennifer Jensen, Mike Smith, Bill Conley, Lucy Conley, Stephanie Housley, Sam Sumrall, Cookie Karins, Bambi Rich, Greg Bemis, Gary Ryan, Susan Ryan, Andrea Sramek, Eric Fleming, Jim McCollum, Royce McCollum, Dave Shipek, Nikki Cowley, Terry Sellers, Tom Haigler

The meeting was held in the kiosk parking lot, Skyline and Rim Roads, Hoback Ranches, and by conference call for those owners unable to attend in person.

Chairman Bartley called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. He explained the purpose of the meeting was to declare that an emergency exists because of infrastructure damage caused by the Roosevelt Fire. He read the emergency resolution (attached to these minutes). Erosion control on steep slopes adjacent to District roads will require transferring monies from the reserve account into the operating account. State of Wyoming statutes require that if Service and Improvement Districts are unable to operate within their approved budget, they must declare an emergency, hold a public meeting, and pass a motion by vote of District directors to approve releasing emergency funds. The budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year was approved at the July 19, 2018, annual meeting. The cost of erosion control is estimated to be \$170,000 and will require funds exceeding the annual budget.

Chairman Bartley explained that the objective is to save Rim Road. Wood straw supplied by Mountain Pine Manufacturing of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, will be sprayed on steep slopes by Grouse Mountain Environmental Consultants of Buffalo, Wyoming. Areas being targeted are adjacent to upper Rim Road near the two abutments, as well as Mountain View and Fisherman Roads.

Several work parties by Hoback Ranches' volunteers have placed wood straw bales and straw wattles, donated by WYDOT and State Forestry, and built rock check dams to critical areas susceptible to erosion, saving the District money.

The meeting was then opened to owners' questions and concerns. Some questions related to the product being recommended and the Mountain Pine Manufacturing website address was requested. It is mpinem.com. Most questions centered around how much of the reserve account would be used, and how much would be left for unforeseen emergencies.

This is the breakdown of known resources:

\$100,000 Lions' Club donation, \$115,000 reserves (in addition to \$35,000 allotted for Winney lawsuit costs, if necessary), \$23,000 DEQ grant. Total available is \$238,000, minus \$170,000 cost of erosion control, which leaves \$68,000, plus \$35,000, and equals \$103,000 remaining in reserve account.

Director Nemetz mentioned potential grant money which could be available in the coming months and year, and the possibility of money coming from the state legislature dissolving an unused account was also brought up.

Several owners voiced concern that too much of the reserve was being spent at this time.

After public discussion, Chairman Bartley called for the question. Director Nemetz moved to adopt the resolution and Chairman Bartley seconded. Chairman Bartley and Director Nemetz voted in favor and Director Ruosch voted against. The motion carried two in favor to one opposed. .

Resolution 18-012 (attached to these minutes) was read as a qualification in the application for the Mineral Royalty Grant which is due November 23, 2018, in Cheyenne. Director Ruosch moved to approve the motion and Director Nemetz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Bartley then read his letter of resignation (letter attached to these minutes).

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

