

Hoback Ranches 2022 Early Budget Meeting

Date: June 18, 2022

Board Members in Attendance

- Sam Sumrall, Chairman
- Joe LeDuc, Secretary

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Sam Sumrall at 1pm

- The 2022 proposed budget was broken down by line item and discussed in detail. The most significant component is the request for more revenue from the county based on increased expenses and higher taxes. Of concern was the high cost of magging the 3 miles of Rim Rd from highway to HR arches. Some suggestions were to halt the magging altogether and/or encourage the county to take over the expense.
- Update was provided on fencing. The fence line was walked in its entirety with repairs made to damaged wires with tree removal as necessary. It was determined the fence is currently intact and in good condition.
- Announcement was made in regards to a donated cattle guard. This will be installed over the summer on the East end in a known problem area where cattle have been reported to be in the Ranches.
- Discussion on fallen trees specifically due to high wind storms. There have been many instances of down trees blocking roads after storms. Board members and volunteers have taken action by cutting and discarding the trees. It was suggested to have a call list of additional volunteers who can clear the roads at the time the road blockage is reported. All residents are encouraged to report a blocked road; logistics will be further discussed at the summer meeting.
- Magging project reported to be complete. Two additional miles in the Ranches were magged due to the generosity of two HR residents who split the cost for this year. Many thanks go out to them! With the magging of these roads, a discussion ensued on the numerous reports of speeding in the Ranches. Both the board members and residents agree that all drivers, especially contractors need to slow down. Excessive speed is one of the main reasons for the road damage. New signage will be posted at various spots to address this issue.
- Tort update was provided that an appeal has been filed. More information to come at the summer meeting.

- Update was provided on road deterioration at a location on the East end. All were in agreement that the issue of sliding soil can potentially cause future problems with road access. Course of resolution has not yet been determined.

- The Lichtendahl Family is generously requesting to make an improvement to the Ranches as a memorial to family members Charlie and Irma. Some suggestions included a new kiosk at the snowmobile lot, AED signage. All other suggestions are welcome.

Meeting adjourned