

Hoback Ranches Service and Improvement District
Early budget Meeting Minutes
Saturday June 15, 2024
St Hubert Church, Bondurant, WY

Welcome – Sam Sumrall, Chair, and David Fellows, Treasurer, welcomed four residents to the meeting at 1:03 om, MDT. Two additional residents joined 30 minutes into the meeting.

The approval of the July 16, 2023 Annual meeting minutes was delayed until the 2024 Annual meeting, when it is expected that Bill Balderston, secretary, will be present.

Sam Sumrall announced that the Sublette County Clerk certified the recent election for District Director position, with Bill Balderston winning all 69 votes (of 256 ballots sent out).


Sam and David covered various Wyoming State requirements: All three of the Directors have received the mandatory State training as public officers. All three elected Directors passed the background checks our lawyers recommended we conduct, as the budgets have outpaced the Bonds that all signers of the checking account have. The District also passed (as “Compliant”) the State audit of the District’s 2024 fiscal year. The gravel pit in the National Forest across the highway has been removed, both spread on the District roads, and moved to the County pit adjacent to the old District pit. The County has graciously allowed the District to use part of their pit. The burn pile is no longer allowed in the National Forest, although we hope the argument that the training benefits for both the local firefighters and National Forest firefighters might change this decision.

David presented the proposed budget, talking from the one-page summary. The headline is that the fiscal 2025 request of the County is the same as the 2024 approved budget, and it appears that the 2024 budget will be underspent – good news in that there will be cash available later this year to spend against the 2025 budget. In the next two weeks, gravel will be delivered to the Skyline parking lot and spread in the Ranches.

The check register for the past year was distributed. It contains all of the expenditures of the District, as there is no other way to spend money – no credit cards, no petty (or other) cash, etc. All expenses are paid by check, with two District officers signing off on every check.

In open discussion, it was requested that the vegetation along some of the roads in the District be trimmed back to improved visibility. Also, anger was expressed about the lack of adequate notice from the National Forest regarding the Monument Ridge prescribed fire, as those with breathing problems need time to evacuate the area.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 pm.



Sam Sumrall



David Fellows