



Meeting Minutes - Approved

Call to order by Mark Pearson

A meeting of DHRID Advisory Committee was held at La Plata Fairgrounds on 4/4/2023.

Attendees

Attendees included Mark Pearson, Tom Hill, Alan Shupe, Dan Featheringill, Matt Juntunen (Matt II) & Nicole Baillis & Matt Jacobs (Matt II). Visitors included Genie Shupe, Steve Barton & Michelle Featheringill

I refer to Matthew Juntunen as Matt I, and to Matthew Jacobson as Matt II. Apologies if I put any words in the wrong mouth - Genie Shupe

Approval of minutes

Minutes of the Jan 24 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes, and they were approved by voice vote.

Discussion of Winter Maintenance Contract

The contract is usually let for a three-year period. No others besides Waldo submitted bids. Waldo notified the county that he doesn't want to do the winter snow removal, and the county split the contract into two sections, summer maintenance and snow plowing. A new request for proposals is due 4/10 for a one-year contract with two options to renew. Alan and Mark have both discussed with Kurt the possibility of him bidding for next year (2023-2024 season) snow removal. The problem is for Kurt to find a new driver for the motor grader.

Matt I and Tom Hill have talked to Richard Knowlton ("Pooh"). He may be interested but unsure as to how it might work. Nicole suggested that we contact Taylor Ranch, since Kurt is not planning to continue with their snow removal. Matt wondered if we could get county equipment. Alan suggested the board should contact the county commissioners about the problem; and maybe there could be an intergovernmental agreement - like the Forest Service agreement several years ago). Mark will contact the LPCC about our issue.

Nicole asked if there are any other subdivisions where there are similar challenges. Matt II said he knows someone who lives on Maple Lane in Florida River Estates. Dan said that Randy Robinette has been interested, but did not bid. Tom has talked to Clyde Church, who mentioned Falls Creek. They have 8 miles of roads and purchased a used grader. Unsure if they have a metro district or HOA.

Alan said that HOA and metro district can do different things. Since the county approved the roads here (Forest Service contract) maybe the county should help with the situation. General consensus was that there was a little time for the snow removal situation to be resolved, and some ideas could be worked on.

Mark is to talk to the commissioners about getting on their agenda for a work session. He will also talk to Kurt about maybe considering Richard Knowles as a backup driver, or to continue or one more year.

Matt would talk to Pooh to see if he would be willing to work for Kurt, or would he have the ability to purchase equipment?

Dan asked if we could hire the county to do our roads, using our funds. Nicol will reach out to Carly about a work session.

Alan said that a previous bidder (2020 F&M?) had a lot of equipment. Other possible contractors were mentioned in general conversation: Brown Builders, Edgemont, Rick Roberts, Patrick Fleege on Mapel Lane, Scott Fowler

Previous action item updates

Matt Juntunen reported that towing is probably not going to happen, unless law enforcement or the vehicle owner calls a service, the tow companies do not want to come up. Matt suggested making a sticker or flyer to leave on vehicles left on the roads. Perhaps some No Parking signs on some of the turnouts.

Matt I also reported that the sign is partially made; waiting for better weather for completion.

Tom: proposed neighborhood signs are on pause for now - funding.

Mark reported that \$7000 was spent on pushing back snow

Mill Levy Increase

Nicole had asked if the district could use its funds to pay for a ballot issue. The exact cost is unknown, but typically costs are split among all ballot issues, and \$5000 is a reasonable expectation. County counsel says that the district mill levy could be raised by approval of a ballot issue. There is no option for a progressive mill levy.

The below info from the January meeting minutes is included for frame off reference:

How could the mill levy be increased? Is there a cost-of-living (COL) increase now? Could a COL increase be included if the mill levy is increased? What is the process?

The committee would have to vote to have an election to change the mill levy. The commissioners would have to agree. If the issue was going to be placed on the ballot (in a normal election cycle), the deadline is July 1 of that year. In August-September the county clerk and county legal advisors write the ballot issue. The cost would likely be \$5-7000 total. Costs must be paid by the district.

Who can vote: Colorado residents and property owners, who are registered to vote in Colorado. This would include property owners in the district, if they are Colorado voters, as well as other residents including tenants. To compare, only property owners are eligible to vote in HOA elections.

Can DHRID include election costs in the budget or could reserve funds be used to pay for the costs? Nicole will ask those questions and report.

Tower site user list

Mark did not get the list yet

HOA cost sharing info

Genie found out by speaking to a few residents that Blue Spruce owners have their own Bobcat and snowplow, and they cooperate on their own snow removal. Clearview homeowners pay about \$500 per year.

Strategies for continuing work for next meeting:

Find out more info on the Forest Service grant that will be coming up, and what would a cost index look like, which might be part of a mill levy increase.

Nicole & Tom will work on contacting the commissioners; possible individual meeting during their office hours?

Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voice approval.