

Durango Hills Road District Number One Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2015

**Approved By Board Vote at 4/28/2016 Advisory Committee Meeting**

Formal notice was provided to La Plata County (<[infodesk@co.laplata.co.us](mailto:infodesk@co.laplata.co.us)>) and subsequently publically posted regarding a meeting of the Durango Hills Road Improvement District Number One Advisory Committee. The meeting was announced by La Plata County to be conducted on December 10, 2015, and start at 6 PM. The meeting was to be conducted at the La Plata County Fairgrounds Animas Room (2500 Main Avenue, Durango, CO).

Said meeting was conducted as announced.

**Date:** December, 2015

**Start Time:** Meeting called to order by Advisory Board Chairman, Bob Pfeiffer at 5:56 PM.

**End time:** Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

**Committee Attendees:**

(6 of 6 sitting committee members present. 1 committee vacancy.)

- Russell Kimble
- Dan Olson
- Bob Pfeiffer
- Jim Rockelmann
- Alan Shupe
- Richard Woodbury

**County Attendees:**

- None

**Other Attendees:**

- Howard Rachlin, District Resident

**Meeting Discussion and Directives:**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- All present voted in favor of approving the previous meeting minutes with no modifications.

Committee Vacancy Update

- Bob Pfeiffer reported that County Commissions would appoint a replacement for David Downs' seat on the Advisory Committee in January.

Follow-Up on Vice Chair Guidance From County

- Dan Olson reported that Adam Smith from the La Plata County Attorney's Office had clarified that the committee *shall* appoint a Vice Chair.

- Dan Olson made a motion that the Advisory Committee appoint a Vice Chair at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
  - Richard Woodbury seconded the motion.
  - There was no discussion.
  - All present voted in favor of the motion.

#### Follow-Up on Posting Meeting Notices Within The District Guidance From County

- Dan Olson reported that Adam Smith from the La Plata County Attorney's Office had clarified that the Advisory Committee *shall* post public notice in three spots visible within the district boundary.
- Dan Olson made a motion that the Advisory Committee begin posting public notice in three spots visible within the district.
  - Russell Kimble seconded the motion.
  - Extensive discussion followed.
    - Concerns were raised by Bob Pfeiffer and Jim Rockelmann regarding the lack of possible locations for postings.
    - Alan Shupe raised concerns regarding the functionality/readability of signs within the neighborhood.
    - General discussion was had regarding the potential to post at one spot that everyone must drive through (perimeter posting).
    - The group came to a consensus that at a minimum, for our next meeting we would post a sign on Jim Rockelmann's property next to the existing neighborhood sign while we continue to explore potential locations and ways to effectively post public notices in the tax district.
  - All present voted in favor of posting public notice within the tax district before our next meeting.

#### Plan for Improving Cell Tower User List

- Dan Olson asked the group to consider how we might work to gather a more up-to-date and complete list of cell tower users for Diane Sorensen to use when sending invoices.
- Alan Shupe volunteered to get the current list from Diane Sorensen and do some initial exploration on how to improve the list.

#### Review of Winter Maintenance Contract and Expectations

- Dan Olson flagged two concerns regarding the winter maintenance contract: 1) the lack of contractually required reporting of hours "used" on winter maintenance contract monthly invoices 2) the lack of clarity in the contract on whether or not additional pieces of equipment could be used as part of the fixed 184 hours of snow removal time.
- The group discussed the benefit of having visibility into our monthly snow removal hours balance. The issue had been brought up with Janalee Hogan, and she is now requiring monthly hour reporting on contractor invoices.
- The group had significant and unresolvable differences of opinion on whether or not the contract provided for only a motor grader or multiple pieces of equipment

within our fixed 184 hours.

- To help resolve the group's lack of consensus, Dan Olson agreed to meet in person with Janalee Hogan to review the contract language with her in person.

#### "Bionic Soil" As An Alternative To Magnesium Chloride

- Russell Kimble had suggested that the Advisory Committee explore the use of a new product that claims to help harden dirt/gravel road surfaces.
- Bob Pfeiffer reported that he was told by County Representatives that the product could not be used or piloted within the tax district because of the lack of product detail transparency and the inability to facilitate a competitive bid process.
- Russell Kimble asked about the possibility of a limited trial.
- Russell Kimble was tasked with reaching out to County Road and Bridge staff himself to explore any potential options personally.

#### Move to Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Minutes compiled by Dan Olson on December 23, 2015. No meeting audio available.