

Durango Hills Road District Number One Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2016
APPROVED

Formal notice was provided to La Plata County via Jan Mayer-Gawlik, and subsequently publically posted at the county administration building and in three locations within the road improvement district, 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 May 19, 2016, and start at 6 PM. The meeting was to be conducted at the La Plata County Administrative Building at 1011 East 2nd Avenue, Durango, CO 81301 in the Training Room.

Said meeting was conducted as announced.

Date: May 19, 2016

Start Time: Meeting called to order by Advisory Board Chairman, Richard Woodbury at 6:01 PM.

End time: Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Committee Attendees:

7 of 7 sitting committee members present.

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

Members of the Public (who signed the sign-in sheet):

- Charles Jenkins
- Kathy Fackler
- Mark Fackler
- Robert Koenig
- Estela Koenig
- Jack Lambert
- Dan Featheringill
- Dwight Frankfather
- Mike Freitas
- Stan Craft

Meeting Discussion and Directives:

Thanks to Bob

- Richard Woodbury thanked Bob Pfeiffer for his many years of service on the board and as the outgoing Board Chair.

Old Business

- Dan Olson informed the group that he and Russell Kimble are scheduling a meeting to start the guidance document for maintenance priorities.

General Introduction Of Advisory Committee Role For Attending Public

- Richard Woodbury thanked public for coming and asked how many learned of the meeting from email, website and signage.
- Richard explained the role of the Board and how members of the public can become Advisory Committee members.
- Richard explained basics of district's budget and maintenance contracts.
- Richard asked for questions and comments from public.
- Alan Shupe clarified some details on the winter contract.

Secretary Update

- Email list
 - Dan Olson reported that the District has email contact information for 49 individuals, representing about 1/3 of all parcels in the district.
- Website
 - Dan reported that 176 visits have been recorded to the DHRID website in the past 3 weeks.
 - In addition, the Contact Form has been used 13 times.
 - Contact form was used to share contact details, provide survey responses, request change of mailing address, and to express gratitude for increased outreach efforts.
- Public survey, initial results
 - Dan Olson reported that the District has received 13 survey responses to date. Given the small sample size, Dan reported that it was too early to present preliminary numerical results, but that early general trends seem to suggest relatively high satisfaction with winter maintenance, mixed but relatively low satisfaction with summer maintenance, and very low satisfaction with historical communication/accessibility of the committee.

- Dan Olson reported that there have been many favorable comments regarding the information provided on the website and the noticeable increase in communication by the Advisory Committee in the last few weeks.

Summer Road Maintenance

- Drive of district with contractor
 - Richard Woodbury explained that Richard and Advisory Committee Vice Chair Mark Pearson conducted a drive-through of the neighborhood with our contractor – Waldo Excavation – on May 3, 2016, to identify summer maintenance priorities.
 - During the drive-through, Waldo agreed to fix and band the culvert that was damaged during winter snow removal.
- Proposal from contractor
 - Copies of the proposed work order were provided to all attendees.
 - The proposed work order will cover all Tier 1 roads with new road base in spots as needed. This will include Sagebrush. The details of the proposal, provided to the public, were reviewed.
 - Richard agreed to double check that we are getting the county rate for road base.
 - Dan Featheringill asked for some better grading on Sagebrush.
 - Richard presented an option for the proposal: the addition of mag chloride on all new road base for an additional \$2000. The current proposal only has mag chloride on select sections of new road base.
 - Richard presented a quote from Waldo Excavation for widening the one-lane section of Silver Mesa Driveway. Group discussed the quote and decided that additional exploration was needed for the full costs of the work, which could include utility relocation, surveying, and additional costs. Richard committed to looking into those issues.
 - Summer maintenance is scheduled to start, weather permitting, June 6.
 - Caveat: Water for the road work is hoped to come from the Florida. Richard is working to secure that water.
 - Russell Kimble explained basics of how mag chloride works and some alternatives. One alternative is called Road Lock from Desert Mountain, our current purveyor of mag chloride. Believed to be a 10% cost increase, with potential performance improvements. Russell suggested we look at doing a portion of the summer maintenance with a pilot of this new product. Bob Pfeiffer said that the county would need to approve, and has expressed concerns with new product. Jack Lambert said that road base needs to be soaked 3 inches deep for application prep. Richard and Russell will work with the county to determine if alternatives to mag chloride are possible.

Questions to be explored: cost, county approval, friction coefficient. Mark Pearson suggested that the fall could be a potential time to do a pilot if the county agreed.

- Alan Shupe made a motion to approve the bid presented by Waldo for summer maintenance with the addition of ~\$2,000 for the application of magnesium chloride to all new road base. Motion seconded by Russell Kimble. Vote called. All present voted in favor. None opposed.
- The county will be conducting a traffic study this July.

Approval of Minutes from 4/28/2016 Meeting

- Russell Kimble moved to approve the previous meeting's minutes without modification. Motion seconded by Jim Rockelmann. No discussion. All present voted "aye". The motion passed.

Schedule of regular business meetings

- Richard proposed moving to a bi-monthly meeting schedule.
- Dan Olson made a motion to hold our June meeting as previously scheduled, move the September meeting to August, and determine at that time the meeting schedule moving forward. Alan Shupe seconded the motion. A vote was called. All present voted "aye." The motion passed.

Other business

- Alan Shupe has been in discussion with Joe Kirby regarding the responsibility of the State Patrol to respond to accidents in the neighborhood. Joe responded that the County deems these roads as public, and that the State Patrol should therefore be responding. Given the State Patrol's historic reticence to deal with DHRID roads, it was decided that Richard would continue to follow-up with the county to ask them to clarify the public nature of DHRID roads.

Public comment

- Question by Mike Freitas as to why the roads are deemed "public" and how that came to be. Dan Olson directed Mike to La Plata County Resolution 1992-45 that clearly deems the roads public.

Move to Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Minutes compiled by DHRID Advisory Committee Secretary Dan Olson on May 19, 2016.