



Meeting Minutes - Approved

Call to order by Mark Pearson

A meeting of DHRID Advisory Committee was held at La Plata Fairgrounds on MAY 10, 2022 starting at 5:00 pm.

Attendees

Committee Members Present: Mark Pearson, Tom Hill, Alan Shupe, Matthew Jacobson (via Zoom), Matthew Juntunen (via Zoom), Dan Featheringill, & Nicole Baillis.

Visitors: Genie Shupe, Estelle & Bob Keonig, and Alison Layman from La Plata County (attending to learn about the Road District).

Alison Layman is the County Coordinator for Wildfire & Watershed Mitigation/Protection Fund (970-382-6291 970-749-2703 Alison.Layman@co.laplata.co.us)

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

Approval of minutes

Minutes of September 2021 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes, and they were approved by voice vote

Election of Officers

Discussion was held about duties of the Chairman. Mark and Dan said they would agree to continue in their positions of Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. Motions made and seconded to nominate and elect these officers.

Nicole asked what others on the board could do to help. Alan suggested “grooming Dan to step in” for Mark when needed. Matt agreed to continue with the social media job. Tom volunteered to handle the meeting notification signs; editing for accurate information and posting the signs.

Reports & Discussions

Signs - Matthew reported on Terry Spriggs’ advice on the currently proposed new sign at the bottom of the hill. Reflective lettering, and emphasis on the “big items” were suggested. Alan questioned whether the statute legalese was actually required on the sign. Tom wondered if it could include a speed limit. Nicole suggested eliminating the statute language and adding a speed limit, and all present agreed. Matthew agreed to talk to Terry to redesign the sign. He will send it around for board members to see, along with Terry’s estimate.

Emergency Egress - Matthew Juntunen said talks fell through with Edgemont, and they have not communicated with him since. Tom, regarding the possible access from Durango Road to Baby Bear, said that the property owner believes the road is on his property. Tom walked the area and found signs with a phone number (970-799-6031). His understanding is that neither land owner bordering the potential egress wants public access or signage directing use for that purpose. Matt Jacobson knows both owners and believes they do want to make the road available for emergency use only. Tom suggested he and Matt Jacobson could work together on this. Alison asked to be included in discussions.

Traffic Count - Alan distributed district maps and chart of the results of the recent traffic count. He explained the results and discussed the dates and possible variables.

Road widening at Pfeiffer residence - the county has confirmed that a survey would be required, and then the district would have to look into other requirements. Waldo is to straighten out the ditch where it has washed out during summer maintenance work.

Old business

Recap of winter maintenance - Mark explained how our request for proposal (RFP) and the county's contract with Waldo work. The current contract has a 3-year term. The snow removal billing is \$4140/month for 5 months. Mark reported the past 2021/2022 winter snow removal was 64 hours. Tom asked if we could reduce the snow removal cost and redirect the funds to maintenance. Mark explained that the roads designated when the district was formed are called out in the contract. Tom asked if it would be possible to consider different roads for the next RFP, and when that would happen. Matt J asked about notifications.

New business

Summer Maintenance - Mark explained how the maintenance works - that the summer is the most extensive and costly maintenance. The work order for summer maintenance amounts to \$57,626.35. It consists of three components:

- 1) \$40,182.35 for Waldo's labor and equipment costs, not including fuel surcharge.
- 2) \$8,864 in materials from C&J Gravel consisting of 800 tons of $\frac{3}{4}$ roadbase at @11.08 per ton.
- 3) \$8,580 for 11,000 gallons mag chloride delivered and applied by GMCO, not including fuel surcharge.

Waldo provided a list of approximate gravel load locations tied to various landmarks and addresses.

Rick Roberts has suggested that he could clean up the piles of road base left as a result of snow plowing, etc. Nicole wondered if property owners might object, although Alan pointed it is mostly in the right of way. Possible liability concerns about a property owner doing this? Matt J

questioned about reusing this material. Questions came up about Waldo's estimated fuel surcharge TBD; Mark clarified that his final invoice would reflect current fuel costs.

Separate estimate for additional work on Lower Nussbaum requested by Alan came in at about \$47,000. Alan questioned whether the separate estimate reflected additional material and labor costs over and above the initial main estimate; he felt the coverage estimate might be off. Nicole and Alan both gave input about the ongoing deterioration of the lower road, and wondered how long a major expenditure like this would last compared to possibly paving the road. Alan spoke about budgets and contingency funds, and the reality that it would be very difficult to increase the maintenance fund without depleting the contingency fund. Nicole suggested that the estimates could be made farther in advance of meetings in order allow committee members' questions/clarifications to be addressed ahead of meetings when approval votes would take place. Alan asked for a decision on the additional work on Lower Nussbaum; Tom said would want to take the question to district residents and not have the board make the decision. A motion to approve the Waldo's work order for original summer maintenance, not including the additional lower Nussbaum estimate, was made, seconded, and passed by acclamation.

Miscellaneous other signs - Tom found out that the county has an Amazon account the district could use for signs. Suggestions for placement: "Yield" sign at Stagecoach/Silver Mesa; "Slow Down" signs at several washboard locations; "Use 4WD and Low Gears" signs at a few steep slopes. 8' posts would be needed; placement would have to allow for snow pushback Matthew suggested a better sign for the FS parking lot; no overnight parking, campfire guidelines, shooting and firearms guidelines. Nicole suggested the most needed signs would be the yield sign and steep hill locations (Pfeiffer driveway on the down side, at the top of the long Stagecoach hill. Alan suggested we may need county approval, Tom agreed to contact Jim Davis about this.

Board meeting scheduling - Nicole suggested more frequent meetings would provide better continuity. Alan suggested the first week of February, one in April before the drive-around to locate problem areas and then a short one in May to approve the contract for summer work. Then one in September to discuss how the summer work was done and review fall maintenance plans. The week of September 19 was suggested and decided upon for the fall 2022 meeting.

Visitor comments

Alison asked to come to the next meeting and make a presentation to the committee about how the county can be helpful to area districts and homeowners. This could include help with grants that may be available to the district.

Adjournment

Mark moved to adjourn the meeting and have another meeting in September. Alan seconded. Voice approval.