

SHOWCASE RANCHES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
P.O. Box 468 ~ Mt Aukum, CA 95656
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday ~ October 12th, 2023 ~ Station 38

The meeting was called to order by Lee Hodge at 7:00 p.m.

Present were: Directors Mike Cook, Yolanda O'Shea, Lee Hodge, and GM Joe Warren

The Consent Calendar was approved (M/S Hodge/O'Shea/Unanimous)

Public Comments: A Showcase resident presented a series of arguments in favor of raising the annual Special Tax used to fund road repairs and dam maintenance. Board members and the GM were in agreement and activities required to place a measure increasing the tax on the November 2024 ballot were discussed. The following issues were raised:

1. The Special tax has not been raised from \$125/year since the founding of the CSD in 1984. 1984 dollars are worth about three times 2023 dollars meaning CSD revenue is about 1/3 of the originally intended funding level..
2. The annual Division of Safety of Dams fee has increased from about \$700 in 2008 to about \$9000 in 2023. That is about half the Special Tax revenue, one third the total annual revenue.
3. The CSD is struggling to keep the gravel roads in drivable shape while Dorado Canyon continues to degrade since meaningful repairs are not affordable
4. The bridge over Spanish Creek had a partial failure last winter that could have been disastrous. Temporary repairs have been made but permanent repairs may be required and the cost is estimated to be more than the annual total revenue. Any other major maintenance to Dorado Canyon would be multiples of the annual revenue. Without additional revenue it may be necessary to close Dorado Canyon at the bridge location.

The lack of adequate annual funding has led us to this point where major road failures cannot be addressed. Band aids don't last forever.

Financial Report: Lee Hodge presented the adjusted budget and balance sheet for FY 2023 – 2024. The County released the actual carryover amount from FY2022 - 23 and a better estimate of the ad valorem for 2023 - 24 so the revenue estimate has been adjusted higher by \$3513 in the budget for this year. The funds have been added to the Road Maintenance account.

First Quarter vouchers

- i. July - \$2807.81 – SDRMA (SRCSD insurance)
- ii. Sept - \$3793.11 – Blain Stumpf for cutback for Dorado Canyon
- iii. Sept - \$26.33 – Local Agency Formation Commission

The Financial report was accepted (M/S O'Shea/Cook/Unanimous)

Roads: The ditches along Dorado Canyon were cleared which will reduce damage from water flowing over the road. The shoulders were reinforced in places and potholes were filled with cutback. Little Spur was graded, graveled and ditched.

Dam/Lakes: No Report

Communications – No Report

Policies, Procedures – No Report

Unfinished Business – None

Director's Comments:

Next meeting: Thurs ~ January 11, 2024 7 p.m. Station 38

Adjournment: 8:25 (M/S O'Shea/Cook/Unanimous)

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