

# Minutes

## MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SHOWCASE RANCHES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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**Date: THURS ~April 11, 2024**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

**Location: Pioneer Fire Station 38 ~ 7061 Mt Aukum Rd ~ Mt Aukum**

1. The meeting was called to order by Lee Hodge at 7:02 pm
2. Present were: Directors, Lee Hodge, Mike Cook, Yolanda O'Shea & GM Joe Warren
3. The Consent Calendar was adopted (Hodge/O'Shea/Unanimous)
4. **Public Discussion of Special Tax Increase** (No residents were present):
  - a. 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 2024 dollars meaning CSD revenue is about 1/3 of the originally intended funding level..
  - b. The annual Division of Safety of Dams fee has increased from about \$700 in 2008 to \$9315 in 2024. That is about half the Special Tax revenue, one third the total annual revenue.
  - c. The CSD is struggling to keep the gravel roads in drivable shape while Dorado Canyon continues to degrade since meaningful repairs are not affordable
  - d. 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.

Issues resolved to date:

1. When Showcase Ranches CSD was formed it was done as a registered voter district and not a landowner district, therefore, only registered voters residing in Showcase Ranches can vote in the local district elections, not parcel owners living outside the district.
2. The proposed Special Tax will be \$250 per year. That's an increase of \$125 per year but still far short of being equivalent to the original 1984 tax in 2024 dollars. The increase is only \$10.42 per month! Isn't it worth that to have funds to make meaningful repairs to our roads?
3. EDC elections can give the CSD a CD of contact info for registered voters for outreach.

Issues remaining:

1. Safety of the Spanish Creek bridge is being evaluated
2. Detailed requirements for getting on the November ballot

### 5. Correspondence:

- a. Water Diversion measurements for Showcase Lakes between Oct 1, 2022 and Sept 30, 2023 were reported to the State Water Resources Control Board on 1/24/24.
- b. Original copies of The DLT Statement and Annual Report for FY 2022 – 2023 and the Appropriation Limitation Resolution for FY 2023 – 2024 were sent to EDC Auditor/Controller's office last quarter.
- c. The Government Compensation in CA report for 2023 for Showcase Ranches CSD was submitted to the State Controller's Office on 3/27/24.

**6. Financial Report:**

- a. The FY 2023 – 2024 Budget and Balance sheet were presented. It was the same as the 1/11/24 report since there were no 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter vouchers:
- b. The Balance sheet was approved (Hodge/O’Shea/Unanimous)

**7. Reports:**

**a. Roads:** Joe Warren asked for the amount of funds that could be used for road maintenance before the end of this fiscal year. Based on the balance sheet Lee Hodge suggested that any maintenance before July 2024 should be less than \$10k. Spring Hill/Loggers Hollow are next on this year’s list.

Joe asked that Directors should complete road survey reports for next fiscal year by the July Board Meeting. Lee committed to distributing Road Report Forms to Directors ASAP.

Some Speed Limit signs have been knocked down. Many STOP signs are faded. It was suggested that vinyl stick-on signs could be a less expensive alternative to replacement signs. Lee will investigate this.

**b. Dam/Lakes:** No Report

**c. Weed/Brush abatement**

- i. The edges of Dorado Canyon were sprayed on 4/11/24.

**d. Communications:**

- i. CA compliant website: [www.showcaseranches.specialdistrict.org](http://www.showcaseranches.specialdistrict.org)
- ii. SRCSD email address: [info.showcaseCSD@yahoo.com](mailto:info.showcaseCSD@yahoo.com)

**e. Policies, Procedures & Grants:** No report

- 8. Unfinished Business:** None
- 9. New Business Agenda Items:** None
- 10. Directors Comments –**
- 11. Next meeting: Thurs ~ July 11, 2024**
- 12. Adjournment:** (O’Shea/Hodge/Unanimous)