

DRAFT Minutes: DRRH6 Road Board Meeting – June 25, 2025

Location: 16105 Mtn. Sheep Lane

Present:

Board Members: Chris Demarest, Billie Ameika and Ben Ives

Property Owners: None

Chris called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

Billie read the minutes from March 20, 2025. There were no requested changes. Ben moved to approve the minutes and Chris second.

Treasurers report:

Ben provided a hard copy of Treasurer's Report from March 20 - June 25, 2025, which reflected a balance on hand as of 6/25/25 of \$43,017.27. It listed expenses for this period of \$3,798.00. Ben noted that invoices from John Luttrell had been coming in a little slowly, but that overall, the budget is looking good and that we are pretty solid for this time of year.

New Business:

Road maintenance contract, contractor and maintenance areas

Chris shared that we had tried to get to as much road maintenance as possible, in between the roads being either too frozen or too dry. It is dry now, so there are no immediate plans for additional work. If we can hold off until October, we will be in good shape (budget wise) but that some work may still need to happen on the hills, especially Silver Fox which already has some wash boarding.

Chris did ask Ben to clarify one of the listed expenses and to notate that the grading done on 6/11/25 was for Foster Road only. This led to discussion of Foster Rd. Chris shared the map of DRRH6 roads, and it shows that Foster Rd is not included in the miles of roadway that our district is technically responsible for. Ben will go through prior invoices to possibly determine what percentage of our expenses have been going to Foster Rd. Depending on how detailed the invoices are, we may or may not be able to get an exact number. Chris will look into possibly getting some support from Deschutes County (DCO) for Foster Rd. maintenance.

The map shared is here: Special Road District Map -

https://www.deschutes.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/road/page/543/srd6_2022_8x11.pdf

Chris also suggested an overall assessment of the roads, historical maintenance versus future needs. He will include John Luttrell in this discussion as well as other potential contractors. He did say that if we are due to get any substantial rain, we may consider resuming some grading work.

- Ben to go through invoices, as noted above.
- Chris will call Deschutes County as noted above.
- Chris will contact John Lutrell and other potential contractors regarding road maintenance assessment

Dust sign at top of Silver Fox

Chris would like to note and thank whoever repaired and re-hung the dust sign at the top of Silver Fox. He would also like to acknowledge and thank whoever filled in the holes at the intersection of State Rec Road and Foster Rd.

- Billie will inquire with a couple of people that might have done that work, and assess how much money was spent on that work, for potential reimbursement.

Mountain Sheep bridge

Ben had contacted Oregon Water Wonderland (OWW) HOA regarding their current bridge issue/situation and how they handled their planned bridge repair. He shared that their Road Board had involved DCO and that the county assessed a one-time fee. Chris will reach out to DCO to find out more about that process.

- Ben will seek additional information from OWW in terms of their contact persons and contact information

Regarding taxes collected, Chris said he had talked with DCO after our last meeting. As lot owners, we pay \$1.3502 per \$1,000 assessed value of our property. All properties unimproved or improved are taxed at the same rate.

Billie said that she had talked briefly with Niki Fisher at SDAO and that Niki had proposed to meet on a Friday in July. Chris has a conflict with Fridays, so Billie will try to reschedule. If not, Billie and Ben are available to meet with her. This would be to gain information on general resources that SDAO might be able to provide our road board as well as to hopefully point us in a good direction for bridge support.

- Chris will reach out to DCO regarding items noted above.
- Billie will contact SDAO to secure a meeting date.
- Ben will look into possible grant opportunities for bridge support.

Regarding road maintenance, Billie did circle back to a question she had regarding down trees – specifically as to who is responsible for removal of trees blocking the road if they fall as a result of weather or age. Chris did say that he had actually been researching that same thing. Currently, community members are taking it upon themselves to be “good neighbors” and removing them as they can.

- Chris will pose this question to the county when he talks to them.

Community Awareness

Discussion included community questions about the role and responsibility of the road board. Chris requested that this information also be shared here and is included in the "Special Road District Guidebook". This guidebook is accessible online, at:

https://www.deschutes.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/road/page/1763/special_road_districts_guidebook.pdf.pdf.

As the board does not have jurisdiction to enforce rules of the road, if anyone has any concerns or issues with road matters or enforcement issues, they should contact Deschutes County Sheriff at the non-emergency line which is 541-693-6911.

Chris also stated that we should all be reminded that it is summertime and our roads are busier. We should all be mindful of roadways, and that they are active roadways for the community.

Announcements/Open Discussion

N/A

Adjourn:

With no further discussion or input, Chris moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. Motion seconded by Billie.