

Bear Paw Service District

Minutes

10/21/23

In attendance: Art Lecours, Terry Miller, David Elliott, John Stockard, Stan Wise

Absent: Bob Cowdrick, Mark Ackerman

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Art Lecours. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the minutes of the prior meeting as written was made by Stan Wise and seconded by David Elliott. The motion passed 4 – 0. Art Lecours abstained as he was not in attendance at the prior meeting.

POOL - Art Lecours gave a report on the state of the pool mentioning the water quality, aging pumps, and flowmeters. The pool continues to experience leakage issues. Efforts to correct the areas of concern will try to be addressed in the off season so pool can be opened next spring.

ROADS - Terry Miller said the asphalt repairs on the roads are planned to be made in March of 2024, Art Lecours and Mark Ackerman did a drive around to observe right of way issues. Plans are in the works to resolve the debris and owner storage on Bear Paw right of way.

GUARDS - Terry Miller reported that the raises for the guards are still due, and one guard has resigned. Stan Wise raised the issues of the guard shacks messy appearance. Bink Webster raised the issues of a non-working security camera hanging on the building.

ZONING - Stan Wise reported that 2 tree applications have been submitted and approved. One zoning request has been submitted and is pending a water permit.

PROPERTY/GROUNDS - Art Lecours discussed that continued efforts are needed on the tennis courts due to cracks and the playground needing additional mulch. Chucky Lovingood continues in oversight of the grounds.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION – Art Lecours said Lydia Kennedy was on vacation. Mike Maul requested a review of the Saturday hours. It was noted that there was office coverage for some Saturdays during the season.

FINANCE – John Stockard – no report

INTERNET UPDATE – Steve Jones delivered a detailed written report to the board. Broadband is planned to come to Bear Paw late in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024.

WATER – Art Lecours stated that the moratorium continues. He continues to receive updates from Phillip Murphy and Greg Peacock (regional VP) on Carolina Waters efforts for additional wells and increasing flow from existing wells. Plans for hydro fracking of current wells is planned to begin 10/22/23.

DUMPSTER - Art Lecours gave a history of Bear Paw and the garbage responsibilities. Waste has never been Bear Paws charge. TVA offered a trash dump on site. The abuse of the dumpsters caused them to rescind that offer, Bear Paw picked up the responsibility for a short time. Again, abuse of the site plus the

expense (approximately \$6,000 per month) forced the closure. The Candy Mountain site is currently the best option.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Bear Paw granted an easement to The Cable Companies for broadband access to the community on unused Bear Paw property. A strategic group of committed is planned. Art Lecours made that motion, seconded by David Elliott. Approved 5 – 0.

Art Lecours made aa motion for the board to retire to executive session to discuss a personnel issue. David Elliott seconded. The motion passes 5 – 0. A brief recess was held for the closed session. The meeting reconvened.

Art Lecours made a motion to include all employees in the recent pay raise. David Elliott seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 – 0.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Jones answered additional questions on broadband deployment.

Mike Maul requested information on the easement granted to TCC and access.

Linda Hughes commented Lydia does have limited Saturday work hours in summer. She also stated that blue tooth cameras have been purchased and could be repurposed. She requested more information on the pool leaks.

Ann Atkinson had a question about the \$30,000 pool expenses. Linda commented about resurfacing. Ann also requested information about Bear Paw CDs and information about hiring a Bear Paw manager or the lack thereof.

Andrea Folksema requested information about hiring a Bear Paw manager.

Al Snaider commented about the need for a manager, concerns about contractor access to Bear Paw, particularly tree companies with no permits for work.

Bink Webster commented about the need for the guard shack to be pressure washed and debris around removed.

Meg Smith spoke about trees and tree debris in the right of way. She also expressed that new owners need to have access to the tree ordinance.

Maraya Magness-Vincent presented a check from the BPLA.

Dan West shared his concerns about an 1 ½ acre easement on Sleepy Hollow.

Terry Miller requested information about county support for dumpsters.

Art Lecours thanked members for their support to the community:

Steve Jones

Brenda Jarvis

Betty & Joe Hardy

Peggy Snaider

Art Lecours moved and John Stockard seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed 5 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Wise

Assistant Secretary