

Thursday, November 17, 2022

Howard Mesa POA Winter Meeting

Loc- High Country Fire Station (Open Meeting)

Meeting Called to Order 7:02 pm

Attendance

- Board
 - President Cliff Hall
 - Chris Best
 - Charles Shawl
 - Treasure Brittney Anslow
 - Secretary Brandon Huddleston

Old Business

- **Review of Annual Meeting Mins**
 - \$1750 cost of 2022 POA annual meeting/dinner
- **Financial Status**
 - Checking (Nov 1) - \$8,051.23
 - Savings (Nov 1) - \$50,134.65
- **Roads**
 - No outstanding issues or projects for 2022
 - All projects have been paid and signed off on
 - 9/15/22 \$2,880.00
 - 10/10/22 \$3,060.00
 - 11/7/22 \$5,250.00
- **Security**
 - Camera has been installed to patrol mail box area
 - No Trespassing sign stolen (camera/no trespassing on Big EIK entrance)
 - Trespasser/thief has been suspected by an individual from 4hills
- **Fire Water Tanks**
 - Tanks and bollards have been installed
 - Material cost went over budget
 - Tanks (4) \$8,559.50

- Bollards (16) \$4307.68
 - Concrete \$530.98
 - Water \$900.00
 - Labor \$1780.00
- **Signs**
- Installed in Southern portion
 - 25 MPH/No trespassing
 - Material Cost - \$7272.56
- **Entry Log/Sign on Big Elk North side**
- Total Cost \$2095.34
 - Thank You to Neighbor Brian Marsh for taking this installation on and making our Howard Mesa main entrance complete.
- **Repair of North Gate**
- Cost \$926.17
 - This gate is becoming an ongoing problem due to multiple factors. If it continues to be an ongoing expense for the POA we may need to look at more reliable solutions.

New Business

- **Update from High Country Fire Fire Chief**
- Adding to Fleet
 - 4x4 Engine, esp. for bad weather, 2nd on structure fire
 - Quick response vehicle
 - These upgrades were purchased with grants acquired by the Chief, our dues paid by the POA are strictly for operational costs.
- **Roads**
- **NEW ROAD COMMITTEE CHAIR** /// **Melinda O'Neal** (melinda.d.oneal@gmail.com)
 - **All road concerns and notices should be emailed to Melinda at email above.**
 - **She will be responsible for meeting with Carlos, getting proposals, etc**
 - **Anyone interested in joining this committee please reach out to Melinda.**
 - Road Concerns
 - Big Elk/Latigo
 - Washouts on North Side recently
 - Rail Road tracks
 - Rail road/POA is trying to contact owner in regards to trimming tops of 6 juniper trees at Jack Rabbit/Latigo that are blocking the view coming into the road crossing. While the rail road has jurisdiction, everyone wants to be good neighbors and proceed to respect owners property prior to attempting the job.
 - Planned 2023 Road Projects to date
 - Peregrine LN (already graded)

- Quivero (already graded)
- **Security**
 - Discussion of more cameras specifically for entrances off of I-64
 - Approval to research options to be brought to board for approval
 - POA/Railroad is working together to install gate to block access north along the rail service road. This a private railroad service road in which people are regularly trespassing to access the Clear Air Estates to the north.
 - **Howard Mesa residents need to be aware as these people will be looking for alternative routes and know that they are trespassing. Please report any unusual activity to the Sheriff.**
 - Discussions on how and what is legal in regards to sharing information within our community. In the future, possible information in regards to illegal activities maybe shared via POA email to better alert our residence.
 - **Please sign up for emails, if you have not, on the Howard Mesa Website and join the private Howard Mesa Phase 1 Facebook group.**
- **Water Tanks**
 - Locations
 - Whitetail loop/Big Elk
 - Clovehitch
 - Latigo
 - Quivero
 - To be completed to finalize project
 - Bollards painted, reflective tape, etc.
 - Labeling of Tanks
- **Signs**
 - North Side to be installed in 2023
 - Speed limits, no trespassing, and dangerous curve ahead
- **There have been talks of a new development just North of Howard Mesa**
 - Dev. Is interested in our Howard Mesa Phase 1 absorbing these properties covering over 10k acres.
 - There has been no formal meetings or proposals submitted to date
 - This is tabled until further notice.
- **Concerns of safety due to over growth of foliage at entrance of Big Elk/I-64**
 - ADOT will be contacted to determine who the responsibility is to maintain, ADOT or POA
 - In short-term neighbor Brian Marsh volunteered to weed whack and cut off rebar from a previous project that was left over.
- **Discussions of relationship between POA and Ranchers**
 - Melinda O’Neal is interested into finding grants for seed to help regenerate foliage due to overgrazing. The concern is viability of ranching moving forward and keeping them in business and not selling to developers.
 - Details to follow, item tabled until further research conducted.

- **Discussions on how to improve POA Boards communication and transparency.**
 - Email blasts will be more intentional to spread the word of important information/things to know within Howard Mesa Phase 1.
 - Private Facebook group created for quick communication amongst neighbors.
 - Website will be updated more frequently to provide information for owners to access, ie meeting minutes, future meetings, committee contacts, board contacts, etc
 - Committees created (e.g., Road Maintenance)
 - Better planning and organization at the Board meetings
 - Board will continue to reevaluate how neighbors would like to receive information/get involved.

- **2023 Board Meetings (location to be posted)**
 - February 16, 2023 @ 7pm
 - April 20, 2023 @ 7pm
 - June 22, 2023 @ 7pm
 - 2023 Annual Meeting: Aug 19, 2023 (Tentative)

Meeting Adjourned 8:53pm