

**Fern Acres Board of Directors
Minutes November 19, 2022**

Members Present: JR Paikuli, Hank Schultz, Diane Joyner, BJ Joyner, Scott Snair, Roy Kalili, Seth Cinamon, Claudia Ziroli,

Members Absent: Patti Pinto.

Visitors: Phil Galon, Patty Goodwin

CTO: 9:05 am

Minutes: Review October minutes: Seth moves that we accept minutes as presented. Hank seconds. All in favor, passed.

President's Report: JR opens the meeting with the Treasurer's report:

Treasurer's Report: Diane reads the budget report as follows:

FACA BoH – Checking	47,464.46
MRMA BoH – Checking	163,172.81
BoH – Coqui/Fire	1,087.07
MRMA MM BoH	30,496.17
Petty Cash	6,786.82
TOTAL	249,007.33

Diane reports that we have been charged a monthly fee of \$5.00 on our Coqui/Fire account due to inactivity and the account was suspended. Diane sent a note to the bank re: reinstatement... Diane suggests that we move this account to a line item in the FACA budget. [Discussion follows] The account was started with a \$125.00 grant for Coqui- (long gone) and donations to the Fire department have been added over the years.

Seth moves that we move the account. Hank seconds. All in favor, Passed.

Re: Trash- The trash service picked up 40 bags of rubbish from the back lot of FACA – collected from the roadways. There are still at least that many back there and some of the bags are deteriorating. Diane has requested that the road crew re-bag the rubbish so it can be hauled away. Scott explains why we have so much surplus rubbish... JR asks if this is in the budget? Affirmative.

Diane is pursuing an audit- unable to do 2021 at this time. Is searching for an auditor for 2022.

Diane would like to have our invoices printed professionally. [Discussion] Diane to find out what the charge will be for printing the invoices and newsletter for January.

Diane would like to have Hank be the primary on the petty cash card. Hank wants the HFN gas card renewed so they can save money on gas.

Diane wants to add Hank as a signer for checks and other bank notices etc. (Hank, Claudia, Diane and JR.) [Discussion of bylaw requirements for check signing]

Bylaw changes for Summer Newsletter: Audit/review, changes in check signing, “designated assignee”.

Road Committee: Met on October 16... Patti presented a letter regarding grant for Puhala paving, stating that no government monies can be used for private roads. We are looking into grants in aid or loans from USDA.

Hank is soliciting candidates for at large position on the Road Committee.

Property owner is waiting for Yamada to make material so he can repair the damage on the road at his lot on Lehua. A letter has gone out to *owner* to get the work done immediately. If the work is not completed by the end of the month. The land owner will be responsible for repair costs plus fees. If this goes unpaid, we can lien the property.

Raising MRMA payment \$5.00 for 2023.. *The road committee approved by majority the increase.* Hank explains how the additional money charged at land transfers will benefit MRMA, that it would not affect present owners, and it would be good to not raise the MRMA fees for 'PR'. Budget for 2023 is \$33,000.00 over what it was last year. The proposed increase from transfer fees will add approximately \$27,000.00. (Based on an estimate for transfers in 2023)

[Discussion]

Seth moves that we increase MRMA fees by \$5.00 for 2023. Scott seconds. Vote failed. Discussion resumes. Bill wants a clarification of the carry over and where it fits in the budget. Hank explains that that carry over (\$163,000.00 currently) will be about \$150,000.00 by year's end. In the 2023 budget, all that goes towards next year's paving budget. JR would like to comment that we can add \$5.00 this year, or \$20. In three years. It MUST be covered one way or another. Scott adds that we often have a carryover amount. However, we never have enough money to do the paving that is required by use and aging- always doing just what we can manage- never what the roads actually require to just remain in repair. Hank says regardless of the increase from land transfer fees, we need to increase the road fees in order to keep up with price increases.

The \$5.00 increase has been defeated.

Hank moves that we accept the proposed budget minus the \$5.00 raise. Diane seconds. Passed.

Policy: No report

F.A.N.W: Would like to get a regular community clean up. Roy shares how they have done it in the past. Newsletter article? DEC 3 trash pick up at 9:00.

F.A.C.T:

FIRE: The County is trying to sell the brush truck.

HUB Project: The HUB has received a \$500.00 grant from HPM to be used for building materials. I will be making arrangements to have our order 'piggybacked' on a load coming up to the Acres. It will be a big push to retrofit the container. We also have a \$2500.00 grant from Vibrant Hawaii coming that will allow us to move the container to the site and rent equipment needed to erect the HUB structure.

We are looking for news from State Farm to see if we will be invited to submit a grant proposal for the HUB.

Patty asks about some financial support for landscaping and building connecting stairs from FACA to the HUB.

Fundraising and Events:

Internet Committee:

Old Business:

New Business: Newsletter articles due around November 30. Need to get the Newsletter done by end of December

Member's Report: Food pantry had their 16th with 96 bags. They hope to increase that to 130. Switch locks on the gates OK'd.

Phil has tendered his resignation as the Pantry Lead. He has a successor ready to go. Website is current and working.

Adjourn: 11:20am. Seth moves that we adjourn, Bill seconds. All in favor, passed.