



Fall River Estates Special Road District  
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February 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present:

Bill Swanson  
Rick Bestwick  
Ron Brown

Chairman Bill Swanson called the meeting to order at 11:30 am, declaring a quorum of board members present. The first order of business was to introduce new Board Member Ron Brown.

Bill then stated that Board member responsibilities were being changed - Bill would become the Treasurer, Rick Bestwick would take over as Chairman, and Ron Brown would be Secretary. A motion was made and seconded to confirm this. Bill then turned over leadership of the meeting to Rick Bestwick.

Rick stated that Ron Brown had added an agenda item, involving Ron's planned communication with other Deschutes County Road Districts. Ron stated that it was his hope that by combining and sharing road bidding information with other road districts, there was the possibility of savings in future road paving and chip sealing projects, in addition to sharing road district experiences.

Bill relayed current snow removal expenses, which are \$3,500 so far. If snow events remain low for the duration of winter, the Road District is projecting savings over budgeted amounts.

Rick proposed a Resolution to ratify the 2017 Chip Sealing Bidding Process documents, at the suggestion of several different attorneys advising the Special Road District. Since there has been extensive scrutiny of the SRD documents involved in the bidding process, with the conclusion that no wrongdoing took place, this resolution would hopefully put the issue to rest.

The SRD Board approved the resolution to ratify all documents related to the 2017 Chip Sealing Bid.

That was the end of the official meeting agenda, and Rick opened the meeting to comments.

Mike Armstrong commented that the community has seen multiple documents from the County Commission and other governmental agencies supporting this resolution, and also wanted to thank Bill Swanson for his past and current volunteerism and leadership.

Barbara Krane commented that, as a former Fall River Estates Board member present during Bill Swanson's explanation of the Bid Process and decision during a 2017 HOA Board Meeting, Bill presented his decisions with clarity and sensitivity for involved Fall River community members, and reiterated that his bid choice was unanimously approved by all HOA board members present.

Mike Stowe commented that there were tensions among neighbors regarding the chip sealing decision process but not the quality of the road work involved, and that it was time to put the issue to rest for the good of the neighborhood.

Rick Bestwick concluded the meeting at 11:55