



Fall River Estates Special Road District
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Fall River Special Road District Minutes

Tuesday, 14 June, 2022 - 10 am

The meeting was called to order at 10am. Present were board members Ron Brown, Bill Swanson and Rick Bestwick. Greg McKeever (FRE Firewise) and Barbara Krane were additional attendees. Minutes from the 05 May 2022 meeting were read and approved.

Old Business:

-The budget for the current fiscal year was discussed and approved unanimously. The cost of snow removal this past winter was approximately \$4000.

New Business:

1) - HB2560 was discussed and the resulting impact to our meeting format. HB2560 establishes a requirement for remote electronic access to public meetings. The idea of an SRD cell phone using AT&T was proposed. The new cell tower makes AT&T the best choice. Having Zoom mtgs was also proposed. A decision to table action on a solution was made.

2) - Fuel reduction on SRD easements: River Loop and Yellow Pine easements are 60ft wide (30' to each side of the center line). The side roads (with cul de sacs) are 50ft wide (25 ft from the center).

Requirements:

- Contact property owners to inform them of the steps to be taken.
- Survey and mark the property lines adjacent the roads.
- The SRD will decide on the necessary steps for fuel reduction.
- Greg McKeever provided input on the additional requirement to remove hazard trees that might fall into the road and block emergency vehicles.

3) - Greg also described the Government bureaucracy surrounding fire abatement issues (Firewise).

- SB762 will define the WUI in the coming days
- ODF has to approve whatever steps are to be taken
- LaPine Rural Fire Protection will also need to weigh in on the Fall River CWPP
- Greg stated that the SRD needs to pursue solutions to develop an approved second egress to the South using the Mt. View Rd. emergency exit. The fact that the Dept of Agriculture has offered to provide free rock gravel is an issue. Greg suggested the SRD is the only local institution that can sign for the free gravel and implement construction of an improved road across the BLM tract. It was made clear by SRD board members that the SRD is responsible only for in-district roads.

4) - The responsibility for the easement across the private property at the end of Mt. View Rd. was discussed as well as the gate that is in place.

It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30AM and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Rick Bestwick