

MRR and ECR LOC Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2022

Opening

The regular meeting of the MRR and ECR LOC Board Meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM on February 12, 2022 via phone by Louie Caissey.

Present

Louie Caissey, Mark Belew, Salina Hunter, Richard Kollars, Mark Pieloch, and Michelle Petersen

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Louie and seconded by Richard to approve. The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Open Issues

- a) Roads – A meeting for just road issues will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2022.
 - Grants: Louie emailed and called Ann McCully with no success. He will continue to try and touch bases with her.
 - Grading: Will not start in the next few months. We need to get a contractor lined up and get on their schedule. Salina has a couple of contacts and she will also speak with her husband Tyson about grading. Louie and Richard will reach out to M & B, Phil Wirth, Lance and Valley Excavating to get bids
 - Encroachment of trees and brush into the driving lanes: Richard asked if a notice can be made to property owners to at least clean out from ditch to ditch and overhangs. M. Belew agreed and mentioned about getting the commuting involved to save on costs. Further discussion will continue at the 2/26/22 roads meeting.
- b) LOC Assessments: Louie reached out to Rachel at the accounting office and she indicated that Richard had been sending out the notices. Louie would like to re-evaluate the keeping of the accounting firm based on this information. M. Belew stated that there are some property owners that are willing to volunteer to assist with getting out the notices.

Louie discussed that the purpose of the \$400.00 a year assessments was to billed a contingency account. He mentioned that we are there and that we should reduce the assessments back down to \$200.00, and asked for thoughts. Salina Hunter seconded that idea and mentioned that she has had several property owners approach her regarding the cost. Mark Belew agreed also. Mark Pieloch disagreed based on the cost of inflation. M. Pieloch mentioned that last year we had 60% payment, and when it was at \$200.00 we had a 65% prices for the road work will be up by about 25% so we should maintain the assessments at \$200.00. M. Belew mentioned that property owner's income is also not increasing. Richard mentioned that by getting actual costs, and mentioned that the \$31K in the account is a misnomer as \$20K was earmarked for road work that never occurred, and to find out what it will cost to do 30% of the roads and

then budget accordingly. Richard recommended sending out the first half assessment for \$200.00 with a notice that assessments will be asses, seconded by M. Pieloch, motion passed by all.

- c) Hardship Waivers –Tabled until 2/26/22 when we have some grading bids to discuss.

New Business

- a) Annual Meeting: Setting of the 2022 Annual Meeting. Motion made by Louie setting the Annual Meeting for Saturday, August 6, 2022, seconded by Richard. Motion passed. Louie will update the website.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:38 AM Montana time by Louie Caissey. The next meeting will be on February 26, 2022 to discuss the roads and LOC assessments.