

Orcas Highlands Association Board Meeting
Dec. 27, 2021

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I. Roll Call: Bob Burke, Mike Shivers, Jens Kruse, Lee Goodwin, Brian Ehrmantraut, Steve Pettyjohn, David Turnoy.

II. Call to order: 3:00

III. Approval of minutes from Oct. 19: Approved.

IV. Treasurer's report: Mike – Audit came back fine, tax returns filed, about \$1,000 delinquent on dues, about \$35,000 in operating account, \$66,500 in reserves, about \$5,000 in forest management account.

V. Old business

A. Road use fee – Youngren paid yet? No, Patti and Mike have been in contact with him, Chris is supposed to ask him again.

B. Plan for mailbox addition – Bid from Norm for a six-foot addition was over \$12,000. David asked if there was a way to lower the cost but received no answer. We will look to alternatives.

C. Next step in implementing the forest plan – We have surveyed Tall Trees, Highlands, and Colorado. We need to talk with the owners on those roads in person to explain the process and walk their property with them. We should use spray paint to mark which trees and bushes we need to remove. If owners are agreeable, then we will use the marking system and the written narrative so that potential contractors can submit bids. We have spoken with three owners who seem happy with the idea. We envision a combination of professional work for the bigger work and volunteers for the smaller stuff. Brian suggests before and after photos to show to property owners. We could take pictures in the common area for the before and on Highlands for the after. Project approved.

VI. Committee reports:

Policy:

Architecture:

Nominations: Matthew Mallon has expressed interest, Jens will contact.

Firewise: Discussed above

Roads: Potholes – David contacted Public Works, they took care of the potholes on Lindsay. For the potholes on Discovery and Highlands, Bob will get the mix, he and David will fix. Mike has volunteered to join the roads committee. The committee will investigate areas that need work this spring, will create a comprehensive plan and then bring it to the board.

VII. New business

A. Policy for use of Burn Pile – send a message to members? Will we have a spring cleanup? Bob will burn down what we have when weather allows. After that, Bob is willing to burn if he supervises the dumping. Bob recommends not having a free-for-all. Members need to contact board to dump and burn. We can have a spring cleanup over two weeks rather than just one day.

B. Water and drainage issues

1. Culvert going down Discovery past Agnew and around needs digging out – There is a slope there that will require excavation, we need to make sure the ditch is flowing or pipe it and cover it. The ditch is very close to the edge of the pavement, two cars passing will leave one stuck. Roads committee can include this in its maintenance plan.

2. On Highlands on either side of Luerkens, big pools of water on north side of street, needs a ditch; do when chip sealing Highlands – see Bob. Work is needed on the uphill side.

3. Culvert marked by Kelly – While it seems pretty level instead of sloping down as it should, when the water was high, it carried water as it is supposed to.

4. Kelly/Jirsa/Pinardi – The water goes across three properties. The water is directed to that area by a swale and culvert, association is responsible for the source of this water. Kelly built a pipe to direct the water away from his property onto Jirsa property, which then goes down to Pinardi and floods his drain field. The water needs to be channeled across Pinardi property, needs a pump, would then go into county ditch. We need a committee to work on this issue, come up with options, bring back to the board.

5. Hurley – plug culvert, enlarge ditch - This is not the association's responsibility, it is the county who put in a culvert across Lindsay dumping water onto Tonachel. Bob is trying to reach county engineer to help Hurley with this issue, the culvert needs to be closed. If no response from county, David can contact Councilor Cindy Wolf. Also along this area, Bob Walker was wondering if the aggregate rock washed out of his yard would be put back or replaced by the county.

C. Forest Grant – With help from Bob and Brian, David applied for a grant that is offered by the San Juan Islands Conservation District to be used for fire mitigation. We will find out in January, and we are hopeful that we have a good chance of receiving up to \$7,500 toward our forest plan. If received, the funds would be used toward the project mentioned above as well as dealing with the south common area.

VIII. Next meeting: Feb. 28 at 2:00

IX. Adjournment: 4:05