

Orcas Highlands Association Board Minutes

August 29, 2022 10:30am

Via zoom

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I. Roll Call: Bob Burke, Mike Shivers, Robert Dashiell, Lee Goodwin, Brian Ehrmantraut, David Turnoy. Not present: Steve Pettyjohn.

II. Call to order:

III. Minutes of OHA Board Meeting of July 11, 2022 approved.

IV. Treasurer's report: The 2021-2022 Audit is currently in process. Final reports and schedules should be completed by September 2, 2022. Current bank balances are:

Fiber Account- \$14,550

Operating Account- \$21,875

Reserve Account- \$83,492 (reflects payment of latest invoice from rain Shadow)

Dues that are owing as of 8/29/22 are approximately \$5,700. Past due notices have been sent out by our bookkeeper.

VI. Old business

A. Road use fee – Youngren- The invoice has been a subject of numerous Board discussions for over a year. Bob and David will attempt to contact Eric for a meeting to discuss the basis for the invoice amount for the logging trucks. Mike agreed to attend the meeting as further Board support. The desired timing would be prior to September 7 when David has a scheduled trip.

B. Mailbox restructuring update- No update on the mailbox restructuring. The possibility of an outbox was discussed. A lengthy discussion occurred with the general consensus being that the need for an outbox was not a priority. It was also noted that the requirements to meet the USPS standards for the outbox were also very restrictive.

C. Forest plan update – Robert and Bob updated the Board on the visit with Bud Westcott with the DNR. The work recently performed by Rain Shadow was well received by the DNR visit.

The DNR has been allocated \$2,000,000 for grants for forest management. Based on Robert's calculations, OHA may receive matching funds of up to \$20,600 for forest management. His calculations were derived by utilizing the parameters currently in place by the work performed by Rain Shadow. The DNR has several criteria / restrictions but these appear easily met by the proposed work needed (previously identified). The grant monies have a life span of two years. If OHA is approved for the grant, the board approved that the work would begin in the lower area roads and proceed up Discovery. Robert has agreed to coordinate our "Forest Management" activities and submit the grant request.

Robert had a follow up conversation with Gene Phillips with the Conservation District. It appears the DNR will be the entity coordinating future grant monies.

Robert suggested that we seek a “Forest Practices Permit” for \$100.00. This permit will allow for OHA to trade by-products (such as woodchips) to our contractor to offset costs. Brian made the motion to approve the purchase of the permit and the motion was seconded by Bob. All members voted to approve the purchase, the motioned passed.

D. Reflectors – The Board had a deliberate and extensive discussion about the road system of Orcas Highlands. The general consensus was that the road system is similar and consistent with community standards areas throughout San Juan County. The Board will take a future review of the overall road system.

VII. Committee reports:

Policy: No update/ action

Architecture: No action Required

Nominations: Arthur agreed but does not want to chair, Jens declined to continue on the committee. Steve has indicated a willingness to be on the committee and will now be a member. David has reached out to Dennie without success. We will continue to determine Dennie’s interest in continuing on this committee.

Firewise: (See previous discussion in Fire Plan) nothing to add (VI. Old Business, Item C)

Roads: See previous discussion (VI. Old Business, Item D)

VIII. New business

A. Mowing – David will send out a note detailing that this will be delayed.

B. Mailbox theft. It was discussed that we should be diligent about thefts occurring and the lack of need for an Outbox (see VI. Old Business, item B for further analysis)

C. Homeowner’s complaint about neighbor’s yard work- The Board will seek to meet with homeowner(Lee and Robert) to look at the work performed on lot in question. The Board is unable to act on disputes between residents.

D. David will be gone Sept. 7-Oct. 8 – Brian will determine if he is able to manage Mail Chimp in David’s absence.

IX. Next meeting: Will be Oct. 24 at a time to be determined.

X. Adjournment: August 29,2022 at 12:30pm