

Mary's River Estates Road District

APPROVED MINUTES 20071206

The Commissioners convened their regular monthly meeting on the first Thursday of the month, December 6, 2007, at 7:30PM. The meeting was at the usual place, 24631 Daisy Dr. Attending were Commissioners Mark Davis, John Vandehey, and Andy Evans; also Bardon Maginnis, Linda Waymire, Yvette Spitz, and contractor Justin Stokes.

Minutes were deferred until the next meeting. It was pointed out that minutes as well as the agenda would be posted on the website, www.marysriver.philomath.or.us.

Current financial statements were presented and reviewed. They also will be posted on the website periodically.

Extensive discussion of the current road work on Queen Anne and Iris Circle and the path along Columbine was held. The "walk through" with Benton County Public Works the prior day had brought out several deviations from County rules, which Justin agreeing to resolve the road widening part. He was also asked to do some repair work on Columbine and put in a culvert on Iris Circle that had not been included in the original agreement. The relationship of the Road District to the County on our County owned roads was explained as both a way to prepare for possible County acceptance of our role of maintaining and improving their roads, and also to provide technical assistance while we improved their roads.

The problem of losing tax revenue from property owners using our roads was discussed. A prior meeting with the County Public Works had resulted in their research to see if there was any other way for us to annex these properties, such as can be done when septic systems fail. Also the Building Permit group is to flag the lots involved in this problem, so that they can be required to join the Road District when taking out a building permit. Otherwise a volunteer is needed to develop and implement a program to get these owners to agree to annex to the Road District, but it was agreed all costs would be bourn by the Road District.

Research has determined that combining our liability insurance with the County was not practical.

Four traffic signs have been ordered from Benton County, and we will have to pay for three of them.

Andy Evans brought out reasons to develop a clean up program for our roads, which were reducing fuel for a possible wildfire and aesthetically pleasing. To these reasons were added a need to provide better visibility for drivers to see each other and animals, and opening up the roads to more light to better melt ice on the roads. This project was left to do later.

It was agreed that the requests of the Fire District contained in their report on our website would be held until after the Annual Meeting of the Property Owners group on January 15th at 7 at the Philomath Public Library, when the Fire Chief would make a presentation.

John Vandehey announced that he would not serve another term beginning January 1, 2008. The Commissioners then closed the public part of their meeting and held an executive session to discuss the open Commissioner position. John, Andy, Mark, and guest Bardon were present at the executive session. For the first time in memory there was a choice to make between two volunteers. Although either volunteer would appear to make a good commissioner, it was decided to ask the County Board of Commissioners to appoint Mike Miller as a replacement. It was hoped Yvette Spitz would serve on the Budget Committee.

The meeting adjourned at about 10PM.

Acting Secretary