

ROAD & RECREATION BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 20, 2007

IN ATTENDANCE: Inge Hongsermeier, Ruth Ludwig, Rex Schweers, Jim Sidebottom, Steve Smalley, David Smith, Jerry Valko, and Manager Jody Sandquist.

PROPERTY OWNERS & OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Fourteen (14).

PRESIDENT STEVE SMALLEY CALLED THE JANUARY 20, 2007, ROAD & REC. MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:00 P.M.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Jerry Valko asked for the addition of Snow Fences under New Business.

MOTION: Ruth Ludwig moved to accept the Agenda as amended. Jim Sidebottom seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Inge Hongsermeier moved to approve the Town Meeting Minutes. Ruth Ludwig seconded the motion, which passed with one abstention: Rex Schweers.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

- PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Steve reported that Kim Riggs will not be returning to The Restaurant next season, so Jody will be trying to find us a chef/restaurant manager and will be visiting some ski resorts.  
We have received over 450 approved covenant consent forms to date. We will be starting to call property owners who have not returned their forms the last week in January or the first week of February. Six individuals have volunteered as callers and any additional volunteers are welcome. The Middle Bald Mountain tower was discussed at the Joint Meeting. The Boards will be sending a letter addressing the environmental impact and other issues.
- TREASURER'S REPORT: Written report by Inge Hongsermeier.

MOTION: Rex Schweers moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Jerry Valko seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Jody briefly reviewed the last month of snow plowing, snow plowing, and snow plowing. She recognized Randy and Don for doing an extremely incredible job. The first snow storm occurred on December 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, and they have been plowing every day since then, including Christmas Day, with the exception of New Year's Day. They played "Rescue Ranger" for several property owners who became stuck, some more than once. They also kept our equipment up and running, replacing grader tires, hydraulic lines, etc. She called Randy and Don to the front of the room and presented them with a thank you card and shopping bag of goodies. Jody also commended the office staff for taking the many calls with efficiency and patience, as well as communicating with the outside staff. Ruth Ludwig also commented on the hours Jody had worked during this time.

Our new map is nearing readiness and it includes identifying each tract and greenbelt, as well as Elk Ridge Ranches.

Steve asked Jody to evaluate the amount over budget the snow plowing has brought about, and figure out where adjustments can be made.

#### LETTERS, REQUESTS, COMPLAINTS & COMMENTS FROM PROPERTY OWNERS

1. MORA/WOLF (01049): Maggie Mora and Marjorie Wolf had written a letter expressing their concern and objection what they termed to the full paged color ad on the front page of the January/February *Wapiti Bugle*. They point out that the use of “commissioned paintings” constituted an ad not available to all property business owners without fees, and this has set a precedent. Winnie Hanson (03075), whose artwork appears on said cover, responded with research she initiated. She reviewed the editorial policy of five publications with regard to similar situations. Carol Strazer stated that the Newsletter Committee would like to have this issue tabled until after their meeting on the following Monday. The Board granted this request.
2. POPEJOY (08142): This letter referred to berms, and Jody has responded to the property owner on this issue.

Steve related a disturbing incident of a property owner pushing his berm into the middle of the road. That is a dangerous situation as someone in the middle of the night can hit it and that is not acceptable. Jody stated that the property owner did apologize as he was frustrated, having removed the berm twice before. Most roads must have at least two passes to open them, hence a berm will occur with each pass.

#### AGENCY REPORTS:

1. DOW – BEAR AWARE: Jim Tiffin commented, as a property owner, on the incredible job staff did on getting our roads open. The responses from the hunters when they met with the Bear Aware Team was that the team did everything right from the hunters’ perspective. They appreciated the access permission maps the team had put together, and the orientation. There were no issues with property owners. No bears were sighted during the hunt. The hunters acknowledged they would be willing to come to a hunt again if there was active bear activity in the fall. Jim feels it necessary to send out access permission letters again for the 2007 season in the event a hunt is needed. A decision would be made around August 1<sup>st</sup> as to the necessity of contacting the Division of Wildlife to set up a hunt. If a hunt is necessary, all hunters will be required to qualify, even if they qualified for the 2006 hunt.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. FISHING: Gordon Lauts reported that they would still have catch and release on the streams in the spring.
2. GREENBELT MANAGEMENT: No report. Jody reported that the Committee has volunteers to monitor some small slash pile burns, as well as a permit to burn as soon as conditions are met in the pilot project areas of Filings 12 & 15.
3. HEARING PANEL: No report.
4. NEWSLETTER: Information is above.
5. POLICY & DOCUMENT: Maurine Sanford submitted a new Charter to the Board.

MOTION: Jim Sidebottom moved to approve the Policy & Document Charter. David Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

6. RECREATION: Bev Eddinger reported that the Recreation Committee invites all to come to the Valentine's Day potluck at 5:00 p.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February. She asked the Board to approve the Committee looking into the cost of building railings around three sides of the platform south of The Restaurant, as well as making a new set of 3' wide steps, all for safety reasons. The Board approved the action to check into the cost of the above. Bev further reported that they are looking into re-instating the four-wheel drive steak picnic that so many property owners have commented that they enjoyed very much. Randy Mae has agreed to lead the excursion along with a friend who is also knowledgeable of Crystal Lakes and the surrounding area.
7. ROAD: No report. Jody advised that the staff has noticed the area on south Ottawa that has had an application of X-hesion is a little slicker and is pitted and has potholes. Jim Tiffin commented that he believed south Ottawa is holding up very well and he has not noticed it being any slicker than before. The Board is planning to meet with the Road Committee the Friday night before the April Board Meeting.
8. SECURITY: Jim Sidebottom reported that Susan Vance has been working on the cost of security for Crystal Lakes. He is hoping to have a plan set in motion for next year.
9. A.C.C.: Written report.

MOTION: David Smith moved that the Board take action today to accept Carolyn Deckler (01059) as a member of the A.C.C. Jerry Valko seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

10. ENERGY AD HOC: David Smith anticipates having a report next month.
11. FINANCE: Inge Hongsermeier reported they cancelled their last meeting due to snow, and they are meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>.
12. FIRE PIT REGULATIONS AD HOC: They may have their first meeting at 7:00 p.m. on February 16<sup>th</sup>, depending on some committee members' check of previous commitments.

THE ROAD & RECREATION BOARD TOOK A BREAK AND RECONVENED THE MEETING AT 2:22 P.M.

OPEN ISSUES:

1. PROPERTY USED FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES: This is on hold.
2. VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS: This is on hold.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. VOLUNTEERS' CODE OF BEHAVIOR: This issue is tabled.
2. SNOW FENCES: Jerry Valko suggested that erecting snow fences in those areas known to be drifted areas would decrease the cost of plowing. Jody responded that snow fences have to be many feet off the road to be effective. They would end up on private properties. Even with property owners' agreements, the erecting and taking down of such fences would be very labor intensive. Jody will, however, look into this further.

Steve reminded everyone that four Board positions will be opening up, and Ruth Ludwig has announced that she will not be running again this year. Inge Hongsermeier, Rex Schweers, and Jerry Valko will be seeking re-election. Interested parties must have their resumes in the office by February 28<sup>th</sup>. Articles for the next newsletter edition must be in by February 12<sup>th</sup>.

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MOTION: David Smith moved to adjourn. Inge Hongsermeier seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

THE JANUARY 20, 2007, ROAD & RECREATION BOARD MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bev Eddinger  
Recording Secretary