

WORLEY HIGHWAY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
September 27, 2023
9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

Commissioner Phil Cooper called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. with Commissioner George Miller and Commissioner Corinne Johnson present. Also present were Director Kevin Howard, Deputy Director Dustin Howe, Clerk Charyl Ragan, and Deputy Clerk Jennifer Weeks.

David Wynkoop, Scott Poorman, Misty Knuchell, Doug and Christine Lohman, Elizabeth Sirula, Craig Ferguson, Shaun Mueller, Lucy and Henry Smith, Ron and Karen Desonia, Greg Patrek, Karen Bogle, Joanna "Chris" Redfearn, Kelly Redfearn, Shellie Strut, Carla Rose, John and Carole Wilhelm, Laurie and Jerry Knobf, Ken and Barb Coeurin, Fred Robohn, Magdalena and Rick Detar, Tamra Smith, Don Richel, Ken Martin, Mistioue Olson, Dick Wilson, Ben Olson, Charles Krahenbuhl and Darlene Sheldon.

Approval of Agenda

Cooper moved to approve the agenda as presented. Miller seconded the motion. Johnson concurred. The motion passed unanimously.

Conflicts of Interest on the Agenda

Cooper asked if any board member had a conflict of interest with any item on the agenda. Corinne Johnson, George Miller and Phil Cooper each indicated no conflicts.

Approval of Minutes

Cooper moved to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2023, regular meeting. Johnson seconded the motion. Miller concurred. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments and Guest Introduction

None

Public Hearing-Abandonment of Road # 20:

Cooper opened the hearing at 9:08 a.m. on the petition to vacate and abandon Road 20.

Attorney David Wynkoop, appointed as the Hearing Officer, spoke to the following items: He informed the Board that this is a legal process as outlined in Idaho code 40-203 and explained the abandonment/vacate proceeding as set forth in the statute. He informed those present of the parameters of this quasi-judicial process. While the Board cannot answer questions, they may take testimony to assist them in their fact finding. He indicated that 3 commissioners were present. All those present were requested to complete a public hearing form and submit it to Mr. Wynkoop if they desire to testify.

Director Howard presented the Petition to vacate and abandon Road 20 which was entered into the record as Exhibit A. He presented the pervious validation April 4, 2020, which was entered as Exhibit B. He presented the notice of public hearing which was entered as Exhibit C. He presented an email from Kootenai Electric Cooperative which was entered as Exhibit D. He presented the staff report which was entered as exhibit E. He presented the Analysis of Fair market value as Exhibit F.

David Wynkoop opened public testimony at 9:15 am.

Petitioner Greg Patrek 336 Styner Ave, Moscow, Id 83843 testified in favor of the petition.

Petitioner Darleen Sheldon 503 Emma Coeur d'Alene, Id 83814 testified in favor of the petition.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 27, 2023
Page 2

Scot Poorman, Attorney 320 E Neider Ave. Suite 204 Coeur d' Alene, ID 83815 representing the petitioners, testified in favor of the petition.

At 9:45, with no other testimony requests, David Wynkoop closed the public testimony portion of the hearing, and the Board proceeded to deliberations.

After deliberations, Chairman Cooper moved to hold off on a decision on the vacate/abandonment of road 20 petition. The board needs time to consider all the information presented during the hearing and discuss it at the next board meeting October 11, 2023. Miller seconded; Johnson concurred. Jennifer called roll, Cooper, aye, Miller aye, Johnson aye. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing was closed at 9:56 am.

Commissioner Johnson moved to take a recess after the hearing at 9:56 and resume at 10:15 am, Cooper seconded, Miller concurred. The motion passed unanimously.

The regular meeting resumed at 10:15 am, due to the presence of many residents the first topic to be discussed upon return to the meeting is new business item, Cave Bay Rd.

Cave Bay Rd Maintenance

Commissioner Cooper invited the residents that wanted to speak about Cave Bay Rd. to do so.

Testimony and questions were given and asked by several from the Cave Bay Community.

Testimony given: the current condition of the road surface, number of times that the district applied Magnesium-Chloride, the dust that is present later in the summer, some have had paid to have dust control added to the roadway in front of their house and the growth in the area.

Questions asked; can another application of Magnesium-Chloride be applied later in the year, how can washboards be fixed, and can the road be chip sealed or paved.

In response to all the comments and requests, the director and deputy director provided the following response: The mag chloride is applied to the road in early summer after the spring rain. A mag chloride treated road can be graded to fix washboards, but each grading will reduce the amount mag chloride retained. The washboards come from a lack of moisture and the driving habits of those using the roads. The soil is very different from the soil on Bitter Rd. so the amount of maintenance on each is the same but may not appear so because of that. The road does not have the proper base to do chip seal and be cost effective, it would likely fail within 3 years. The district would have to put the proposed project on the CIP list, see how it ranks as this would not be an in-house job, hire engineers for design and would need to go out for bid.

Commissioner Cooper Thanked the residents for coming and for all the comments and stated the board will take it all under advisement and budget for the future. It was suggested to the group to have a spokesperson to communicate with and that the follow-up time could be around a year due to the change of the season. The highway district is currently grading roads that need it within the district.

Public Hearing-Resolution 2023-04 Surplus Equipment:

Commissioner Miller moved to sign the resolution, Cooper seconded, Johnson concurred. Jennifer called the roll with the commissioners voting as follows: Commissioner Johnson, aye; Commissioner Miller, aye; Commissioner Cooper, aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Koth Road

No additional information this month

Rockford/Loffs Intersection

Working on ROW acquisitions.

New Business

Drechsel Rd.-signage

Kevin Howard proposed having JUB do a traffic study. Johnson motioned to move forward with the traffic study on Drechsel Rd., Miller moved, Cooper seconded, Johnson concurred. The motion passed unanimously.

Kid Island Project-ROW Acquisition

Working with attorney on ROW acquisitions.

WHD Office Hours

The office staff proposed having the office hours as 6-4 M-Th year-round instead of going to the previous hours of 7-3 M-F for the winter season. The commissioners advised the director that it was his decision. The director decided to move forward with the hours as requested with the understanding that if it does not work for the district, the hours will go back to the previously set hours.

Work Progress Report

ON THE ROAD

The ballast and base on the Loffs Bay Road Participation Project is complete. It's buttoned up for the winter and will receive two High Float seals next summer.

A large diameter culvert (42 inch) was replaced under Rockford Bay Road.

The ditches and culvert pipes were cleaned on the north end of Greensferry Road where the Guardrail Project is being designed.

Hot mix asphalt was placed on the approaches to the Mica creek Bridge Project. This completes the project. A few other roads were patched in various places.

The Belgrove Road shouldering project is currently underway.

Some of the crew went to a paving class/paver demonstration in Post Falls.

The crew has been moving material in Johnson Pit to prepare for the crusher to move in. Some usable material needs to be moved so that it will not be contaminated during the crushing process. Additionally, some ditching dirt that had been placed in the pit had to be moved to make room for the operation.

IN THE SHOPS

Deputy Director Dustin Howe has prepared a shop report for the board.

Planned work for this coming Month.

Snowplow equipment preparation
Ditching
Finish Belgrove Rd. project
Replace a culvert on Rolling Hills

Accounts payable register presented for approval.

Miller moved that the bills be approved as presented. Johnson seconded the motion. Cooper concurred. The motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Meetings

October 11, 2023. WHD Board meeting 9:00 a.m.
October 12, 2023, KMPO 1:30 p.m.
October 25, 2023, WHD Board meeting 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Comments

Cooper asked if the district does more maintenance on Cave Bay Rd as requested by the residents, does this open the flood gates for more requests to come?

Johnson stated she was impressed by how well the director and deputy director responded to the comments, requests, and questions from the residents here to discuss Cave Bay Rd. The responses provided a lot of education about the roads and the tasks the highway district performs to maintain the roads.

Adjournment


Citing no further business, Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 a.m. Miller seconded the motion. Cooper concurred. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.


RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

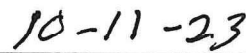


Jennifer Weeks, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED BY:



Phil Cooper, Chair




Date