# Cedar Park Road Maintenance Corporation PO Box 344, Drake, CO 80515 Annual Meeting Minutes Saturday, July 20, 2013

Total Attendance: 21 members with 27 votes; plus 8 via proxy. Total 35 votes, Quorum = 15

Meeting was called to order by President Gary Kubinak a 1:05 p.m.

Gary asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Added was discussion of the PID and the Cedar Springs Lake. Also need to add re-election of secretary. Agenda approved as amended.

Introduction of officers: Ron Pfeifer, Road Director; John Green, Treasurer; Gary Kubinak, President; Beth Pfeifer, Secretary; Jerry Romero, Vice President, who will take over as President under new business.

Gary reminded us to identify ourselves by filing and lot numbers when we want to speak.

### **Reports**

**Secretary:** Beth asked if everyone has signed in and has their voting cards. Please be sure to return your cards after the meeting. She also has windshield stickers available for \$1. Everyone should have received a copy of last year's minutes either by mail or email. If you didn't receive them, please see her after the meeting so we can make sure we have your current information. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes

Ed Ostransky moved the minutes be approved as submitted. Bill Whittaker second All in favor

**Treasurer:** John reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Current available funds are \$38,176.35. Compare this to \$28,843.59, which is what is left of the budget to spend this year. Emergency and snow fund has \$6,400 which needs to carry us through the rest of the year. Ellen Baker moved we accept treasurer's report; LaVon Romero second All in favor

**Road Director:** Spring work has been done. Ideal Fencing will be repairing the broken guardrail on the switchbacks. We are trying to schedule a time. Longs Peak Equipment will be paying for this repair. There has been some concern about a corner below Jug Court in 6<sup>th</sup> filing. We have gotten a bid for \$9,200 to blast, improve drainage, widen and put in a culvert 16" x 24'. This would be a Major Maintenance project. It was mentioned that a couple of loads have been put on this corner and it seems to be just fine for now and that there are greater needs for the funds. There was discussion about a possible greater need for Major Maintenance on Spruce Mountain Drive where the grader and snow plow won't go. This will be discussed at the next board meeting. Regarding the place in 6<sup>th</sup> filing, this is a blind corner with a dropoff, it was suggested that we get a mirror to put up. It was asked if filing allotment could pay for this instead of major maintenance. Budget is really just for materials. It was also brought up that a mirror may be used for target practice.

Dale Tomczyk moved the report be accepted, Ed Ostransky second All in favor

Liaison: No report

## Filing directors:

 $1^{st}$  – A portion on Lake View Drive looks like there is some damage after the rain. We will be taking a closer look.

 $2^{nd}$  - Basically ok. Had asked for the road to be recrowned. Was done in places, other places there just isn't enough material. May be a multiyear project. John Green is looking to resign as filing director since he is also treasurer. Bill McKenna is willing to take over. This is a board matter.

 $3^{rd}$  – Looks pretty good, signs are all there. He took a couple of trees out of the ditch. A resident reported that the Elk Way sign is shot up.

4<sup>th</sup> – Seven loads were added for maintenance. 1 load at Pine Drive and Storm Mountain, 2 loads on Gualuchie toward the end of Storm Mountain, 3 loads between Storm Mountain and Pine Forest Way. and 1 load around Pine Forest and Storm.

 $5^{\text{th}}$  – Seven loads were put down and look good.

 $6^{th}$  – Did several loads around the corner we have discussed below Jug Court. This will be discussed at our board meeting. Concern is if we put up the mirror and it gets shot up, how many times will we replace it.

 $7^{\text{th}}$  – Good job ditching. Worked on the mud hole in Cedar Springs. 40 yards of material, we bought on load of material, Cedar Springs bought the other.

Bill Whittaker commended the board for staying with White Trucking for our maintenance work.

## **Old Business**

Kevin Atchley, Forest Service District Ranger was introduced; he is here to discuss any issues we may have for him. He is responsible for everything within our district.

- Our road application that we submitted last year has not been processed yet. It was a very busy year last year with the High Park Fire and recovery from it. The permit will probably be processed later this year September or October. Emergency situations take priority.
- Regarding the gates that are open on a seasonal basis: the CPW (Colorado Parks & Wildlife) has requested the gates be keep open. To date they have remained as is due to motor vehicle use map that we can get free of charge that shows all the roads that are open to the public and the dates they are open (typically June 1 November 30). They have tried to move the gate up on the Masonville side, the CPW has an easement so people can turn around and park and walk in.
- A resident brought up that Backbone Adventures is running a business on Cedar Park Drive renting four wheel drives, ATV's, dirt bikes and guiding tours on forest service as well as tearing up our roads. Kevin will be checking into this. If they are running a business on national forest, they should have a permit.
- Question was where can we get a copy of the map: we can obtain a copy from the Roosevelt National Forest Website.
- Kevin let us know that his staff does monitor the locked gates periodically. If we find a gate unlocked when it shouldn't be, he would appreciate it if we would let him know.

- He let us know that he is short staffed. He has 2 ½ law enforcement employees to cover 650,000 acres. After February he will have one. They will mainly be covering emergencies. Also have 2 part time employees to help patrol. It was suggested that if we had one person up here to give citations, this should generate a lot of revenue. Citations really don't generate that much revenue.
- Fire fighters they have a helicopter (for this summer only) and one hot shot crew, three engines and one hand crew.
- Can we get signs for no ATV's, etc. There was a deputy up the previous week and stopped several ATV's. They all said they didn't know they shouldn't be on FS128 (aka Storm Mountain Drive). Forest Service is short handed so a volunteer may be used to put up the signs. Kevin will follow up on this matter.
- Fire Mitigation Plan on Palisade the decision has been signed. They have run an environmental assessment. Once they run an analysis and make a decision on what is to be done it can be 2-5 years before anything is done. One issue will be how to get the logs out due to the roads. They may sell the wood to the general public for firewood.
- Access road he is not actively seeking to stop work. But what if we do work and then their environmental engineer decides we did it wrong? We may have to correct it and redo the whole thing. But with the expertise of the engineer and the permit we can do more work in the correct way.

Thank you Kevin for attending our meeting.

There was a formal request for doing major maintenance on Spruce Mountain Drive. This will be addressed at the next board meeting.

Update on county's switchback ideas – county has not had a chance to come up and evaluate as planned. We have about \$9,000 that we were saving to see what the county recommended to do with the switchbacks. Lot of people think the reclamite did a good job but was poorly applied. We are trying to get the county to do some work. With the money we have to do some grading and maybe adding to the switchbacks one more time to see if this will last us a few more years, that is probably how we will proceed. But until we hear from the county we really don't know.

PID – the PID has been submitted. We are still acquiring signatures. Jim Eccleston from Cedar Springs is actively working on getting signatures. According to Jim: we have until August 12 to get signatures. Right now we have 38.5% of Colorado voters, commissioners like 50%. We need 80 more signatures to reach that number. Looks like the majority of residents are in favor.

Cedar Springs Lake – There is a problem with their dam. They are working on getting quotes. It has nothing to do with us, but they have a severe problem and are coming to us with a proposal. This is just to let us know that they will be spending about \$60,000 to maintain the dam and lake. The pipe underneath is failing. Sounds like they will need to drain the lake, repair the pipe, and refill. If they don't do this, it could turn into \$100's of thousands in years to come. This is just information, they may be asking us for help in the future.

Gary asked if someone would be willing to volunteer get some contractor bids. It was pointed out that this should a road director duty. It has been several years since we have gotten other bids.

Karen Debenham, secretary and public information officer of Big Thompson Volunteer Fire Department, told us about the new fire station that is being built near the T. Donations would be appreciated. They need about \$25,000 more, this will be tax deductible. Current fire station is inadequate and roads are poorly maintained which causes a problem in the winter. New station will be centrally located and will be a three bay station. Donations can be sent to PO Box 97 and checks made out to BTCVFD. It was commented that this might lower our homeowners insurance – not necessarily. The property was donated by the Berg family.

Gary thanks everyone for allowing him to be president. It has been interesting and a good year.

#### **New Business**

Jerry Romero took over as our new President. Beth Pfeifer was re-elected as secretary. Voted unanimously in favor

Vice president

Gary Kubinak agreed to serve as Vice President with the understanding that he will not move up to President. This will cause a problem next year as we will need to elect both a President and Vice President.

Gary was voted unanimously in favor as Vice President.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted Beth Pfeifer, Secretary, CPRMC