

## February 2020 PID #55 (Storm Mountain PID) Meeting Minutes

Location, Date & Time: 1153 Spruce Mountain Dr (John Lodico): February 8, 10 AM

Attendees:

Community: Diane Haight, Christine Muir, Patrick Head, Amanda Carian, Mary Hill, Rebecca White, Shirley Foster, Lee Dixon, Rachel Cuning

PID Board: Deb Green, Gary Kubinak, Mary Pancheri, John Lodico, Connie Garrett

1- Summary review of snow plowing, actions:

Gary Kubinak reviewed the topics discussed with Four Seasons after the November Storm: Green roads need to be plowed full width before red roads are plowed (the width was clarified at the meeting)

- Plowing will start on green roads at 4" (county clarification, may be fine tuned with communication between Mary Pancheri and 4 Seasons).
- Amanda will check on possible impacts to 4 Seasons if the 4" was changed to 6" next year. Changing that might involve rebidding. There was a board vote (unanimous) to change the starting depth to 6" for the 20/21 season, with continuing communication between 4 Seasons and the board for special circumstances.
- Four Seasons will communicate where and when they are plowing. The PID board will handle community requests and comments, so that 4 Seasons can concentrate on their work. There needs to be more communication or education with the community about what is expected of residents: proper cars, tires, considerate driving, yield to the plow trucks, etc. Also, drivers should know that Four Seasons is not responsible for pulling them out of ditches (liability issue). Perhaps a list of contractors on the mountain that could be called to pull people out can be developed.
- Ashleigh has been accosted twice, and apparently Foster Dirt once about working on the road on Berg's Hill. Gary Kubinak will contact the county about the proper steps to notify the resident doing the accosting that his actions are not acceptable. There is a 25' right of way on either side of the road centerline for necessary road work.

2- Discussion of the road committees for upper and lower filings for 2020:

Committees have been formed to review the upper and lower filing roads and make recommendations to the PID Board on priorities for road maintenance in 2020. The upper filing committee will be led by Mary Pancheri with assistance from Connie Garrett. Other members are Mary Hill and Jim Grieme. The lower filing committee will be led by John Lodico. Other members are Ed Haimes, Melissa Wertz, Jerry Busleta and Ed Ostransky. The entire PID board will evaluate the access road. Deb Green distributed detailed maps that can be used to mark locations of needed work and write related information on. There was a question on the mileage in the upper and lower filings. According to the mileage listed on the Road Maintenance Standards and Goals there are 2.3 miles on the access road, 13.71 miles in the lower filings (to the Hi/Lo), and 12.81 miles in the upper filings.

Suggestions for maintenance items can be sent to the committees or the PID board.

3- Forest Service Discussion:

Gary Kubinak presented an overview of the interactions between various road boards, the county and the Forest Service (FS) over the years. This was in response to requests by several

community and board members that we try again to get the Forest Service to maintain their portion of the road. Listed below are a number of informational bullets.

- The FS owns about .8 mile on the access road, a small portion of Snow Top Drive on the SE end, and a larger portion of Storm Mountain Dr through the Bobcat Fire burn area.
- The FS has classified their roads high clearance four-wheel drive (need to find the code or number), and feels that any improvement beyond that classification is unnecessary and should not be done.
- One resident went to a FS Engineer with old documents (1975, 1984, other?) showing FS payments and stated they would go to an elected official if necessary. The engineer felt threatened by that statement.
- The County, which is the legal entity for our road, stated they would look at the documents, but thought any chance for \$ was very low.
- The FS wants the PID to finalize a work permit that was applied for in 2012 (an SF 299). This permit would involve paying a fee every year, taking out a \$1,000,000 liability policy to protect against accidents on the road, and still not being able to perform anything beyond regular maintenance unless an additional application was made, environmental assessment done, etc. This would include work such as extending the existing guard rail. The county advised against finalizing the permit the last time the PID asked.
- The FS says no agreements are currently in effect.
- There is no record of the FS paying any money to the county to fund Storm Mountain roads. Past payments went to the older road boards. The county does send \$5784 to PID #55 each year, but there is no formal agreement covering that and it could be discontinued at the county's discretion.
- Mary Hill added that getting the FS to reclassify the road would help; FS uses the classification as a reason to do no work.

Next steps:

- Find out if any other PIDs are in a similar situation (Deb will ask Vicki)
- Get copies of any old agreements we have to the county to review
- Get a current copy of the FS classification standards
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4- Election of PID officers for 2020

Mary Pancheri was elected Chair; Connie Garrett was elected Treasurer; Deb Green was elected Secretary. All votes were unanimous.

Community Questions

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