

Storm Mountain P.I.D. #55 Advisory board meeting

February 9, 2018, 6 PM

Members Present: Gary Kubinak (on phone), Deb Green, Mary Hill, Chris Brock

Guests Present: Kerry and CJ Edwards, Ron Pfeifer, Ed Ostransky, Fran Arnold, Georgia Wilson

Items Discussed

1. Road work for this year: the items listed below constitute the approach proposed by Chair Gary Kubinak.

1.) Chair will get prices from Bladeworks (Marlon) prior to any work beginning and decide how to proceed based on budget: quotes will include no more than 10% variation allowance from bid without board approval (applies to #2 & 2A below).

2.) Get quote to grade, crown, water and roll, ditch & fill as needed on Access road and Primary roads as defined in road maintenance standards and goals.

2A.) Get separate quote for spraying mag chloride/lignin on Access and Primary roads.

3.) Reconstruct as much of Cedar Park Dr as existing funds allow (grade, crown, water and roll, ditch & fill).

4.) Grade all other roads as needed.

5.) Cut back trees as needed in Cedar Park with Cedar Park money.

Actions taken:

1- All items were approved by the board. The board will consider the price of the mag chloride/lignin application and then decide whether to use the dollars for that or for other work. The access road may be treated separately from other roads.

2- for item #4, a number of roads have minimal or no maintenance since the PID began; these roads in particular will be targeted for work.

3- A subcommittee led by Mary Hill will work to contact property owners where tree cutting is needed and request that they do the work. If the property owners will not do the work voluntarily the PID will contract to have the work done. Mary will investigate qualified contractors and get quotes for the Board to evaluate: a local contractor that could also respond to emergency tree removal is preferred.

Other discussion: Mary Hill handed out a 2017 budget summary based on figures for the county. She also provided a blank 2018 budget form, to be filled in as we get job quotes. Some fixed fees can be entered now. Preliminary figures from the county include \$39,560 carry over from 2017 (includes Cedar Park money, emergency reserves and misc other items), \$180,000 from property taxes, and \$5784 from roads and bridges for a total budget of \$225,344 for 2018.

2. A Storm Maintenance Proposal to evaluate new equipment and a process for more frequent road maintenance (not rebuilding) was withdrawn for now; more research is needed. The proposal may be resubmitted in the future.

3. In addition to the basic officer positions, the chair is proposing additional jobs for Board members. The following items were discussed and members volunteered to take the lead.

A. Hotline Monitoring and response: Deb Green will monitor and respond, getting input from other board members if needed.

B. Tree Removal: committee that surveyed trees in 2017 will be reactivated and work with Mary Hill. They will coordinate with property owners on ROW tree removal, hopefully arranging for them to clean up their own properties. The board will notify owners before bringing in a contractor to do the work.

C. Pet Projects: Any board member can bring a project to the board for consideration, as can a community member. These may be considered as funds allow, if the board agrees the project fits within the PID authority and will help the roads.

Ed Ostransky brought a proposal for a sign to be placed at the "T". Copies of the proposal are being shared with all board members for consideration.

D. Contact with Forest Service: a number of miles of roads in PID #55 are owned by the Forest Service (FS), and our ability to maintain them is limited due to FS restrictions. James Duhadway volunteered previously to try again and work with the FS to improve the situation. Fran Arnold volunteered to assist him. Matt Johnson, County engineer, has previous paperwork from the FS and should be included in any activity.

4. PID Board member responsibility/liability for tree removal on roads.

The county has indicated that having PID board members personally removed hazard trees from the roads leaves them open to liability. Board members are not covered by any insurance other than their own when performing that type of work. Gary Kubinak indicated that he would prefer property owners (on their property or neighbors with permission of course) or an approved contractor be the ones doing tree removal to avoid liability issues.