

**FALLS CREEK RANCH ASSOCIATION, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Falls Creek Ranch Association, Inc. Board of Directors occurred on November 18, 2016 at the home of Peggy Yotti. Present were President, Jim McCarthy; Vice President, Michael McQuinn; Treasurer, Larry Hansen (by phone); At Large, Peggy Yotti and Secretary, Deirdre Heine. Also present were Phil Boroff, Joe Scarpino, Chris Heine, Robin Lucie, Mike Hicks and Jen Salstrom.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion, duly made to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2016 Board of Directors meeting, was seconded and unanimously approved.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved.

**3. LIAISON REPORT**

Mike McQuinn reported:

Our Ranch Manager, Ray Smith, performed the following tasks during the last work period:

- Collected bacti samples
- Provided the CDWR annual pump usage
- Aided by the wet weather, graded Main, Oakcrest, Showshoe, Aspen and Starwood
- Spread horse manure in pasture
- Readied the Zetor for harrowing
- Attended water school in Alamosa
- Assembled new DR brush mower
- Pulled repair and maintenance to DR mower and new 3-yard trailer
- Placed plow and sander on dump truck
- Serviced dump truck.

Next month, plans are to continue to winterize and chain road grader and clean up exterior of equipment shed.

The entrance gate will be fully open once the snow starts.

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

No new business.

**5. SPECIAL REPORT: Metropolitan District**

Mike Hicks presented a report on converting from an HOA to a Metro District, including an organizational timeline discussing critical dates and events for conversion. He also presented reasons to convert to a Metro District.

A Town Hall meeting to discuss these possibilities will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2017. Detailed information will be sent to the membership prior to the Town Hall meeting.

## **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FireWise Ambassador**

Paulette Church, Firewise Ambassador reported:

We just received reimbursements for the 2015 DNR Falls Creek Main widening grant (\$2,750). We are awaiting the final \$5,000 payment for Watershed Grant with final report and all other materials submitted, approved by Kent Grant, and forwarded to state CSFS office.

I am not done preparing the final reimbursement request for the Stephens Grant for \$4,010. This amount is covering \$2,000+ of our labor costs through November 15, 2016, up to the \$4,010 total. This isn't due until June 2017 but I want to close it out by the end of this year so we don't have so many open grants.

Have purchased the heavy-duty diesel RTV, 14 by 8' hydraulic dump trailer, and a pull behind offset rough brush cutter and all have been delivered and used. I will file for reimbursement on the 2016 DNR Capacity Grant in January. We are still gathering volunteer hours using this equipment along with before and after photos. Chris and Clyde are already mowing tall grass and brush along roads and meadow edges. We need to do some modifications but the equipment is working well where it is a gentle side slope and fairly steep vertical slope.

Attended the FireWise Ambassadors meeting and then the FireWise Steering Committee meeting. It is getting more difficult to find funds for mitigation but we have three programs that can help us next year:

- Chipper rebate program – FCR rents the chipper we need and then file for reimbursement – grant funds are in place with FireWise of SW Colorado. This could really help with CR 205 project in May.
- Share program for individual homeowners - Each homeowner can apply for a grant up to \$7,500, which they must match with cash spent. Money is in place and the application is simple.
- Colorado tax credit up to \$2,500 per homeowner – This continues for several years and is a credit on the Colorado income tax form. Documentation of expenses must be included and can include money spent matching the Share program described above.

Safe Passage grant to trim back 25 feet on either side of CR 205 south of our entrance will begin on or about May 15, 2017. We will have the planning meeting with La Plata County Roads and Bridges, San Juan National Forest, Southwest Conservation Corp, and our lead project volunteers in January or February.

Last burn and cleanup of slash/sort yard is planned for the air curtain burner this Sunday. The plan is to store the ACB under the shed roof for the winter. The RTV and brush mower will be stored in the equipment shed.

### **Architectural Control Committee**

No new business.

### **Beautification Committee**

No new business.

### **Common Property**

No new business.

### **Water and Dam Committee**

Mike Hicks, Chairman, reported:

**Lake Level, Water Calls and Flows** - Irrigation season ended October 31 and by the terms of the Zink Agreement, Zink's call was terminated. Zink may call for 0.15 cfs (winter call) on 12/15, however, since the agreement was signed he has not done so.

No call is in place by USFS.

The lake is 1.00 feet below full.

**Pasture Irrigation** – No pastures are under irrigation

**Native Cut Throat Project** – Nothing new to report

**Dam Face Seeding** - Nothing new to report

**Annual Dam Safety Inspection** - Annual dam safety inspection by CDWR took place October 17, 2016. We are awaiting the inspection report. The dam safety engineer noted that the willows on the north end of the spillway must be removed.

### **Horse Committee**

No new business

### **Lake Recreation and Beach Committee**

Robin Lucie, Co-Chair, reported:

Fall plans are to deliver two loads of sand to the main beach while it is accessible via the spillway.

Spring plans are to spread the sand, plant flowers or grass at the top of the stairs to the main beach. We also hope to build a kayak rack, a paddle board rack and boardwalk at the duck habitat, if we have funds and volunteers.

The lake committee requests that all crafts are out of the water by the end of November.

### **Road Committee**

Ed Kileen, Chairman, reported via email:

In the month of October, Ed and Mike McQuinn surveyed the FCR network of roads. We identified several areas including the entrance, FCR Main, Snowshoe and High Ridge that needed minor reworking/grading and Mike discussed with Ray.

The plan is to do work in November prior to snow.

### **Utilities Committee**

Eb Redford, Chairman, reported via email:

### **AWC/FCR Water Systems Connection Project**

A Confidentiality/Non-Disclosure agreement was sent to each of six engineering firms and returned signed. The six firms are FEI Engineers, Russell Engineering, Goff Engineering, SGM, Wright Water Engineers and Davis Engineering. Five firms have offices in Durango. Davis Engineering's nearest office is in Pagosa Springs. They designed the Dam Spillway project.

The Falls Creek Ranch RFP (Request for Price Quotation) was then sent to the six firms. RFP responses are due back by December 16, 2016. They will be reviewed and an engineering firm selected to conduct the engineering feasibility and cost estimation tasks and submit a final report which is due by the end of February 2017.

An AWC project team meeting was held on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the home of Eb Redford to review RFP related questions submitted by the engineering firm FEI engineers. Attending were Barry Bryant, Chris Heine, Michael Hicks and Eb Redford.

A joint get acquainted meeting with engineering firm SGM and the AWC project team was held at their request on November 8, 2016 at the home of Eb Redford. Attending were Tom Allen, Barry Bryant, Chris Heine, Michael Hicks and Eb Redford. The Falls Creek Ranch water system, potential pipeline routes, surface excavation vs directional drilling options and pumping infrastructure details were discussed.

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

Mike McQuinn will write a summary of proposed Rules and Guidelines for FCR Rentals to be presented at the next meeting.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business

## **9. NEXT MEETING**

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on January 4, 2017 at the home of Larry Hansen. There will be no Board meeting held in December.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board, by motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, adjourned the regular meeting at 8:00p.m.

This document constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of the Falls Creeks Ranch Association, Inc.

Respectively submitted,

Deirdre Heine  
Secretary  
November 18, 2016

