

Minutes

HGCSD Board Special Meeting, April 12, 2024

(Applegate Civic Center, 18014 Applegate Road, Applegate)

1. **MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:10 P.M.** Those present included Chairman Max Bailey, Board Members Gary Bundesen, Marc Krupin, Cheryl Madden, and Rhonda Rajaofera, Board Secretary Linda McLean. Also present were 10 homeowners from Heather Glen Estates.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Led by Curt Ingram

3. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Gary Bundesen made a Motion that the Minutes of board Regular Meeting March 28, 2024 be approved without being read aloud. (Second: Marc Krupin)

Votes in favor: 4 Against: 0 MOTION PASSED

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - None

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. **Roads & Grounds Committee** - Gary Bundesen

1. A new bid was received for an asphalt overlay on B Lane this year at a cost of \$12,000. Due to budget concerns, doing slurry seal on the entire community will be postponed until next year. Rhonda Rajaofera made a Motion to accept the bid of \$12,000 for asphalt overlay work on B Lane. (Second: Marc Krupin)

Votes in favor: 4 Against: 0 MOTION PASSED

2. Bid in the amount of \$1,700 was received from an outside company for the spraying of herbicide (part of fire risk reduction protocol) on scotch broom and other undesirable weeds at perimeter of HGE community. Motion made to accept bid for \$1,700 for weed spraying.

Residents Michelle Herrera, Judy Nichols, and Curt Ingram voiced concern about what chemical was being used, and how toxic it might be to wildlife. (Board members Krupin and Madden stated that said the primary active ingredient in RoundUp is "Glyphosate," but the active ingredient in the herbicide they plan to use is "Glyphosate Ammonium" which is less harmful.) Because it is already late Spring, the spraying will go ahead now. But, time allows for discussion and planning for alternatives beginning next year.

Votes in favor: 4 Against: 0 MOTION PASSED

3. Emergency Road Project: Marc Krupin recommended spending \$350 for road base material for the transition from Sinclair Court (and driveway of 616 Sinclair Court) to the Right of Way that leads to Heather Glen Drive for easier passage of vehicles in the event of an emergency exit. Motion made by Rhonda Rajaofera; Second by Gary Bundesen.

Votes in favor: 4 Against: 0 MOTION PASSED

C. **Wildfire Defensible Space Plan** - Cheryl Madden

1. Cheryl Madden made a Motion to formally designate the utility easement between Sinclair Court and Heather Glen Drive as a dedicated emergency exit route, and that a padlock be removed from the gate where the easement passes through the property at 574 Heather Glen Drive. Second: Marc Krupin

Votes in favor: 4 Against: 0 MOTION PASSED

2. Cheryl Madden made a Motion to spend \$100 on red signs saying “Wildfire Evacuation” with arrow(s) indicating where to go. Second: Rhonda Rajaofera

Votes in favor: 4 Against: 0 MOTION PASSED

3. Cheryl Madden made a motion to spend \$80 to print and mail an emergency checklist to all residents, also asking the recipient to provide to the “Wildfire Prevention Plan committee” with their contact information, and emergency contact, whether they would need help in an emergency, or whether they would be willing to be named as a volunteer to help someone else.

Votes in favor: 4 Against: 0 MOTION PASSED

4. Cheryl Madden made a Motion to allocate \$117.49 to purchase blue reflective markers and the adhesive for placement on Heather Glen roads. These markers would indicate fire hydrant locations in times of poor visibility. Second: Rhonda Rajaofera. Marc Krupin amended the Motion to insert: “If reflectors are damaged or displaced in future, say by snowplows, Heather Glen will replace them.”

Votes in favor: 4 Against: 0 MOTION PASSED

5. Max Bailey reported on meeting with the contractor who was recommended by Hunt Propane’s plant manager Sean, to do the work of burying the propane tanks, namely Pat’s Trenching Company. The bid received appears to be a highly detailed, professional estimate, but the cost of \$9,990 is thought to be prohibitive. Motion was made to Postpone a decision on the question of burying the tanks until a future meeting.

Votes in favor: 4 Against: 0 MOTION PASSED

5. Cheryl Madden reported that on April 24th & 25th, “Joe’s Carefree Tree” will be at Heather Glen Estates to remove or to reduce canopy on the marked trees in the Park 3 area, and to remove tree branches overhanging Heather Glen roads.

6. CORRESPONDENCE - Board Secretary gave a reminder concerning the LAFCO election that two ballots from HGCS D (voting on candidates for one open seat for Special District Representative, and an Alternate for this seat, on the LAFCO Board of Directors) must be returned prior to April 26th.

7. NEW BUSINESS - Closed Session (Personnel matter)

8. ADJOURNMENT - MEETING ADJOURNED at 5:55 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the HGCS D Board is scheduled for the fourth Thursday in June, i.e. **June 27, 2024**. Meeting to be held at the Applegate Civic Center commencing at 4:00 p.m.