

LPPO Association
Board of Directors Meeting
May 2, 2017

Call to Order

President Tom Clutinger called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm and noted that a quorum had been established.

Roll Call of Attendance

A. Board Members

Tom Clutinger, President
Jon Ickes
Jim Melot
John Oxley, via phone
Jonathan Westlund

B. Others Present

Laura Melot, Recording Secretary
Doug Scott, Treasurer

Agenda

1. Jim Melot made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2017 Board of Director's Meeting as written and submitted. Jon Ickes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Treasurer, Doug Scott, presented the LPPO Financial Report and reported that we have a net asset of \$46,503 including \$6,000 set aside for fire mitigation. Doug stated that overall the budget is doing well. All expressed appreciation to Doug for his hard work and efforts as Treasurer.

Committee Reports

Fire Safety Committee

Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Progress Updates:

John Oxley brought everyone up to speed and reviewed several specific parts of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan he has been drafting and moving to completion over several months. Although questions and discussion followed, due to the size of the work (42 pages), John encouraged all Board Members to read the document if they have not already. A draft of the plan is posted on the website and includes the Right of Way Clearance Plan drafted by Tom Clutinger and Doug Scott to be submitted to Pam Wilson, Executive Director of FireWise of SW Colorado. Pam informed John that she will review it within the next couple of weeks and then return it to him for final revisions.

John thanked Tom Clutinger, Jim Melot and Doug Scott for their help with this project. The Board thanked John for the months he has spent developing this plan.

Bark Beetle MCH Packets:

Tom Clutinger reported that he will be sending out a letter to homeowners by the end of May requesting orders for the beetle bark MCH packets. He is hoping to order 1,200 to 1,400 packets in 10 pack quantities. Suggested application is 40 packets per acre. Homeowners will need to contact Tom Clutinger to reserve their packets.

Right-of-Way Shaded Fuel Break Bid Update:

Tom Clutinger reviewed the bids that had been received for the Lake Purgatory Right-of-Way Shaded Fuel Break Project. Jon Westrup of Fire Smart was the successful contractor. Jim Melot clarified that the intent of the basic scope of work would include 30 feet from the center of the right-of-way on both sides (total of 60 feet) and then an additional 15 feet for those homeowners who previously provided permission to have the additional mitigation work done.

Tom is working on a \$7500 grant from FireWise to be added to the \$6000 already set aside in the budget for fire mitigation. An estimated start date for the work is June 5, 2017. John Oxley commended Tom for his work on the grant.

Before work starts, boundaries of those properties where homeowners want the additional 15 feet of their property mitigated need to be marked. Once a date is set, Tom will send out a request for volunteers to help mark boundaries.

Tom Clutinger made a recommendation that we go with Jon Westrup for the Right-of-Way Shaded Fuel Break work. Jim Melot made the motion that we proceed as presented and Jon Ickes seconded the motion. It passed unanimously and the members expressed their appreciation to Tom Clutinger for his hard work on this yearly task.

Turnaround for Fire Trucks

Tom Clutinger reviewed several options for a turnaround for fire trucks. It was decided that he and Jim Melot would continue to work on options as needed. Jim suggested that they talk with Durango Fire and Rescue and get their input before proceeding further as existing conditions may comply with their requirements.

Road Committee

Jim Melot reviewed the upcoming Road Work scope of work for LPDRA and LPPO road sections and their respective cost breakdowns. Waldo Excavation and

Desert Mountain were the successful contractors with the LPPO total road work commitment of \$29,771. With the total annual budget for road work being \$32,721, approximately 10% still remains in reserve for change order work if needed. Roadwork is scheduled to begin May 15. Jon Westlund stated that this is a very exciting timeline for getting the project done.

Tom thanked Jim for spearheading this project and making sure that all details were included.

John Oxley made the motion to approve the Roadwork Plan. Jonathan Westlund seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Preparation for the Annual Meeting

The date of Saturday, July 8 at 1:00 pm was set for the Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Hermosa Cliffs Fire Station, which is located between mile posts 43 and 44 on US Highway 550 north of Durango.

Old Business

“Winter Road Issues” were deferred to another time.

New Business

Doug Scott requested that we discuss Construction permitting to include “breaking ground” and reinstate the \$750 road impact fee since the overall effect of heavy equipment on the roads this winter has become apparent now that the snow has melted. It was agreed that this would be put on the agenda for the next Board Meeting.

Jim Melot made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 pm. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Westlund and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Melot
Secretary