

RIIA BOARD MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 17, 2025 - 7:00PM
All Saints Camp, Raft Island

Meeting called to order by

Board Members Present: Hirko (113), Scea (192), Cushing (244), Middleton (45)
Phillips (205), Flood (95), Smith (160), Neil (2), Walsh (111)

Board Members Absent: West (70)

Members Present:

Request to Add Agenda Items:

Member's Request to Address Board:

Approval of Minutes:

→ Approval of January Minutes – Moved by . Seconded by

Treasurer's Report –

Old Business:

- Motion to approve the Gate Committee Letter to the USDA:
 - Background:
 - 1) A preliminary non-binding vote of the membership favored exploring the possibility of installing a gate.
 - 2) A Gate Committee was formed and the USDA was engaged.
 - 3) USDA / OGC (Washington DC) ruled the bridge remain open to public use.
 - 4) The regional USDA director has recently shown a willingness to consider a proposal for exception to public use.
 - 5) This letter is intended only to facilitate discussion between RIIA / USDA regarding an exception.
- MOTION: moves that the board vote to approve the Gate Committee letter to USDA (only) for the purpose of requesting an exception to the public use clause in our USDA bridge loan.
2nd - Vote:
- Mike Neil is awaiting a call from the Pierce County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) regarding their desire for the new Sheriff to sign our original agreement. Mike will explain to PCSO why the Board does not care to raise the Island speed limit and give the Deputy authority to enforce that.
- RIIA by-laws were reviewed by our attorney to bring them into compliance with current state law. We should have our by-laws rewritten to comply with the new legislative requirements now that the new laws are in effect.

New Business:

Committee Reports

- Roads – vacant
- Budget – Shoemaker: The six member committee will meet Thursday March 13 from 6:30 to 8:30 at 142 Fir Drive NW. If any additional residents plan to attend, please contact Tina at (785) 231-4102 to ensure there are adequate meeting materials.
- Gate – Flood: See Old Business (above).
- Policy – Larsson
- Security – Hurley
- Parks and Recreation – Neil
 - Rollover - Support under walkway to South Beach boat dock –
 - Rollover - South Beach Gate Balancing-
- Nomination – Glenn Stewart has been appointed Chair of the Nominating Committee. Any Board member not running for re-election must notify the Committee by the beginning of March. This year there will be two Trustee vacancies on the ballot. Glenn will brief.
- Bridge – Smith reported that the Committee met with two engineers from Structural Technologies to develop a bid for maintenance work (prep and patch) to repair the coating on our bridge piling jackets. The plan is to have a cost figure to provide for the Budget Committee in March. The Bridge Committee recently began researching the permitting requirements for this type of project.
- Investment – Hirko
- Stormwater Mitigation - Flood
- Emergency Management – Bennett