

RIIA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2025 - 7:00PM
All Saints Camp, Raft Island

Meeting called to order by Hirko at 7:07pm

Board Members Present: Hirko (113), West (70), Scea (192 zoom), Cushing (244), Flood (95), Smith (160 zoom), Neil (2),

Board Members Absent: Walsh (111), Middleton (45), Phillips (205)

Members Present: Bennett (161 zoom), Wiseman (1 zoom), Walsh (111 zoom), Larsson (62 zoom), Roberts (206 zoom), Barkin (18 zoom), Zerngast (180 zoom), Quisenberry (119), Carafella (83 zoom), Stochser (73 zoom), Mummaw (87 zoom)

Request to Add Agenda Items: Cushing asked to address the resident parking on the side of the road between the Camp and Fir. Truck belongs to # 229 and is parked temporarily while work is being done on the owner's home. The truck is parked far enough off the road that it isn't a problem.

Member's Request to Address Board: There was a question about stop signs and road markers - signs are up and we are waiting for better weather for painting and road reflectors.

Approval of Minutes:

- Approval of November Minutes – Moved by West. Seconded by Cushing.
- Vote – Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Road maintenance is over budget due to lot #9 repairs which wasn't included in the operating budget. So far a little less than \$5200 has been spent on road maintenance this year.

Old Business:

- There was general agreement that the board does not want to increase the speed limit above 15 mph for the sake of Pierce County Police (PCP) ticketing possibilities. Mike Neal will contact PCP to see if a better contract is possible.
- The Board approved the proposed purchasing policy from Best Practices Committee pending minor changes as follows:
 - Add in paragraph 4, to the sentence describing spending under \$3000, "doesn't need approval" add "if within the committee's budget".
 - Scea: Paragraph 7 doesn't need to be in the document because monthly reports are required in the bylaws and an annual audit is a requirement of the bridge loan for the next 20 years.
- Measure approved unanimously, as amended. Larson will make revisions and send to the Board.
- Discuss Snow and Ice Policy with latest revisions.

- On 12/12/2024 Hirko moved electronically to approve a snow plowing contract with Maplewood Arbor Care (if there is no snow there will be no bill). Seconded: Walsh. Motion Approved.
- Pending rollover: We should have our by-laws rewritten to comply with the new legislative requirements now that the new laws are in effect.
- ❖ The dead tree at number 44 was removed. Issue finalized.
- ❖ All Board members finalized FINCen filing prior to the government deadline.

New Business: No new business.

Committee Reports:

- Roads - Flood installed stop signs at Park/Fir and Fir/RID. Painting lines and installing reflector turtles has been postponed until the weather permits. The Roads Committee still needs a new Chairperson.
- Gate – Flood - Nothing to report.
- Policy – Larsson – See above.
- Security – Hurley – No report.
- Parks and Recreation – Neil spoke to Matt Nixon and the tennis court still needs gates, fence tightening and painting.
 - There is water pooling on the courts, Quisenberry reports there is a filler you can put over the asphalt to fill in the “low spots”.
 - The question was raised whether we'll have a permanent or movable tennis net for compatibility with pickleball. That issue has not yet been decided.
 - The question was asked, “will the net poles be set before or after the painting is done”? That issue has not yet been decided.
 - Flood is going to tighten the fence this weekend if anyone wants to help.
 - Matt Nixon has expressed interest in helping with the tennis court project.
 - Rollover - Support under walkway to South Beach boat dock – Neil has a plan.
 - Rollover - South Beach Gate – No report.
- Nomination – A Chairperson should be appointed by the Board President. Any Board member not running for re-election must notify the Nomination Committee by early March.
- Bridge – Smith is hoping to have contractors visit in early February to address corrosion on the pilings and provide a quotation for coating and/or cathodic protection. He indicated the

committee is trying to act as proactively as financially feasible.

- Investment – Hirko – Quarterly Report as of 12/31/2024
 - Bridge Replacement Fund: \$669,296
 - General Fund - \$231,000 (6.7% return over last 10 years).
 - Bridge Fund – \$114,000 ahead
 - USDA Reserve – \$410,000 (7.1% return over the last 10 years).

- Stormwater Mitigation – Flood
 - The Stormwater Mitigation Committee will get recommendations on a study for the purpose of creating a stormwater policy. The purpose of the policy will be to provide a guide for managing the stormwater infrastructure on Raft Island.
 - Michelle Reynolds (102) appears to be unwilling to collaborate with the committee regarding issues at 102 Park. She has rejected RIIA's offer and she advised the Board that she will be hiring a real estate attorney.

- Emergency Management – Bennett has provided the Board with an outline for organizing the Island's response to emergencies and natural disasters.
 - He received several volunteers as a result of the blast e-mail.
 - The next step is to assign four “area” leaders and multiple block leaders for each of the four areas.
 - Some Island residents are involved with outside Emergency Management organizations, and we may be able to leverage their expertise.

Meeting adjourned 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted, RJ West for Katherine Walsh, Secretary

❖ = informational item