

ALPHA ROCKRIDGE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

July 10, 2014

Members Present: Chairman Gary Lansdale, Treasurer Rich Lindblad, Don Ruth and Tom Watts.

Members Absent: Rick Johnson

Guest: None

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Lansdale at 6:33 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the June 12, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Don made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2014, as presented. Tom seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Rich presented the Treasures Report for June as follows: Opening balance in Account # 1 was \$135,849.50. Bills were paid as follows: The Lindblad Group (Patsy Lindblad) \$25.00 for web site maintenance; Kathy Ruth \$112.50 for secretary/recorder services; Kathy Ruth \$379.97 for new computer and office program; Kathy Ruth \$118.38 for new HP printer; and Desert Mountain \$47,634.20 for spring road maintenance.

The total expenses for June were \$48,270.05.

The net balance before deposits and interest was \$87,579.45.

Deposits received for Account # 1 were as follows: ARMD deposit of \$10,283.26 and interest earned \$8.65 for a new balance of \$97,871.36.

Rich reported that there were no changes in the two CDs. One is for \$100,000.00 and the other one is for \$50,000.00. Both are earning very little interest.

Account # 2 "Colorado Lottery" had an opening balance of \$11,072.16. Interest earned on this account was \$0.75 and a deposit of \$167.63 for a new balance of \$11,240.54.

The total balance of all working capital available on June 30, 2014 was \$297,311.90.

Gary made a motion to approve the June treasurer's report, as presented. Don seconded the motion. The motion was approve unanimously.

Old Business:

Bill for Asphalt at Cluster Mail Boxes on Great West Ave.:

It was reported that we still have not received an invoice.

2014 Road Maintenance:

Gary said that he thought that the roads were holding up very good.

Report on Weed Control:

Gary said that the weed control has been done along the roads.

Kathy asked if there was any way to have the Town of Pagosa Springs control their noxious weeds along Great West Ave. and also the areas where Wal-Mart is being built as these areas have a lot of thistle.

The Board did not think that we could make the Town control the noxious weeds.

New Business:

Monthly Bills:

Rich reported the following bills that need to be paid: The Lindblad Group (Patsy Lindblad) \$25.00 for web site maintenance; Kathy Ruth \$125.00 for secretary/recorder services; and Kathy Ruth reimbursement for the installation of the office program and anti-virus protection.

Gary made motion to approve payment of the bills. Tom seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Oath of Office for Newly Appointed Board Member:

Gary gave the Oath of Office to newly appointed Board Member Tom Watts and the document was signed by both.

Kathy presented a letter for Gary to sign informing the State and the County Offices of the change on the Board.

Kathy is to send the change to the State, the County Clerk and Recorders Office and the County Commissioners.

Report on Use of County Commissioners Meeting Room:

Kathy reported that she had checked on the availability of the County Commissioners Meeting Room In the courthouse. She said that it is available at this time on the 2nd Thursday of each month and there is no charge for the use of the room. However, she said that we have paid the fee for the use of Room E at the Community Center through the end of this year. If we want to reserve the commissioners meeting room beginning in January 2015, we would need to reserve it in early November of this year. She said that she would reserve the room if the Board wanted her to and let the Community Center know that we would not be renewing the contract for 2015.

She said that she did not ask the Community Center if they would refund the money we have paid for the annual contract at the Community Center.

The Board thought that it would be good to save any money that we can for the District.

Gary made a motion that we start using the County Commissioners meeting room beginning in January 2015 and that Kathy reserve the room in early November.

Tom seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Other Business as May Come Before the Board:

Gary informed Rich that the Board had made a motion last month to take Buzz out for dinner in appreciation for her service on the board Gary said that he will contact Buzz in regards to the best date for her to go.

Rich suggested that it be after the 10th of August.

Gary reported that natural gas is going to be installed to Timber Ridge Subdivision along Blair Ct. There is an easement along this road for utilities and people along that road should be able to connect to natural gas, if they desire.

Rich said that last year we opted out of the Special District fee. Rich said that he found that we have to still pay the fee which is around \$450.00, as if we do not belong to the association, we cannot have the insurance that is offered through them and we need this insurance.

Gary said that it appears that there have been some traffic close calls on East McCabe and also on Creekside. He thought that we may need to put up stop signs at these two corners. Gary said that we will have this on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Rich gave Tom a copy of the budget for this year. Rich explained to Tom how the District gets its money. He also explained that we are trying very hard to have money in reserves as there are many special districts in the area that do not have any reserves and we do not want to be in that situation. Rich explained that property values have gone down and thus the money that we receive has gone down.

Rich said that he is frustrated with the State as he gets nothing from them anymore regarding deadlines etc. He does not seem to be getting any email notices, either.

Tom asked if there was a map of the roads in the District.

Gary said that he had a map of the roads and he would bring it to the next meeting.

It was reported that there are a couple of new homes going up in Alpha. This should help to increase the taxes for the District

Adjournment:

Don made a motion to adjourn. Gary seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Kathy Ruth, Recorder

Minutes approved by:

Gary Lansdale, Chairman

