

Mary's River Estates Road District Budget Meeting

Date: May 15, 2023 Zoom meeting hosted by Debbie

Approved June 5, 2023

Meeting will be recorded for the purpose of note taking by secretary. Recording will be kept for one year on personal computer and approved written minutes will be kept on website indefinitely.

Attendees: Budget Committee Members: Budget Officer: Debbie Jackson (Treasurer), Joe Chambers, (President), Sandy Chapman (Secretary), Kevin Cornelius, Val Bach, TR Gregg

Call to order: 7:00 PM by Debbie Budget Officer

Approve Budget Minutes: Brief discussion that minutes from March 20, 2023 planning session were sent out and accepted. [Debbie makes motion to approve Budget Planning meeting minutes from March 20, 2023.](#) [Val proposes we accept the minutes.](#) [Sandy seconds motion.](#) [All in favor?](#) [All present Budget committee members agree.](#) Discussion on the minutes for first Budget Meeting of April 17, 2023. Joe wants correction of wording that removes him from being the "lead person" for the meeting as he is not the budget officer. [Debbie makes motion that we accept the minutes for the April 17 budget meeting with the that change.](#) [Sandy seconds.](#) [Debbie asks for a vote to accept the minutes as amended.](#) [All present, all agree.](#) Sandy will put the Planning session and first Budget minutes into the files on the website.

Debbie did not receive any mail for projections for liability insurance for FY23-24.

Debbie screenshares FY22-23 budget to actual and updated through May report 2023 meeting. We have spent \$29,000 of our \$198,000, because the purpose was to put aside the cash. We have spent of the Materials and Services \$39,000.00, only \$15,000.00. We can move things around from this if we do not need some of the services in this category, for construction. Still have things for current budget that will be spent such as mowing.

Discussion:

What can be postponed to free up cash. Are we going to cut any trees?

Sandy gives brief report on Fire Dept drive around. Assist. Fire Chief said height of tree canopy is mostly good for the fire trucks to come through except on some areas near the edge of the road, but if we have road work done and dump trucks come though then the height of the canopy needs to be 20 feet. There is also a turnout on Iris that has 3 trees in the middle of it that the Assist Fire Chief said needs to be cut down because 2 fire trucks cannot go side by side at the area. Also, there is supposed to be NO PARKING signs in the turnouts. Val gives history on the construction of the turnouts on Iris: constructed in approx. 2008 and at the time with the thought that the width was for a vehicle and a firetruck to be able to pass, not 2 firetrucks which have gotten larger since the construction. Questions if that is a requirement now by the fire department, since we do not have ORS standard road width for egress and ingress which is 20 feet, to have width enough in the turnouts for 2 fire trucks? Requests the fire department give us clarification on what is required on a non-ORS 20ft road for bigger turnouts so we could start planning for things that need to be done.

Action Item: Sandy to talk with the fire department for clarification on combined width for turnout and road in non-ORS standard rural roads.

Discussion: Changing things from one category to another gets more difficult. Total expenditures drive our liability insurance or tax assessment. If a budget is approved, do we still have the ability to move things around? Where can money be moved or changed to reflect what we need. And still budget for what we need next year.

Discussion on our RFE projects for this year our projects were for FY 23-24: MRE to Brightstar=chip seal, Columbine Jct. to end of Daisy crack seal/repair and Iris dust seal and road bed work. We have one response from sending out several RFP's. To get everything done we wanted to do for chip sealing, (not the whole of the district pavement) the cost is over \$500,000.00. Discussion into what needs to be done such as chip sealing the front of MRE hill because of the new asphalt and not doing the whole of MRE with chip seal; single chip sealing all of existing pavement with double chip seal from Columbine/MRE Jct. to Iris/columbine Jct. because of wear; saving what has been accomplished on Queen Anne in the stabilizing of the road bed with more chip seal. All depends on how we can stretch our money. Concerns brought up on shoulder stabilization on Daisy where there is no shoulder next to the road and the roadbed is getting undermined, as well as other places needing to be supported on two other areas of concern on roads/corners. **Action Items:** Need for an RFP for shoulder stabilization on Daisy where there is no shoulder next to the road and the roadbed is getting undermined. Also, the shoulder area needing stabilization at the inside corner of Columbine going into MRE, wheels are dropping into that corner. A second area needing stabilization is from the Columbine/Iris junction down the hill along the inside corner where the gravel has been moved along by storm water erosion for a length of about 50 feet. This causing lack of support for the roadbed. **Action Item:** RFP needed for crack seal on Columbine/Iris and remainder of Daisy. **Action Item:** need to walk Tansy to review what can/should be done with the resources we have to prevent further problems. Discussion concerning Tansy that a section on the North side is falling off. The district "inherited" Tansy. During construction Tansy was considered a private road by Benton County and MRERD had limited input into its development. There are only two residents living on the road at this time. Discussion concerning the continual problems of the potholes on Iris: Would having a possible test area with chip seal at the pothole areas, after grading and gravel of Iris, show what a protection from the "top down can do. Examples given that prior to when Columbine was paved, the road used to be full of potholes. Where the asphalt ends now there is immediate potholes. There is the protection from the top (pavement) that is the difference, the roadbed in that area is the same. Before we dust seal, the best case is to get Iris graded and graveled then the dust seal would help firm/stabilize the gravel. **Action Item:** Val will get an RFP together for grading and graveled Iris. With the weather warming up this may not be able to be done until fall.

Discussion on the need to refresh/update the 6-year plan for road maintenance with repair and chipseal of all current paved roads. We still need to get up to the ORS standards of 20-foot road widths for safe ingress and egress for our rural roads. Iris needs widening to meet those standards. Discussion on the recommendations of the Philomath Fire Dept: it was suggested that the graveled area on the hill, coming down to the sharp corner on the Iris, be changed because of the history for accidents occurring. When brakes are applied the gravel causes vehicles to slide whether you try to stop fast or slow. Concerns that since we are rural, why do we have to have standards set by the fire department for the larger fire trucks that protect urban areas since we are more likely to have a wild (forest) fire where ODF would be better equipped for this area. We may have to push back on these recommendations by the fire department. We are spending a lot of money on our own driveways and roads to support these 22-foot-wide equipment that should never be up in a rural

environment. We need to have discussions with ODF. **Action Item:** Sandy will be going to a wild fire prevention workshop and talk with ODF about their equipment used.

Added into the, as yet un-approved, budget was crack sealing in FY 23-24 and chip sealing in FY 24-25 all the remaining paved roads.

After a statement on the benefits of cost savings, safety and better road conditions over the years that were accomplished with the multimodal approach of the improvements on Columbine, a potential future project was added into the, as yet un-approved, continuing 6-year budget plan into FY 25-26, which included paving from end of Columbine pavement to top of hill at 34439 Iris Circle and possible reconstruction of that hill for elimination of the wash-boarding for safety and better accessibility for all traffic including firetrucks turning. Discussion was done about the widening of all of Iris to the ORS rural 20-foot-wide standards as another project needing to be accomplished. **Action Item:** Future budget meetings to be scheduled for discussion of extending the 6-yr maintenance plan.

(All of these suggestions still need to be approved for the FY 23-24 budget at this time.)

Our three-line-item budget is tentative. LB-50 form to be filed by July 15.

Next budget meeting is June 5th at 7Pm (on Zoom). Final Budget meeting will be June 8th. This will be a public comment meeting. Monthly meeting to follow, all on zoom.

Action item: Walk on Daisy to review shoulder work that needs to be done: May 23 by budget committee members at 5 PM.

9:30 TR makes motion to adjourn meeting. Val seconds. All approve.