

**MINUTES**  
**CASTLE VALLEY ROADS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 9:30 A.M.**  
CASTLE VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER  
2 CASTLE VALLEY DRIVE

**Members Present:** Merrill Brady and Mayor Erley.

**Others Present:** Mingo Gritts and Russ Cooper.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Recorder:** Jocelyn Buck

**Call to Order**

Brady called the Meeting to Order at 9:36 A.M.

**1. Open Public Comment**

Mingo Gritts wanted to discuss grubbing out brush along the road easement and fence area on the corner of Derderian's property- Lot395. Russian olive trees need to be trimmed down to increase road visibility and safety. Mark Roth has mowed as much of the area he could access. The old fence line wire and posts are amongst the brush and will have to be worked around. Gritts questioned Erley on how to proceed with this project.

Brady asked if area was in road easement.

Erley wants to talk to property owner Derderians prior to Road crew starting work. He will set up meeting with Ed and Mingo to get a consensus and permission to clear up area. Crew would go in and flag potential trees that need trimming. Opening up area would also be safer for the deer.

Gritts stated one citizen is fairly adamant that Castle Valley get the surplus Forestry Water truck.

Erley stated the Forestry truck needs six \$1500.00 tires. And it would be cheaper to purchase a surplus flatbed pickup truck and retrofit it as a water truck. This would be cheaper and also be a vehicle that we can maintain and get parts for.

Gritts also stated the Forestry Truck takes a lot of room to turn around.

Erley spoke with Brooke Williams about the sediment filling in of the dam/ pond on Pope Lane. He will meet with Brooke next week to discuss cleaning it out because it is a drainage issue. Erley told Brooke we would need to get Josh out there to look at it and have a liability waiver signed to clean it out. Cost would be in the neighborhood of \$55 an hour. Erley stated we do not want to compete with private operators but this is a town drainage issue and having our operator do the work would insure the work was done the way the Town would want.

**2. Approval of Minutes:**

May 17, 2016, Regular Roads Committee Meeting Minutes.

Erley moved to approve the Minutes as presented, Brady seconded, the Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Executive Report**

**Monthly Road Report- Mingo Gritts**

Gritts reported roads have been graded throughout the valley up to the Town Building, the rest in the green

areas of the valley look good. Culverts and drainages are all cleared and look good. The Grader is still drifting; the parts of the ram have been rebuilt twice. Various options have been explored but basically the ram needs to be replaced. Cost could possibly be \$2000 for a rebuilt ram.

Brady states there is probably a wear spot on the cylinder and the whole part needs to be replaced.

Erley stated we need to go ahead and price out a rebuilt ram as soon as possible. This would be part of the Maintenance budget so approval does not need to go through the Council, but it cannot be purchased/ billed until July in the new fiscal year. In July prep work on Castle Valley drive needs to get started and that will be the bulk of work hours.

Gritts stated having the Grader working correctly is important for that prep work. Meanwhile the patching work continues. The Blue stakes project continues and he is proposing some permanent stake markers in drainages and culverts.

Erley stated we need to identify all utility lines at creek crossings and drainages throughout the valley.

#### New Business

4. Discussion and Possible Action re: Roads Department Staff Hours in FY 2017. Erley stated starting in July staff hours should be 16 hours per week and there may be a need to boost that up for prepping Castle Valley Drive. Keeping 16 hours per week over the winter will keep the guys going and allow for equipment maintenance. He explained that in the 2016 Roads budget, savings on the leased equipment was being used to fund wage overages.

#### Unfinished Business

5. Discussion and Possible Action re: Upgrading well access at Lot 13 and CV Drive.

Erley stated there are ongoing negotiations with Yogi Bowthrope. Brady and Erley will go talk to Yogi again. If there is no headway soon other options may be considered

#### **6. Road Budget Review.**

Erley stated the maintenance budget looks good. With this budget, if the community sees how good the roads look and how their tax increase has paid out, there may be support from the Community to look at employing the Roads crew 3-4 days a week to keep roads in good condition. Erley stated the Community needs to decide what to budget for future roads projects and what is needed to keep roads in good condition for the long term.

Gritts asked if chip and seal contract has been signed.

Erley stated that Contract with LeGrand Johnson is signed and work will probably start in September, he asked Gritts to call Bill Jackson for more exact start time.

#### Adjournment

Erley moved to adjourn 10:06, Brady seconded, the motion passed unanimously

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Merrill Brady, Roads Committee Chair

ATTESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

Jocelyn Buck, Town Clerk

7-18-16