

## **SMWOA Shining Mountain West Owner's Association**

May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:10 PM. Board members present were Dale Brownscombe, Andree White-Snow, Earl Gooch, Meg Sammons, and Craig McCormack.

### **Road Maintenance**

The board reviewed and discussed bids for road maintenance. Two responses were received from Titan, Inc., and Moen Builders, Inc., in Virginia City. Moen Builders, being the lowest bidder, was awarded the contract. Andree White-Snow made a motion to accept Moen Builders as the contractor, which Meg Sammons seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Moen Builders also offered to provide association members with gravel for less than \$700 per load and grading services at \$175 per hour. Owners can call Roy at 406-865-0960 for an estimate. This offer is only available while they are on-site for the SMWOA road work, expected around the second week of June.

### **Yearly Meeting**

A notice needs to be sent to members to mark their calendars for the yearly meeting on July 13th. The association board will mail ballots for a 20% dues increase dedicated to road maintenance. Ballots must be returned by the annual meeting or brought to the meeting. The meeting will be held at the Ennis Firehouse. The board discussed the budget and budgetary needs, as well as the importance of building up an emergency fund.

### **Raffle Discussion**

The board discussed holding a raffle to raise money for road maintenance, with a rifle as a potential prize for the membership auction. Proceeds from the raffle will go towards next year's road maintenance. Other items, such as a camera, were also considered. The board will seek input from SMW owners on what would be the best seller to generate revenue and will bring this up at the annual meeting.

### **Ballots for Yearly Board Meeting**

The ballot for the yearly board meeting is ready. Members are asked to return the ballot results for the dues increase by the meeting or bring them to the meeting. The road committee should have a road report ready to send out to members before the annual meeting in June to help inform their ballot choice.

### **Additional Road Work Discussion**

There is no major road work, just standard work, needed in SMW, and Meadowlark does not require immediate attention since the county improved the road. Last year's roadwork cost \$27K, which was higher than average due to the excessive snow and could require extensive work in the spring again. Meadowlark will also add costs for next year as the county did roadwork this year but won't next year. Members need to be informed clearly about the allocation and expenditure to understand the need for the dues increase. Only two bids were received for the roadwork contract.

**Discussion of RVs and structure use on Property**

The board needs to post the attorney's response regarding the use of structures on the website and inform members to reference it there. This follows up on last year's meeting about property use consultations.

**Bylaw Revisions**

Dale motioned to file the latest revision of the bylaws with the county, which Earl seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The board meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:06 PM.