

OZARK SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT (OSRD)  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Hover, President at 3:30 p.m.

Commissioners: Barbara Hover - Pres. (Present) Chris Somers (Present) Jerry Countryman (Present)

OSRD Associates: Jody Stutesmun

CRC CPAs Associate (Accountant & Recordkeeper for the OSRD): Michael Eck

**Guests:** Jeremy Parsons (City of Ozark), Megan Bischof (City of Ozark), Ava Taylor (City of Ozark), Pat Platter (Neale & Newman), (Toth & Associates), and Derrick Estell (Toth & Associates).

Chris Somers made a motion to approve the February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting agenda. Jerry Countryman made a second. Approved.

Chris Somers made a motion to approve the December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 regular meeting minutes. Jerry Countryman made a second. Approved.

Chris Somers made a motion to approve the December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 closed meeting minutes. Jerry Countryman made a second. Approved.

Chris Somers made a motion to approve the December 2024 financial report as presented. Jerry Countryman made a second. Approved.

**Guest Business.**

Jeremy Parsons from the City of Ozark mentioned a number of subjects with the Board. No formal action was taken upon them.

- a. **Finley Crossing.** Jeremy Parsons reported that the developer needs to provide a second entrance before the City will grant a final plat. The developer has not yet provided that. The Toth engineering needs to be paid.
- b. **Cox Medical Center.** The contractor also needs to pay the Toth engineering bill.
- c. **Curtis Jared.** The developer also needs to pay the Toth engineering bill.
- d. **Snow removal.** There was a general discussion on the risk of damage to improperly paved asphalt roads from snowplows.
- e. **Finley River TDD.** Dam repairs of \$1 million have been speculated, but no one has contacted the District with this cost estimate.
- f. **Sidewalks.** The general topic of sidewalks was discussed with the City again. The Board mentioned that including sidewalks within the District's workload had complications including cost, lack of expertise of staff to build and maintain, risk management, and the lack of specific statutory authority to build and maintain them.
- g. **Streetwise.** The contract documents are ready and the project is ready to proceed.

**Old Business**

- a. **City of Ozark IGA.** This may be removed as an agenda item for the time being.

- b. **Employment Background/Credit Checks.** The documents to be used to implement this program have been circulated. This subject has had previous discussion when the contracts were approved. Jerry Countryman made a motion to approve the policy documents. Chris Somers made a second. Approved 3-0.
- c. **6<sup>th</sup> Street Property and Lawsuit.** Jerry Countryman made a motion to proceed with the filing of suit and the notice of lis pendens. Chris Somers made a second. Approved 3-0.
- d. **Tractor purchase.** There will be a credit of \$20,000 on future equipment purchases due to recent purchase of a tractor.
- e. **Independent Financial Audit.** Board members have reviewed the audit. Chris Somers made a motion to approve the audit. Jerry Countryman made a second. Approved 3-0.
- f. **Reserve Fund.** Chris Somers made a motion to spend \$25,000 for a Bobcat and \$25,200 for a backhoe, both from the reserve fund. Jerry Countryman made a second. Approved 3-0.
- g. **Streetwise and striping.** This project will commence in March or April when the weather warms.
- h. **Christian County IGA.** The application for funding by the County was filed on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The proposal for the IGA is for work on McCauley Bridge, which will total \$422,300. Dale Moore is expected to be a subcontractor. Chris Somers made a motion to approve the IGA, which contemplates partial funding by Christian County, and with Dale Moore as a subcontractor for portions of the project. Jerry Countryman made a second. Approved 3-0.
- i. **Finley River TDD.** See above.
- j. **North Fremont Overlay.** There is a balance of \$73,135.30 left to be paid. This is slightly different from the amount of retainage under the contract because Blevins sent a bill directly to CRC rather than to Toth, who should have had the opportunity to review the bill. The problems with the recycled asphalt coming up from the pavement was discussed again. It was also discussed whether piece work repairs would be acceptable. Jerry Countryman made a motion for attorney Platter to notify Blevins of the defects and that action would be taken on the bond if repairs were not satisfactory. Chris Somers made a second. Approved 3-0.

### New Business

- a. **Handbook and Forms.** See above.
- b. **Driveway permit policies.** The Board approved by 3-0 to revoke the policy of August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 due to the enactment of the October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 policy. The Board noted the discrepancy during a period review of policies.
- c. **EDKO Right of way spraying.** Chris Somers made a motion to approve the payment of \$11,200 for two right of way sprayings using EDKO. Jerry Countryman made a second. Approved 3-0.
- d. **2025 Roadway Improvement Review.** Toth will provide a report upon its review in February.
- e. **Rush Truck Center.** This is the lease truck program. This would initially concern leasing two trucks, with the option to trade in or sell the existing trucks to Rush, with payments on a monthly or lump sum basis. Leases could be 2 or 5 years with an option to purchase. The warranty would be bumper to bumper except for maintenance such as tires, brakes and repairs from accidents. No final action was taken.
- f. **2025 Fee Schedule.** This was the subject of discussion. Toth mentioned that it adjusts fees based upon the U.S. Consumer Price Index. No final action was taken.

### Correspondence

- a. **SEMA/FEMA.** Payment by SEMA is pending.
- b. **Notices of Payment for Engineering Services.** There was discussion about how to manage the number of accounts for payment for engineering services. Attorney Platter and his staff will coordinate a program with the goal of making the process efficient and effective.
- c. **Collection.** See above.

**Project Updates**

- a. **McCauley Bridge.** There is an upcoming meeting to discuss a construction schedule.
- b. **North Fremont and Longview.** A boundary survey will be conducted.
- c. **Camelot.** The trash has been cleaned up and the signs/barricades can be moved.
- d. **Fremont Road Overlay Project.** See above.

**Equipment**

- a. **Old lawnmower.** Jerry Countryman made a motion to place the old John Deere lawnmower for sale on govdeals.com for \$20,000. Chris Somers made a second. Approved 3-0.

**Public Inquiries**

- a. **Jim Edwards.** There was discussion about stormwater coming from east along Pheasant Road. No action was taken.

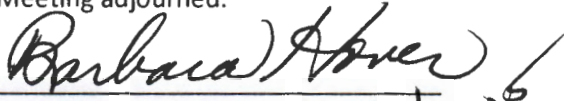
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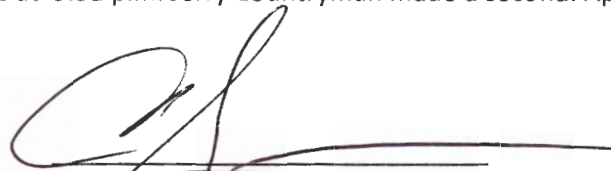
5:42 p.m. – Motion to Recess Opening Meeting and Reconvene in Closed Session to consider confidential matters by Chris Somers. Barbara Hover made a second. Approved.

5:51 p.m. – Open Meeting Reconvened.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn made by Chris Somers at 5:51 p.m. Jerry Countryman made a second. Approved.

Meeting adjourned.

  
Barbara Hover, President  
Minutes for 01/14/25  
2/11/2026

  
Chris Somers, Secretary/Treasurer