

OZARK SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT (OSRD)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11TH, 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 Jake McCully (Accountant & Recordkeeper for the OSRD):

Guests: Jeremy Parsons (City of Ozark), Pat Platter (Neale & Newman), and Matt Miller (Toth & Associates), Derrick Estell (Toth & Associates), Tom Jones.

Chris Somers made a motion to approve the February 11th, 2025 meeting agenda. Jerry Countryman made a second. Approved 3-0.

Chris Somers made a motion to approve the January 14th, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Jerry Countryman made a second. Approved 3-0.

The 2025 budget was submitted. This included a line item of \$103,751. This concerned the Rush equipment lease. The basic lease calls for the payment of \$28,000 up front with \$5,317 per item with an option to purchase and a full warranty (except for basic maintenance and repairs less than \$500.00). Motion by Chris Somers to approve the budget and second made by Jerry Countryman. Approved 3-0.

Jake McCully presented the financial report. There was a \$1.7 million payment from Christian County Collector. There is presently \$2.24 million in the operating account, \$518,000 in the emergency fund, and \$69,000 in the escrow account. SEMA paid its claim to the District in the amount of \$5,652.47. Chris Somers made a motion to place the SEMA payment in the emergency fund, and Jerry Countryman made a second. Approved 3-0. Chris Somers made a motion to approve the January 2025 financial report as presented. Jerry Countryman made a second. Approved 3-0.

Guest Business

- a. **Country River Estates.** Mr. Jones wants to build a road for three lots in the subdivision. The lots are supposed to connect to a County road, not the District road. One road has never been built, although it was dedicated to the public. This dedicated but unbuilt road is one that would connect to the County. Mr. Jones was referred back to the subdivision manager at Christian County to determine how best to proceed. No formal action was taken.
- b. **Blue Stem Road.** Jeremy Parsons reported that further work will be performed starting on Thursday, February 13th. The City purchased an additional 15 feet of right-of-way located to the District right-of-way. No formal action was taken.

Old Business

- a. **6th Street Property.** Attorney Platter reported that both sellers have been served with process and the time is running for them to answer the petition. The time to answer the petition is March 7th and 15th for the two defendants.
- b. **Streetwise.** The project is ready for contracts to be signed.

- c. **Christian County IGA.** Street signs have cost about \$7,750.00 have been purchased, with resulting savings.
- d. **Blevins Asphalt/North Fremont Road.** This was deferred to the closed session.
- e. **Rush Leasing.** This matter was taken up during the budget report.
- f. **Fee Schedule.** Fees will be increased by 3% according to the Consumer Price Index, except the driveway permit and roadway permits will continue to have their \$120.00 fee. Chris Somers made this motion, and Jerry Countryman made a second. Approved 3-0.

New Business

- a. **Pavement and Stormwater Plan.** This is the study of District roads and culverts conducted by Toth Engineers. The report is lengthy and there was a discussion about how it can best be organized for members of the public who request it. There was also discussion about Farmers Branch Road, and the adjacent floodplain. This study may be compared with information obtained from other road districts such as Horseshoe Bend and Festus. Information about their funding sources, procedures, policies, and priorities is being obtained. No formal action was taken.
- b. **Mapping.** Toth Engineering recommended that the District purchase an iPad in which software will be able to provide full visual details of the Toth study. Chris Somers made a motion and Jerry Countryman made a second to do so. Approved 3-0.
- c. **Employee Benefits.** The Board approved 3-0 to further investigate the viability of providing competitive employment benefits in order to compete with other public employers responsible for roadway construction and maintenance. This includes an application for membership in the LAGERS retirement program. This will require an actuary report, spreadsheet, and listing of employees who work a minimum of 1,000 hours per calendar year. LAGERS will presumably need to consider whether it would accept the District as a participant. No action was taken on whether the District would accept an invitation if given by LAGERS.
- d. **Payment for streets.** This was a preliminary discussion that concerned the priority of which streets may have expenditures, but no formal action was taken.

Project Updates

- a. **McCauley Bridge.** A transfer water pump will be necessary for use under the bridge for about two months. The District considered the cost of a lease (\$5,000 per month), the cost of a new pump (\$40,000) and the chance to purchase a used pump. Chris Somers moved and Jerry Countryman made a second to purchase a used pump not to exceed \$15,000.00. Approved 3-0.
- b. **Development Review.** The Board of Aldermen for the City of Ozark will consider the project for Ozark Marketplace on March 17th. This project includes a proposal by the developer for a real estate tax abatement. Toth Engineering has been meeting with the developer about the potential improvements to roads within District boundaries. No formal action was taken.
- c. **Longview easement survey.** The survey is complete and staked.
- d. **Smallin Road project.** This will be discussed in detail at later meetings.

Equipment

- a. **Salt spreader.** The use of a salt spreader given recent past and future weather was discussed but no formal action was taken.
- b. **John Deere mower.** The mower was sold for \$35,000.00.
- c. **Service bed.** A service bed for one of the trucks is available for \$14,000.00. No formal action to purchase was taken.
- d. **Paint striping bid.** Bids are pending.

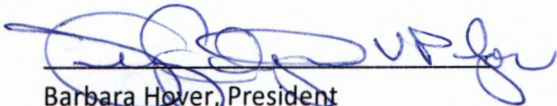
Closed Session Held.

5:45 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.

5:50 p.m. – Open Meeting Reconvened.

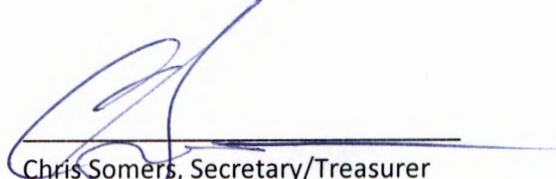
Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Chris Sommers at 5:50 p.m. Jerry Countryman made a second. Approved.

Meeting adjourned.



Barbara Hover, President

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Chris Somers, Secretary/Treasurer