

OZARK SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT (OSRD)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2025

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

Commissioners: Barbara Hover - Pres. (Present), Dwight McNeil (Present), and Jerry Countryman (Present).

OSRD Associates: Jody Stutesman

CRC CPAs Associate (Accountant & Recordkeeper for the OSRD): Jake McCully

Guests: Derrick Estell and Matt Miller (Toth and Associates) Patrick Platter (Neale & Newman) Jeremy Parsons, Randall Whitman, Megan Bischof, and Ava Taylor (City of Ozark), Scott Bilyeu, Cherrie Horning, and Ava Taylor.

Jerry Countryman made a motion to approve the 2025 meeting agenda. Dwight McNeil made a second. Approved 3-0.

Dwight McNeil made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 12th, 2025. Jerry Countryman made a second. Approved 3-0.

Dwight McNeil made a motion to approve the levy hearing minutes of August 28th, 2025. Jerry Countryman made a second. Approved 3-0.

Jake McCully made the 2025 financial report, summarizing major points from the written monthly report filed with the District. Jerry Countryman made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Dwight McNeil made a second. Approved 3-0.

Guest Business

1. **McCauley Bridge.** Scott Bilyeu had questions about McCauley Bridge. He first asked whether the project was put out for bid. The Board informed him that the project was put out for bid. Hartman was the only bidder. The Hartman bid exceeded \$800,000.00. Given the cost, the Toth engineering firm then hired Dale Moore to perform excavation. He then questioned the design, namely the floor, signage, and open head walls. Derrick Estell told him that the design for the replacement bridge followed MoDOT's current guidelines for bridge openings. MoDOT, Estell reported, does not require guard rails as it once did, because guard rails are now so often torn out, and guard rails are expensive to replace. To this general subject, Bilyeu also questioned why the District changed engineering firms from GRE to Toth, which was about 3 years ago. The Board mentioned the lack of responsiveness by GRE, the failure to manage stormwater from the Finley River TDD project, which floods the Road Barn, and that GRE was the primary engineer for the County.
2. **Brush hogging.** Bilyeu also mentioned that he was concerned about reduced visibility at 3rd Street due to the presence of Johnson grass. The Board informed him that there have been efforts to spray Johnson grass in hopes that cutting would be unnecessary or less frequent. There were comments that efforts to eliminate Johnson grass is a difficult problem.
3. **River Oaks.** Bilyeu mentioned that he is concerned about the low water crossing at River Oaks and asked whether water would be damming up at this opening. Derrick Estell reported that Toth had engineered the culvert that is presently located there.

4. **Property.** Bilyeu asked whether District property had been sold to a friend of a District employee. The Board advised him that an old truck had been sold. Efforts had been made for about two months to sell the truck on SmartGov with no interest from governmental units or private companies. The Board decided, after no interest from other interest, that the truck could be sold. The purchaser was the head of another governmental entity outside of the immediate area.
5. **14th and East Elementary.** Mrs. Horning stated her concern that many motorists who travel on this road and the intersection exceed the speed limit, some as high as 65 mph. She also believes that the road needs a “double line” to discourage passing due to the speed. There are children who live in the neighborhood. Toth will review the area. No action was taken pending review.

Old Business

1. **1700 South Sixth Street.** This subject was deferred to closed session.
2. **City of Ozark IGA.** This subject was deferred to closed session.
3. **South Fremont.** Derrick Estell reported that the final stage of the project is being completed and that the project will be completed/closed soon.

New Business

1. **Grant Applications.** The Toth team is looking for grants available for upgrades of the bridge at Tennessee street. Unfortunately, there is no funding through FEMA. The bridge does not meet the criteria for bridge upgrades from low water crossings. Work will continue to find funding but there are no obvious funding sources at this time.
2. **Marabella.** This project will have a hearing before the City of Ozark Planning and Zoning Commission on September 22nd. The developer agreed to all improvements recommended by Toth with the exception of the overlay on Hilltop Road. This means that the developer has agreed to the improvements recommended by Toth for Blue Stem, Southernview, and Farmer’s Branch. The Board unanimously authorized Derrick Estell to report to the P&Z Commission that the District approves the plan of improving Blue Stem, Southernview, and Farmers Branch without improving Hilltop Road.
3. **Rush Truck Center.** This subject is deferred to closed session.
4. **Greenbridge Subdivision.** Stormwater abatement measures have not been completed. The development, per City Code, can release no more water than pre-development flow. The developer may be looking for an alternative water diversion.
5. **Ozark Marketplace.** A complication has developed. Utility lines are in the way of the improvements to be constructed along 17th Street next to the approved development. This will affect the southbound right-hand turn lane. There is apparently no solution at present that will continue construction and also avoid encroachment of the easements. There are utility easements on both sides of 17th Street. This report was given for information only. No action was taken at this time.

Correspondence

1. **24th and Longview.** The District received correspondence that there was a rear end motor vehicle accident at this intersection. The letter requested that the District do something to reduce the speed of motorists. The

discussion included measures such as a stop sign or "intersection approaching sign." The "intersection approaching sign" was favored over a stop sign because a stop sign may be counterproductive.

Project Updates

N/A.

Equipment

N/A.

Employees.

N/A.

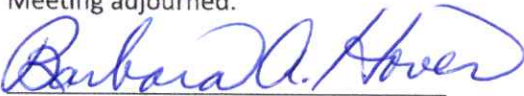
Closed Session Held.

4:46 p.m. – Motion to Recess Opening Meeting and Reconvene in Closed Session to consider confidential matters by Jerry Countryman. Dwight McNeil made a second. Approved 3-0.

5:14 p.m. – Motion by Jerry Countryman to reconvene in open meeting. Dwight McNeil made a second. Approved 3-0. Open meeting reconvened.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Jerry Countryman at 5:22 p.m. Dwight McNeil made a second. Approved 3-0.

Meeting adjourned.



Barbara Hover, President

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Dwight McNeil, Secretary/Treasurer