

OZARK SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT (OSRD)  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 26, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.  
Ozark Special Road District Road Barn  
905 N. Riverside Rd, Ozark, Missouri

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by President Barbara Hover.

Commissioners: President Barbara Hover, Vice President Jerry Countryman, and Secretary/Treasurer Scott Bilyeu.

OSRD Employees: Jennifer Belin.

Guests: Derrick Estell (Toth and Associates), Craig Genteman, Ashley Replogle, Mike Green, Dan Craig, and Stacey Vorhies.

**Riverbluff Drive Improvements**

Barbara stated that OSRD plans to repave Riverbluff Drive this summer and would like to minimize tree removal while maintaining a consistent roadway width.

Scott discussed past challenges in widening the road near the dog kennel, noting the steep drop-off on one side and a hill on the other. Previous tree removal upset residents, and the project was ultimately abandoned.

Barbara asked residents for input regarding widening the road.

Stacey Vorhies shared that areas where trees were previously removed now experience increased speeding. She stated that removing trees makes the road feel like a freeway. Barbara referred to this as the "edge effect," where trees close to the roadway naturally slow traffic. Scott added that smoother pavement also increases speeds and emphasized the need for enforcement.

Derrick provided general road construction context, explaining that all road projects involve risk and that engineers use design standards to minimize it. He described speed studies and noted they typically cost \$2,000–\$3,000.

Stacey referenced earlier plans from years ago and reiterated the neighborhood's desire to preserve trees and the historic rock wall.

Scott stated that given the circumstances, he supports overlaying the existing roadway as-is.

The Commissioners agreed that a speed study is not necessary at this time and confirmed the speed limit will remain 25 MPH. They directed Derrick to obtain bids for an overlay.

The Board discussed pricing documents received from Miranda Beadles. Commissioners agreed that no recycled rubber products should be used due to past issues. Derrick will verify whether Blevins' SuperPave contains recycled material.

Residents raised concerns about drainage issues and suggested evaluating the natural spring beneath the roadway. They also noted heavy dump truck traffic related to Greenbridge Estates.

Derrick stated that Riverbluff Drive is classified by OTO as a collector road, which typically has a 24-foot design width.

Ashley Replogle expressed concern for her children riding bicycles on the road due to speeding and unsafe drivers. Scott responded that roads are designed for vehicles, not bike trails, and while OSRD can install signage, enforcement is required to address speeding.

Derrick explained that as Ozark has grown, Riverbluff's function has shifted from a neighborhood street to a collector route intended to move traffic. He discussed options for improving safety, including enforcement (under County jurisdiction) and traffic calming, though speed bumps are not recommended. He reviewed repaving options:

- 2" overlay, or
- Base asphalt plus 2" overlay for improved durability, especially with truck traffic.

He emphasized that if the road base is inadequate, the overlay will not last. To maximize road life, he recommended addressing the spring before paving by excavating the area and installing larger rock or a culvert to allow the spring to continue flowing. He noted the road may need to be closed for several days during this work. Driveways may require approximately 15 feet of feathering due to the potential 8-inch increase in road height (base + overlay).

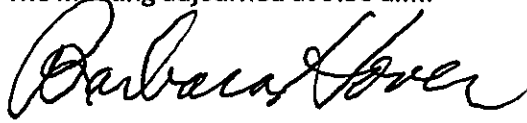
Derrick estimated three weeks to prepare project plans and 30 days for bid solicitation.

Scott asked about the completion timeline for the Smallin Road project and stated he supports contracting out the Riverbluff work and obtaining bids for all components.

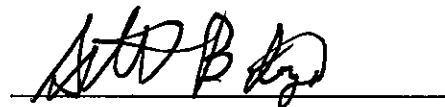
In conclusion, the Board determined that Riverbluff Drive will be overlaid at its existing width, with no widening, and that the project will include a base asphalt layer to improve long-term durability. OSRD will obtain bids for both the overlay work and for a contractor to perform the full scope of construction. Toth and Associates will evaluate the best engineering solution to address the existing spring beneath the roadway prior to paving.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.



Barbara Hover, President  
Minutes for 5/26/2026



Scott Bilyeu, Secretary Treasurer