

LTEA Board Meeting

March 24, 2021

Vermilion County Farm Bureau

6:00 PM

Minutes

1. Call to Order, Dr. Bartosh: *Called to order by Dr. Bartosh at 6:00 PM.*
2. Roll Call – Secretary: *Present – Bartosh, Bennett, Cole, Hines, Peterson, Stipp, and Smoot. Absent – Butchko, McQueen, and Neff.*
3. Recognition of Guests: *E. Peterson, Bill Bartlow, Richard Cole, John and DeAnn Currier, Sherry Mascari, Gary James, and Donnie Davis*
4. President’s Report, Dr. Bartosh: *None*
5. Vice-president’s Report & Health and Safety – Pat Bennett
 - a. Special Assessment
 - i. Results: *The ballots were counted by Pat and Kevin Gerrard – 147 voted “YES” and 57 voted “NO”.*
 - ii. Invoices: *Invoices have been sent and we are receiving payment. 200 of 265 ballots were returned. LTEA has a 90 day loan at 6% from the bank to pay the contractor for repairs.*
 - b. LTEA Property for Sale
 - i. Lot 243: *The lot sold for \$10,500.*
 - ii. Remaining parcels: *lots 240, 241, and 242 remain with an asking price of \$36,500 for the group. The fee was \$2000; \$7700 went to LTEA.*
6. Treasurer’s Report, John Hines and Rich
 - a. February Report: *Checking -- \$11,910.85; Money Market -- \$34,178.63; total funds on hand -- \$46,089.48; Feb. expenditures – \$22,329.24; and FY21 Budget Remaining Fund balances-- \$26,736.87. 11 unpaid FY21 assessments with 6 court cases pending.*
 - b. FY21 Budget Amendment (Motion, second, discussion, and vote): *Smoot moved to amend the FY21 Budget to reflect additional funds and expenditure due to the Bridge replacement (increase FY21 Income to \$170,000 and increase FY21 Expenditures to \$182, 750. Bennet seconded the motion. After a show of “hands voting “YES”, Dr. Bartosh declared the motion “passed”.*
7. Secretary’s Report
 - a. Death Announcements: *Fred Janesky. Smoot thanked the Board for their condolences and the comfort given to his family.*
 - b. Minutes
 - i. *2/24/21: Stipp moved and Hines moved to accept the minutes of 02/24/21 as presented. Dr. Bartosh declared the motion “passed” after a voice vote.*
8. Committee Reports
 - a. John Butchko – Nominations (by Don Smoot)
 - i. Nominees: *Donnie Davis, Brian McQueen, Bob Neff, and Rich Stipp: Nothing additional.*
 - b. Sherry Cole – Roads
 - i. *“Thank you” to Ken Nash: Sherry thanked Mr. Nash and Brett Lutz for filling potholes. Sherry reported Flat Hill is in bad shape and that she is assessing the roads and will prioritize needed repairs.*
 - c. Rich Stipp – Gates
 - i. *South Gate Squelch Box: Replaced the Box at a cost of \$500. By doing it ourselves, we may have saved \$1000. Dr. Bartosh said he has been recording the “in-house” repairs on the gates done mostly by Rich Stipp and Don Smoot. Doc estimates LTEA has saved \$28,000 in service calls. Rich said the cost of gate cards has gone up and we need to raise our prices for cards accordingly. Rich is investigating using cell phones instead of cards.*
 - d. Brian McQueen – Building Codes: *Approved a request for a boat dock (reported by Smoot for Brian).*
 - i. *Request to complete updates – Dr. Bartosh: Doc asked Don to get with Brian to update the Building Codes.*

- e. George Peterson – Water: *Overflows are clean and working. Has “discovered” a chemical that does selective killing of Asian Mila foil and has a three-year guarantee. George is also researching herbicidal pellets (non-selective) for future utilization.*
 - f. Bob Neff – Wildlife: *Nothing (Bob will return in April).*
9. Old Business
- a. Bridge
 - i. Meeting with Contractor, Pat and Rich: *Contractor will start as soon as the roads “firm-up”. Job will take about two weeks depending on the weather.*
 - ii. Dedication ceremony, name, etc.?: *Donnie Davis said he has serious concerns with the manner in which the Board conducted the informational meeting about the Bridge and the information the Board presented to the owners.*
 - b. Other (Board Members and/or Audience)
 - i. Bill Bartlow – drainage issues on Brooks Court: *Bill Barlow discussed his displeasure with the drainage on his property and the board failing to follow-through with assistance. Don Smoot said he would notify a drainage contractor to investigate the drainage problems.*
10. New Business
- a. Annual Meeting, Don
 - i. Motion, second, discussion and vote: *Pat Bennet moved to cancel the FY21 Annual Meeting in accordance with IDPH Guidelines on public gatherings. John Hines seconded the motion and after a voice vote, Doc declared the motion “passed”. Smoot moved to conduct the election of directors and bylaw changes by mail; Bennett seconded. After a voice vote, Doc declared the motion “passed”.*
 - 1. Notice to property owners
 - 2. Ballots for Directors
 - 3. Ballot for Bylaw changes
 - b. FY22 Assessment and Fees – John H. and Rich
 - i. Mail-in payments
 - ii. By phone for credit card users: *Pat reported credit card fees are 3.5 % in person and 4.5% if done by phone.*
 - iii. In-person on June 19 (location will be on invoice)
 - iv. Gate Card Fee, \$10/card for new cards (vote at next meeting)
 - v. Boat and Trailer Stickers (vote at next meeting)
 - c. Proposed Bylaw change regarding start/end dates for Directors – Don: *Smoot discussed the changes. Gary asked about the differences. After consideration, it was decided the changes should probably be “at the end of the fiscal year”.*
 - d. Other (Board Members and/or Audience): *Gary James asked about the audits and John reported he received the info today but has yet to read the reports. Gary also asked about removing the lockboxes on the North Gate and if any board members knew when the burned motorhome was going to be removed.*
11. Next Meetings – Don
- a. Board Planning Session – April 14, 2021, 6:00 PM at Pollywogs
 - b. Regular Board Meeting – April 28, 2021, 6:00 PM
12. Executive session (required)
- a. Discussing violations of the rules and regulations – Pat
 - i. Motion and second to enter closed session: *Moved by Bennet and seconded by Smoot. Doc declared the motion passed and the Board went into closed session at 7:24 PM.*
 - ii. Motion and second to return too “open” meeting: *Pat moved and Rich seconded a motion to return to open session. Doc declared the motion passed and the Board went into closed session at 7:58 PM.*
13. Adjournment (requires a motion, second, and a vote): *Rich moved and Pat seconded a motion to adjourn. Doc declared the motion passed and adjourned the meeting at 8:01 PM.*