

DCLI Board Meeting

Thursday, March 16, 2017 @ 7:00 PM at Tys' House

Members Present: Ron Chandik, Mac Marshall (via phone), Dave McGuire, Moe Moscoe (via phone) and Tys Sniffen

Members Absent: Simon Field, and Jay McClelland; Visitor(s): None

A. Road Manager's Report

1. Extreme storms inundated the road system with large trees pulling down huge chunks of earth and covering the road in some places and breaking it off over the side or into the creek in other places.
 - a. There was a Major issue at Locatelli's property at the front of the road. The road was undercut by the creek and in danger of totally collapsing into the creek. Our only alternative was to cut further into the hill side to widen the road.
 - b. We widened the road and piled and stored the excavated earth for removal to another area.
 - c. Seed and straw was added to areas where work was done and the hill side was sloped to prevent erosion.
 - d. So far labor cost is \$13,875 to which we must add \$4,000 for the excavator.
 - e. We were also able to add a long culvert where we widened the road at the turn in such a way so that it wouldn't pull up.
2. The plan is to wait until Fall to put down more rock before next winter's rains. Moe agreed that putting down rock too soon just caused it to be pushed off of the road and that we should wait to get it worked in.
3. We only have about \$6K left in Road Maintenance funds so Dave proposes to stop work until additional funds can be collected.
- 4 Tys: Dave also worked with several different tree cutters to clear fallen trees from the roadway and from stress points on the hill side. JC and a tree cutter ran a dump truck. Shanti McCormick has done a great deal of road work and Dave worked with the hay bales and straw waddles, and grass seed

and plastic tarps. Tys has also charged over \$600 to his credit card for "incidentals" showing that many other costs were involved other than the large labor effort.

5. With the work currently done, the road should be passable for a propane truck.

6. We need money for additional rock and spreading in order to further repair the roadway by Locatelli's and to reinforce the roadway with trees where the creek washes against the bank.

7. Joey Lafever bought one of Shanti's tractors and is willing to use it on the roadway. He has already done some work on Ramble. Tys: We should consider compensating Joey for some of his expenses. Dave: I don't want to get into that "work in lieu of dues" thing. I'd rather just pay him and let him pay his own road dues.

8. Chandik: There are several slide areas just off the roadway that should probably be cleared before putting down more rock which will just be covered with additional sliding. Dave: He doesn't think that the slides will necessarily continue onto the roadway. They seem to stop for unknown reasons and stay stable for a while.

9. Motion to accept Road Mgr's Report made, seconded and approved.

B. Treasurer's Report

1. Mac: Mark Armanini and Sam Heath told him they would like to pay their \$2K balance due. Tys: Mike Brown paid another \$600. We are getting in some trickles, but there is much more work to do than money to do it with.

2. Tys: Insurance payments are due sometime in the spring, which will cost another \$4K.

3. Treasurer's report approved by acclamation.

C. Secretary's Report

1. Master List updates for March are done and copies are available to those present here.

2. Thanks to Tys for sending out a March 6 mass mailing describing the critical road maintenance issues facing DCLI as well as the impact of a substantial number of Landowners not paying their road dues and DCLI not receiving sufficient funds to address the problems.

3. Ron: It continues to amaze me how little support the people who are doing so many extremely difficult tasks receive from the majority of Landowners. This Winter has been comparable to any disaster that we have faced in the past 50 years and the people actually working on the road are opening it in days rather than months as has been the case in the past.

4. It is also informative to consider the difficult situation that all county residents who live on private roads face. A meeting at Lakeside Elementary School on Black Road hosted by Santa Cruz County Supervisor, Bruce McPherson and Santa Clara County Supervisor, Mike Wasserman, and attended my Public Works and CALTRANS officials made the severe impact of this winter's storms clear to everyone. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated group of people in DCLI willing and able to address the issues. The county and state are unable and/or unwilling to provide any support to private roads.

5. Moe: We could initiate a Special Assessment to cover the additional costs. Chandik: But you would than just be charging the same 40% of the Landowners for even more funds that the other 60% will still not pay.

6. Tys: Comments on CSA: He talked to the California state administrator of the CSA program. The administrator says that California does not want any more CSAs. Before the state will accept a CSA, the road must be brought up to county standards. To become a CSA 100% of the affected Landowners have to agree to the plan.

7. Secretary's report approved by acclamation.

D. New Business

1. Tys: We are out of money. Now what do we do ?

2. Since the May Spring General Meeting is coming up, Tys proposes to state the situation to the membership and to immediately send out the FY2017/18 Road Maintenance billings.

3. We will need a FY2017/18 Budget for the May Spring General Meeting.

4. The FY2017/18 invoices need to include a supplemental charge for "rebuilding the contingency fund".

5. Tys wants to put all DCLI Receipts on the web site.

6. Dave: Gordy says that he is "going to destroy" Dave and anyone else associated with the "gross misconduct of moving earth and destroying trees".

Moe: He would like to talk with Gordy to see if he can get Gordy to reconsider his approach.

E. April 2017 DCLI Board Meeting

1. Wednesday April 19 7:00PM

F. May 2017 Spring General Meeting

1. Saturday May 13 @ 11:00AM @ Scopazzi's Restaurant. Tys will make a reservation.

G. Tys declared the meeting over

Submitted

April 18, 2017

Ron Chandik, DCLI Secretary