



# SKY MEADOWS RANCH

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

**FEBRUARY 20, 2010 UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

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### **REMINDERS:**

**If notification of a members wish to speak at the board meeting is not received by the president by Friday at 5 pm one week prior to the meeting, you will not be on the agenda and will not be asked to speak.**

**Anyone wanting minutes e-mailed, please contact the secretary.**

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Colin Ferrin, Jay Schmid, Julie Ring, Licia Miller

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Joyce Munson, Linda Wood, Kris Johnson

The meeting was called to order by president, Colin Ferrin at 9:02 a.m.

### **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:**

The meeting was turned over to Anna Lalan, District Manager for the Kittitas County Conservation District. Anna gave an overview of what their organization does, how it was formed, and a sampling of the programs the group supports. This group has worked with Sky Meadows for the past several years with the fire-wise program. Suzanne from Anna's organization did all the paperwork to nominate Sky Meadows as a fire-wise community USA and Anna presented a plaque to Sky Meadows for their work and efforts. The fire-wise program is ongoing and property owners are encouraged to continue submitting their fire-wise hours to Jay for submission. Another fire-wise workshop for 2010 was discussed. Fire-wise cost share continues and the applications will be out in August. Copies of the quarterly conservation newsletter were put in the lodge.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Given by Colin Ferrin.

Corrections for the December meeting were solicited. There were none.

**Motion 10-001 to approve the December meeting minutes was made by Colin Ferrin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jay Schmid. Passed unanimously.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Linda Wood (given by Colin Ferrin)

1. The monthly bills which had been sent to each board member by e-mail were discussed.
2. Also our liability insurance bill was discussed and added.
3. Discussion between Colin and Linda previously resulted in the decision that the money coming in for roads will be put in a separate account. The plan for the roads is as the snow leaves and the ground thaws we are going to have certain roads graded at certain times of the year instead of having all the roads done at one time which is foolish because if the ground is frozen still or dried out when they grade, it does not hold any of the gravel. Right now we have a lot of gravel on the shoulders and ditches of the roads that can be pulled back out and put on the roads. With the road money separate we will know how much money we have and what kind of gravel will be needed can be determined.
4. Julie had a question about reading the profit & loss statements in regards to the propane
5. Each property owner is responsible for their own dust control this year.

**Motion 10-002 was made by to approve checks 9259 and 9280 through 9294 for monthly bills. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS -**

### **CARETAKER REPORT – SHAWN WHALEN**

1. Talked about the 25 water meters that blew or froze this winter season. All meters have been fixed/replaced but a couple were not turned back on. The water meter valve was turned off and when they do come up they will not have water. Shawn does not want property owners climbing up or down banks or injuring themselves. So if you come to you property and do not have water, please contact Shawn first to see if your lot is one that needs the water turned on.
2. Water tanks are all full – great job Shawn!

### **WATER:** Given by Colin

1. There is still a plan in place to get the tank set up on Sawmill. Other than this project, Colin does not see any other major expenditure for water. We will continue with the plan to tighten up what we have and build up some money in the water capital fund and then we will see what happens later in the year or next year. Pierson Smith is still working on the Sawmill tank project and really wants to get this done.

### **ROADS:** Colin Ferrin

1. See above for previous discussion.

### **ARCHITECTURE:** Licia Miller

1. There were no requests this period.

### **FIRE & SAFETY:** Jay Schmid

1. Just the one gentleman on Memory Lane about trees which was downed for fire-wise that he felt were on his property. Discussion followed about the property lines and the trees location. Both Colin and Jay have been down to look at the property and trees in question and feel the trees were on Sky Meadows right away. The original complaint was that the trees were taken off of his property illegally and a police report was filed. The issue will be revisited.
2. A small discussion followed about some property owners feelings on removing trees for fire-wise
3. Shawn talked about some lots which were excavating right up to the road and planting bushes/hedges 4 to 5 feet high, which will have to be removed before any road work can be done. Some lot owners do not realize their property line does not go all the way to the road. He has concern about brush and rocks which will be falling on people's property during this job and how it will affect him.
4. Shawn asked about driveways with no culverts – if ditch can be made to divert water. (about 2 to 3 inches deep). Jay mentioned a gentleman he was going to try and get here later this summer to do culverts.

### **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:** Kris Johnson

1. No report.

### **ACTIVITIES:** Julie Ring

1. Through raffles and 'girl's nights', Julie was able to purchase 4 more lounge chairs for the pool.
2. Julie has sent out about five e-mails to companies in Washington for information about solar panels for the pool. The solar panels would pay for themselves in 2 to 3 years. Julie has been conversing with a Randy Brooks out of Chelan who works with a gentleman in Ellensburg. She will contact the gentleman in Ellensburg for further information to report for next meeting. The board is for anything that does not use propane. She needs measurement of the pool.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Members and their kids are not complying with Sky Meadows rules – they are driving too fast on the road
2. See above for issues already talked about.
3. Shawn talked about scruffy-looking yellow-lab mix dog running around. Shawn has been trying to flush it out – someone must have left it. Has been killing chickens and turkeys to eat.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. No new business.
2. One gentleman wanted more advance notice to announce when oiling is available. This will be done.
3. Cost of water usage was discussed.

**Motion 10 – 003 was made by by Colin and 2<sup>nd</sup> Jay to adjourn meeting. Passed unanimously**