

**TOPAZ RANCH ESTATES GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
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MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 10, 2021
TIME: 6:00 P.M.
LOCATION: In person at the TRE Community Center

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Led by Chairman Brandon Taylor **TIME: 6:00 PM.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Chairman Brandon Taylor

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Brandon Taylor, Dave Akola, George Barber, Gerald Clark and Mark Bradshaw.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Trevor Smith

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Mike Rowe, GID Board Attorney

AGENDA APPROVAL: For Possible Action: Board action to approve the November 10, 2021 Agenda.

Public Comment before Board Action: None

Mark Bradshaw made a motion to approve the November 10, 2021 Agenda. George Barber seconded. Motion carried 5 Yes - 0 No.

MINUTES APPROVAL: For Possible Action: Board action to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Public Comment before Board Action: None

Dave Akola made a motion to approve the October 13, 2021 Minutes. Mark Bradshaw seconded. Motion carried 5 Yes - 0 No.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Not for Board Action: This portion of the meeting is open to the public to speak on any topic within the authority of the Board that is not on tonight's agenda. Public comment is limited to two (2) minutes per speaker, and speakers will be asked to sign in for the record. The Board will not act.

Steve Mitchell, asked if the new well was going to be discussed tonight? Brandon Yes.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

CORRESPONDENCE:

For Possible Action: Bills to be paid for: October 2021

1. Water Bills: \$ 29,800.18
2. Road Bills: \$ 11,121.60
3. USDA/Bergkamp: \$ 2,122.00

Open for public comment before Board action: None

George Barber made a motion to approve the Bills to be paid for October 2021. Gerald Clark seconded. Motion carried 5 Yes - 0 No.

REPORTS

REPORTS – For Discussion:

- A. Treasurer’s Report: None
- B. Water Operator’s Report: Trevor Smith
- C. Road Report: Trevor Smith
- D. Attorney’s Report: Mike Rowe
- E. Engineer’s Report: None

Water Operator’s Report:

WATER SAMPLING: All five routine bacteriological water samples on OCTOBER 13TH came back negative for Total Coliforms, including compliance sampling of Well #1 for trichloroethylene.

MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS

Work Order Summary:

| TOTAL: | DESCRIPTION: | OFFICE (CODE): |
|---------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 17 | HIGH USAGE – LEAK CHECK | (1) |
| - | INSTALL NEW METER BOX / LID | (2) |
| 2 | DISCONNECTED FOR NON-PAYMENT | (3) |
| - | VERIFY COMPUTER METER READS | (4) |
| 1 | CHECK WATER PRESSURE | (5) |
| - | SYSTEM MAINTENANCE | (6) |
| - | METER MALFUNCTIONS / REPLACEMENT | (7) |
| 3 | WATER ON / OFF WITH LEAK CHECK | (8) |
| - | VERIFY METER STATUS ON / OFF | (9) |
| - | PULL METER PER CUSTOMER REQUEST | (10) |
| 5 | DISCONNECT WARNING NOTICE | (11) |
| - | INSTALL CUSTOMER SHUT-OFF VALVE | (12) |
| - | LOCK-OFF METER | (13) |
| - | AFTER HOUR CALLS | (14) |
| 3 | CUSTOMER REQUEST ON / OFF | (15) |
| 3 | OTHER | (16) |

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General Maintenance: Regularly scheduled PRV vault inspections & maintenance.
Flushing hydrants at dead end lines throughout system.

Major Repairs: No major repairs to report.

Future Projects - Short Range: USDA-RD grant application for drilling a new source well and water system upgrades has been submitted to the Nevada Board for Financing Water Projects for review, their board meeting will be held on December 15th at 1:00PM.

Future Projects - Long Range: Continue work with Shaw Engineering reviewing information for system mapping & proper abandonment of old 4" water mains & with personnel at State Revolving Fund, CDBG, & USDA-RD for project funding the drilling of a new source well & upgrades to remaining 4" water mains throughout approximately 30% of the water system.

Road Report:

MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS:

General Maintenance: Amy Roberts, the Acting Realty Officer at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), had granted permission on October 27th for the district to mitigate the drainage issue between BIA land trust area & the GID boundary line, north of 3650 & 3660 Sandstone Road.

Some road patching on T.R.D., North of Ballman Way.

Various areas on Slate Road, T.R.D., & Sandstone Road, where significantly deep potholes had developed due to the recent rain events, were also filled.

Street sweeping of many of the intersections throughout the district during the recent rain event.

Repaired street signpost at Granite Way & Walker View Road after being struck by a vehicle.

Day lighting & clearing of drainage culverts on T.R.D. & Gray Hills Road intersection, & at Shale Drive.

Screening dirt & overburden material stockpiled at old well #2, near Mica Drive, to collect rock for riprap projects in various areas, including dirt deliveries to improve clearing of overburden piled from previous projects.

Future Projects - Short Range: Complete patching of remaining areas on Topaz Ranch Drive.

Plan pothole & ditch maintenance tasks on Sandstone Road.

Ditch maintenance & brush removal will continue along ditch flow lines & road edges until the stockpiling at the district yard is at capacity; at which point, ditch maintenance will continue in areas where minimal brush removal would be required.

Screen rocky overburden & dirt around the district for materials needed for riprap projects.

Future Projects - Long Range: Continue planning patching projects & ditch maintenance until all district roadways & drainage ditches have been maintained.

Plan removal of accumulated sediment within the Topaz Ranch Estates main flood channel & reestablish the easement width & proper drainage from Sandstone through to Hwy 208.

Riprap ditches to aid with storm water runoff & mitigation of overgrowth within ditch flow lines.

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Equipment Repairs: Regularly scheduled maintenance & greasing of district equipment.
9/5: Replacement air, oil, & hydraulic filters for the 2012 Volvo BL70B from Arnold Machinery & new cutting-edge bolts from Smith Valley Garage.
9/19: Replace snowplow lights & deflector for the 2013 Ford.
9/21: Replace tire for the Rosco RB38 from Smith Valley Garage.
9/26: Removed & delivered backhoe hydraulic to Ramco Fabrication, Inc. to have rebuilt.

Safety Meeting: "Muddy Work Areas" – 10/26/2021

Many on-the-job injuries & property damage incidents occur every year due to poor site conditions. Using best judgement and not putting yourself in a situation where you make a bad situation worse. Always adjust work plans to site conditions.

Public comment

SC up on canyon I happened to notice that somebody had gotten into the ditch My question is when you guys went up there nobody else had gone in there is that correct? So the work that I saw was the work you had done prior to the rain? I was after the event so it looked fairly dry but pretty mucky and I made a couple passes. Were you able to clear the outlet? Trevor we haven't gotten the Volvo back yet to get up there. Mark what had you used? The grader? Trevor yes. I got an email from Amy Roberts giving permission to work up there. Mark it looks pretty bad but Trevor said once he gets the crew up there it will get better probably by Friday. Mark did you put the sand on the side of Sandstone on the northern side dirt there where use to drain but not suppose to? Trevor we'll build that berm back up, No this is on the road right by that guy's house by the driveway. Mark good job so far Trevor.

Attorney's Report

Brandon now on to the Attorney's report On to Michael Rowe thanks Brandon. Brandon asked me to come up tonight to give you a little bit of an update on the acquisition of the easement for the new well. The day before yesterday Brandon, Trevor and I met with Dave Park and it was a good initial meeting in my opinion. They are willing to bring up the easement. What we need to do as a district is to discuss an agreement for future service to the subdivision when they finally get around to a development in exchange for the easement. My suggestion is I think there should be a workshop. Brandon agrees with this, in that we set up a work shop so we can discuss at what you guys want to see in the way of an agreement with Park in terms of future service to the subdivision when it's developed. It's a fairly ambitious project on the conceptual plan that he gave us with potential 800 units on the Elephant Ranch, so I think we need to get our ducks in a row to have to what the district expects in terms of servicing the development and in terms what it is willing to do to compensate for the grant of the easement. Brandon said, so here is my understanding, first and foremost is that no negotiations went on between us. The presentation was mainly from Mr. Park, we asked questions, Park answered. Park asked questions, we answered. There were no negotiations about what we would do, nothing in stone about what we would do. It was just an initial conference. We've been thinking this should have come a lot sooner and we would have it figured out by this time. Why it didn't come sooner is because we were waiting on Anderson Engineering to provide Park with the concept. Brandon this is a concept and it's not even zoned for this currently, So, I'm not sure how we as a district could enter into anything on a concept. Brandon, let me go back, he wants to build the development and pay for it, put in the tanks, he will also put in the additional wells and then when that's all said and done, we take it over as water operators. That would mean that it would not financially impact us in building anything. It would all be done by Park. Then we would take over the service. So, if we said 750 homes at \$50.00 a month over a year it's about \$450,000.that we would have in additional revenue. We would also have 750 homes with new meters, valves pressure, connections, gateways everything would become ours. So that is what he pitched. I don't think this would ever get through the county for plan change you would have to rezone it. There are a

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hundred things that would have to happen prior to this ever happening. I don't think it's something he would do in 10 years, that being said that's a guess I have no idea. Clark, my question is in that meeting you had, was there a time line? Brandon, Nope. Clark, so there was nothing projected like in 20 or 30 years? Brandon he through 20 years, but he also said it's got a long way to go before anything happens. Public; What's the circle in the center of the diagram? Clark, that's a sewer plant. The next part was about the diagram and the location of various parts. Public, do we need a well now? Brandon no, if we sign an agreement that we will become the water operators of this subdivision or a subdivision similar to that, then we will get the easement right now. Dave, I would like the permission of the board to go talk to other property owners about water locations There's several around where we could put a well and not be subject to pressure from Park Holding. Dave repeated for the board. If I talked to others we could possible get an easement and this development could not proceed under the asepsis of the GID who had nothing to do with endorsing it or anything else. I have several locations where I think we could get a working well and I want permission of the board to talk to these people. Mike Rowe, Cody would have to look into this. The point of my reporting on this is that you guys decide on a date and time to do a workshop so you can take action on it, since this is not set to take action on your agenda today. So get a date and time and we'll get it all hashed out. Dave said he would be glad to attend the workshop and answer any questions that the board members may have. Dave, I would like to look at other sites ahead of that time. Brandon, I don't have a problem with that, does anyone have a problem with that? Brandon, do you have a problem with that Clark? Clark, no, but what I'm thinking about what might be a first step finding out if there's another option around this to just get our well over there done. You know you look at that plot of what he's proposing. Do you know how much it costs just to survey all that? Dave, that has nothing to do with us. Clark, well yes it does because the point is he's kind of using this as leverage to his own benefit correct? So, do you really think there a way to do that? Does he have the infrastructure and the money to do that? Dave, yes, Mark agreed, the brothers are in the casino business and the sister owns Edgewood etc. Yeah, I don't doubt, he has the money. Clark, yes he may have this in his head, it's a proposal and plan but it may never happen in our life time. Brandon here's my problem, if we the board decide to sign an agreement to do this and we all disappear or we all die our kids are left holding the bag. Clark, I understand that exactly. Brandon, I don't want to burden my children in the future. Brandon, Steve, first, then Cathie then Bryan. Steve, Statement first, Dave come talk to me I have a spot for a well and half a dozen around here. Would this project become part of TRE? Brandon no, it's only water service. We would not have the roads, or the access to the property tax. Steve, There's a law that if you are within 1,000 feet of a water line you have to access that line for your water, so you are only required service the homes in that parameter. You are still going to be responsible for the well and the water service. You will get paid for the water but you get none of the tax. Brandon we don't get the taxes, but we don't have to worry about the roads. Brandon, it is TRE water rights that would be used for these homes so, we would not be selling our water rights but we could sign a proposal that would provide the water. Clark, Ok I do have another question regarding the map, I see he has all those homes and that's agricultural and now we are going to supply potable water to a community with all those crop circles in there? There's got to be some kind of property issue wouldn't there be Mike? Mike, well again this is a concept by Park and it's by no means anywhere close to a final design and it has to get County water approval. Steve, so, he's got to have all those houses serviced. Brandon, It would make Parks' approval process easier if he had a signed agreement. He does have a well serve notice given to him in 2016. I saw it, it didn't even have a signature on it, the signature was typed Chairman. Cathy, it must have been at least 3 years ago when the County came out here and said every 5 years they had to review the plan. The place was packed and everyone was against a potential development over across 208 and the water issue of supply. This new plan has more housing. How is this possible? I know it's a concept and he has money. Steve, you are making an agreement to a theoretical plan. That agreement is concrete, so 30 years down the line, if they do build out there the GID will be obligated to deliver whatever was in that concrete plan. Mark, that's right. Public, why do we have to sign the agreement if it's for the well? Brandon we only get the easement if we sign it. Clark, that's what he is doing. He kind of got us over a barrel with this and that's what I want to discuss, maybe have a workshop to see if there is a way around it, just to get an easement, to poke a hole in the ground. Public, why do we have to go there? Brandon, because we had a hydrogeologist review the land and came up with three sites that he considered to be the best sites for water and they were all on Parks' land Steve, and he works for Park? Brandon, No. Dave, I've known him for probably 30 years as a hired hydrogeologist. Brandon, he said there was

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nothing viable on this side of the highway. That being said, Dave is not wrong in the fact that there are places on that side of the highway that are within distance of Well 6 that may be possible. Clark the proposed well would be easier to hook onto and run a line, where we have an existing line running from Well 1 across the highway, to hook up everything here. That was another reason why we were going over there is because the initial hookup and the engineering would be pretty simple. Brando, all right were going to set a special meeting. Dave, Can I talk about this first? Brandon, Yes. Dave, A couple years ago when I was sitting on the Planning Commission, David Park purposed, and going back before then, there was a plan for 1,500 houses, he had permission to build 1,600 houses there on Elephant Ranch it wasn't as feasibly as changing it. So what he did was he transferred the receiving area from here up to an area at Muller Lane. He purposed to build 2,500 houses up there off of Buckeye. What he really wants is to sell off areas to builders without having to do the building himself. There was a lot of back and forth and the Planning Commission did not approve it. He appealed it to BAICC or County Commissioners and they finally came up an agreement to approve it. Prior to that he wanted to build some property along the Carson River between Muller and just south of Muller and Mr. Anderson was the Engineer then. It was a flood plain and he wanted to raise that and make it buildable. He said it would increase the flood level 6 inches, by law it's all he could raise it. Well people there testified that they had 12 inches of rain the last time it rained and it flooded and he was only going to raise it 6 inches. We voted it down. So he went away but he blackmailed the County he said they wanted to improve drainage up in the north area end of the county and they're putting in an extension on the culvert under 395, he wouldn't grant the right to do that until they approved the 2,500 houses transfer development right from down here up to there. Now he wants to come back and get the County to approve this. Well it will require a master plan and zoning change which is very time consuming and with the present board I don't think he would get that right now. TREGID would be on the hook to provide water here in agreement with anything we sign right now. That's one of the reasons I want go talk to some other people about a possible well location. I know there are several areas where we could do it and the cost wouldn't be any more than if we built on Park property. There would be a lot of people we could give them free water forever if they let us drill on their property and did some type of agreement for an easement or whatever. There's one property we could subdivide and put a well on that property there's also a couple vacant properties available where we could talk to the property owner and go over and buy that property. Put a well on it. Brandon, the hydrogeologist looked at several properties, he did a study as part of our engineering contract with him. Brandon, this was a paid for review of the water system. This report is similar to previous reports done. Only one of those reports showed this well as being OK. Public, how does he get permission to go on these properties? Dave, he doesn't do anything he just walks around and reports on the hydrogeology of the whole area to determine the best location for a well. Steve, it just happens to be on Park property? Brandon, if you look at TRE the water flows downhill and settles at the flat spot. Steve, so it settles across the highway? Brandon, Yes. Brandon, It means there are rivers on this side and lakes on that side. Clark said when he came here there were 3 wells near him that went dry in 2015. Steve went on to say he knows 4-5 properties have put in new wells. Dave, part of the problem is several years ago Park went from 1-2 crops per year to 3 crops a year and he was sucking all the water out of the aquifer. At that time the State required that he stop pumping the 3rd season because of all the wells that went dry. Clark, so we're in a pickle. Brandon, we want to schedule a special meeting to at a point where we could actually possible decide what we are going to do or what direction. Steve, tell him what we are willing to do. Brandon, we are not able to do that. This wasn't on the agenda so we can't come up with anything. Brandon, so if it were strictly for this adding the new well providing service discussion putting together an agenda quickly. Right George? George yes wouldn't take along time. Brandon, so, you, could have it out Friday or do we need to do it next week? George, next week. Brandon, OK so that would put us, what a great time of year. All I can say is the week of the 22nd that is thanksgiving and we're busy that week, so we need 3 days so if we put it out on Monday that would put us having a meeting on a Friday, Dave, or one of the 3 days before Thanksgiving. Brandon, that and there's the 24th the day before Thanksgiving. Mark, you're not going to do it the week of Thanksgiving are you? Dave, we have to do something before the 15th of December or we lose our financing. Brandon, how about the 17th. so, it would have to be in by this Friday. George, I can't get an Agenda written up because I'm booked tomorrow. Brandon, OK, I'll type it up and get it to Ashley by Friday so we can schedule the meeting for the 17th. Is everybody good with that? Board, yes, works for everyone. Clark, is there any way around this? Mike, All I can say is this is a consensual plan, they're not settled on anything. They don't have the County

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approval, so it's going to be a matter of years I think. Brandon, in my opinion you have to wait. The board of County Commissioners today will not approve something like this in my opinion. Then we have the simple fact, that permits for building in Douglas County are only 67 per year are issued to developers, the other 200 are issued to single home builders. They have stored up 650 that roll over every year and they are available to developers right now, the 800 is more than that alone, if someone bought all of the 650 permits then only 67 would be available per year going forward for developers. That's the way the rules are in Douglas County right now. Clark, so if he got them he would corral the market. Brandon he would corral the whole building market. I don't see how that could even happen Clark, I don't want to approve everything that he wants in this, but if there were some way to word it to where we can get our well dug give us some wiggle room out of having to in 30 years take over that whole water project. That's what I'm getting at, is, there has to be some way to word it to him in such a way that were not obligated. Brandon, it would make his property more valuable like Dave says if he has it in writing, that the water dept will operate the water, now he has a possibility. It's just like if you have to do a home plan for a place up on American Way the first thing you have to do is a perk test for a well, and septic, you have to do all that first. He would have to have that portion out of the way with our approval. Mark, if there is a sewage plant you don't need a perk test. Clark, when I saw this I thought 4-5 homes. Brandon, when Mike and I saw the e-mail it said 10 homes. Park wanted to know how far along we were? Brandon, not very far. Bob Stevenson, What's the status on the sewage plant they were going to build a few years ago that was going to contaminate our water? Brandon Never heard of it. Dave, that was proposed by the people who owned Sleeping Elephant Ranch 15-16 years ago and they determined that it was not feasible. Too expensive. The sewage plant sewage, proposed, would be spread to the fields not the water supply. You could have a build- up of nitrates there that could affect the wells unless they took care of nitrate removal. Steve, then you would be on the hook for that if you agree to provide water. Dave, that is possible. Clark, not me I'll probably be dead by then. Dave, your kids won't. Brandon, all right can we move on? .

ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR

The Administrative calendar will be handled as follows:

- (1.) The Chairman will read the agenda title in the public record.
- (2.) Staff will introduce the item and provide a report, if any.
- (3.) The applicant, if any, will have an opportunity to address the Board, comment will be allowed.
- (4.) The Board will then discuss the item. Once the Board has concluded their discussion, public comment will be allowed.
- (5.) Public comment will be allowed and is limited to two minutes per speaker.
- (6.) Once Public comment is completed, the Board will then ask any follow-up questions and take action. On agenda items that are placed on the agenda "For Discussion Only" with no action listed, public comment is not legally required and must be made when the Chairman calls for public comment on the item discussed.

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AGENDA

*Any items removed **ADMINISTRATIVE** from the Consent Calendar will be added and heard at this point.)*

1. For Discussion and Possible Action to approve, approve with modifications or conditions, or deny: To further discuss and approve hiring Matt Torley, with Kamtec, to do various road, ditch and flood channel maintenance for the district.

Brandon said there's no vote to be made today as presented, then said, the following is to be added to this Agenda Item for the next Regular Meeting December 8, 2021, "for no more than allowed by NRS, without soliciting with bids or estimates".

Open for Public Comment before Board action:

Trevor looking at our budget we have restricted and unrestricted funds, \$14,000 unrestricted could be used for roads. Brandon, that's unrestricted in that we could use it without 3 bids? Trevor, unrestricted in that we don't have to go ask to use them, it's not like the set aside funds or the Short Lived Asset funds or anything like that. The road maintenance fund in this fiscal year started at \$18,000 and it's now sitting at \$14,000 for different road uses. The other line items are \$150,000 for new equipment that we budgeted and then the Capital Improvement Funds, those are restricted funds. The only other option we would need to access the non-restricted savings money from the road fund, it has \$83,318.22, the only thing with that, we would have to file an augmentation to the budget in the County and send them a letter stating why we had to touch the savings fund also we could talk with the accountant about the time line it would take, otherwise we should create a line item for the next budget cycle to set aside x amount of dollars per year for these type of maintenance projects that are outside the districts' ability. Brandon, the other thing is we need to look at is the NRS to find out what we can do without 3 estimates. Trevor, to keep it from going from a maintenance project to a construction project in linear distance with a 500 foot limit, which most of the projects that I'm wanting to do are less than 500 foot. Clark, so if it becomes construction you have to get the bids? Brandon, I know there's a dollar amount attached to that. How far and how much. We have to solicit 3 bids; we don't have to get 3 bids. Brandon, I think \$5,000 is the maximum on a bid with a time gap; you can't keep using it over and over. That being said this is written to further discuss, so we can vote to discuss and continue to look into hiring Matt Torley. So, this is to continue planning. Somebody has to research the NRS, I know I've done it 100 times, well I hate it, it's a pain but we have to do that, but I do agree that we keep moving down this road. So I'm going to ask for an approval or a motion to vote on Agenda #1 to further discuss and approve or we will continue to discuss hiring Matt to do various road, ditch and flood channel maintenance for the district. Can I get a motion to approve it with modification of the removing the " hiring". Dave, I think we should hire Matt to do a project, the weather is changing, and there are several projects that need to be done. Brandon, if you can find out from the NRS how much we can spend on that, I'll be glad to do it. I'm not going to get into trouble with that. Public, I would like to know when you'll have all the answers? We spoke of this last month and now you want to talk about it next month. So, in December will we have the answers? Brandon, I can't tell Mark what to do in his free time, can't tell George what to do in his free time, all I can do is sit here at the meeting. Trevor, I'll bite the bullet on this, I should have found out those numbers, I've been preoccupied with water since the last meeting. In the past we have used Matt Torley for maintenance work in the amount of approximately \$2,800. Dave, let's vote on \$5,000 or less. Brandon, you can modify this item anyway you want. Trevor, not to exceed \$5,000? Brandon, I'm still going to vote no, because I don't know if \$5,000 is legal. So, I'm not going to vote on something that could get me in trouble. Trevor said he will look into it. Clark, I think we should vote to discuss it later, and try to get answers. Brandon, if we modify this for discussion and possible action to further discuss and approve hiring Matt Torley for no more than allowed by NRS without soliciting bids. So like I said there's an amount at that point we have to solicit from more than 1 vendor, there's an amount below that, we don't have to

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solicit from more than 1 vendor. So, if we approve to hire Matt Torley for no more than allowed by NRS without soliciting or estimates then we could vote, but before he's hired to do anything we have to know that number. Trevor quoted rates from Matt Torley for hourly equipment rentals. To approve, with modification of, the agenda item not in a way that we would violate OML, we are just adding not more than allowed by NRS without soliciting bids or estimates. For discussion and possible action to approve, approve with modification or condition, or deny: To further discuss and approve hiring Matt Torley, with Kamtec, to do various road, ditch, and flood channel maintenance for the district for no more than is allowed by NRS without soliciting bids or estimates. Can I get a motion on that? Mark, I make a motion Dave second carried 5 yes – 0 no.

Additional Public Comment:

Public, if a ditch is blocked on both sides who do I call? Brandon, if it's on your property it's your responsibility. Public, it's a neighbors' house. Trevor, I'll look into it.

2. For Discussion and Possible Action to approve, approve with modifications or conditions, or deny: To approve returning the 1985 Case 680K back to service for an amount not to exceed \$500.00. ts

Open for Public Comment before Board action:

Brandon, Trevor I believe we should fix the equipment not leave it lying around. Trevor, If we fix it we can at least drive it around as a back hoe, with the ability to move material without driving the new Volvo back and forth to the yard from a work site. We could have a backhoe at the yard. Brandon any Public comment? Steve, don't get rid of it. Mark, we could use it to move dirt. Brandon, can I get a motion?

Mark Bradshaw made a motion to approve. Dave Akola seconded. Motion carried 5 Yes - 0 No.

3. For Discussion and Possible Action to approve, approve with modifications or conditions, or deny: To approve payment to Ramco Hydraulic in an amount of \$1,567.60 for hydraulic rebuild for the 2012 Volvo BL70B. ts

Open for Public Comment before Board action: Brandon, can I get a motion?

Dave Akola made a motion to approve. Gerald Clark seconded. Motion carried 5 Yes - 0 No.

4. For Discussion Only: Update discussion on grant funding and possible action. da

Open for Public Comment:

Dave, OK, last week Trevor and I met with the Silver State and a number of the GIDs to talk about applying for grants with the State and other agencies. When we had that meeting we talked about forming a coalition of all the GIDs to go after these grants Also it seems that Douglas County has more GIDs than any other County in Nevada. These were created supposedly by the County because they didn't want to take responsibility the water system or the road system or whatever, and they pushed it off to the GIDs when they were formed. Right now, well, in the past 6 months the County received \$9 million dollars from ARPA fund for projects within the County. The County spent that money and didn't give any of to the GIDs. Steve, ARPA? Trevor, American Repair Act. Brandon, The first Care Act. We would like to get some of that money, best way we can do that is to form a coalition and go to the County and ask for them to co-sponsor projects for us. Most of the projects are for the County Commissioners' GIDs, only one that doesn't. We think they should help us get some of those funds. Right

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now they think that we get money for the County, let the GIDs take care of themselves. Brandon, Is it true that 80% of the County population lives in GIDs? Dave, yes, so we're getting passed over by the County. Trevor, 42 thousand live in GIDs or some type of township. Dave. In Douglas County. Brandon. There are under 60 thousand living on County roads. So, basically The Cares Act was supposed to be used for whatever the County wanted to do. The right thing to do for the County would be give those GIDs a portion of General Tax Revenue out of the \$9 million. They chose not to do that and we are talking Indian Hills, Ranchos, us, a couple up at Lake Tahoe and others. Dave, I have a list of about 23 different GIDs and none of them received any money. The County spent it on what they wanted to. Brandon, So what they are talking about is forming coalition that they become more of a force than a little GID guy showing up there saying I want the money versus a coalition of GIDs Dave, One of the reasons for this is because of the passing of the Infrastructure Bill by the House and Senate this week. Nevada is going to get \$4 billion dollars for infrastructure, roads, bridges, Airports and broad band. NDOT is going to get \$2.5 billion dollars to build and repair highways. One of the things was, I want to get turn lanes on 208 should come out of that money. County and State say they don't have any money right now; well they are going to have \$2.5 billion dollars over the next 5 years. They'll have plenty of money to build turn lanes along 208. Clark, I understand that Topaz Lodge has a water system and they have to have a D2, D3 to run it? Dave, Yes. Clark, so are they like considered a GID? Dave, No. Clark and all the homes below that are on wells? They don't supply any water? Dave, No, none of the homes on wells, below the Topaz Lodge water system, are supplied water. Dave, so those that have their own well are not on the water system. Clark, so you answered my question the Topaz Water System does supply water to some homes. Clark, so why aren't they a GID. Dave, because they are an operator. They don't control the roads, just the water. Dave, some GIDs only take care of snow removal, some take care of roads, some take care of water some take care of sewer, some take care of parks, and there are all kinds of different needs for a GID. Anyway our meeting with Silver State Government all the people there were in favor of the coalition so we can get some of the money coming to the State. We could also use some of the money for infrastructure. That means our water system we can get funding for some of our water lines. If we don't have enough money from the USDA for our well and connections we could get additional fund from them for that. Everyone is going to apply with the State Treasurer and he is going to divide up the money that comes out of the infrastructure plan. We have to get in line and say we have these projects and this is how much money we want and get as much as we can, but we have to move on this right away, because the money is coming and if we aren't in line we aren't going to get any. Clark, when you are talking about forming a coalition you're talking about several people from here to go down there and canvas our Commissioners or the State Treasurer? What I want to know is how that would work? I'm all for it. Dave, two people from each GID, maybe 10 will agree to this, form together and write a letter as a coalition of GIDs, we petition the County Commissioners to give us part of the funds. We would also petition the State Treasurer for him to give money to the GIDs instead of just to the County. This way we have a chance of getting some money for our projects right now the County Commissioners aren't going to give us anything. Steve, Is Silver State going to tell you how to do this? Dave, there would probably be, Silver State would get money, say 1% of the money that came to the GID. Dave we would give them money from the money we get, otherwise we get nothing. Public, how many of the Commissioners live in a GID? Dave, Five, but they don't care about the GID they care about their own projects. Somebody has to put the hammer to them. The coalition would have some weight and would be able to petition the County Commissioners to doll out some funds. Public, who would sign the coalition? Dave, 2 people from each GID. We in the process since the meeting last Friday to move forward and everyone who showed up were in favor of it. They have to go to their boards and some people that couldn't show up because they didn't know about it. We are in the process of putting a notice out to everybody saying do you want to be a part of this or don't you. Trevor, if we get 4 of the biggest GID districts there are, as Jim and John were saying get them to go in as a single voice for the other GIDs and say you've got all this money and we've gotten nothing. You are getting all this infrastructure money and we need to complete our projects. Steve, what are you voting on? Brandon, nothing we are only discussing. Dave, we are discussing and trying to get consensus in the room. Steve, I believe that the

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Infrastructure money is already earmarked, so getting money will be hard. I also think the high speed internet needs could eat it all up. Any you have to ask and I think the coalition is a good idea. Dave, we have to get on the list. We have to apply to the State Treasurer and the County's or the County Commissioners and get everybody's backing. The State Treasurer is going to doll out this money so we have to get on his list for our projects. Brandon, we don't deal with anything that is not in the infrastructure program. Nobody has read the 800 page Infrastructure Bill. Dave, the \$2.5 billion that goes to NDOT is for roads and bridges, repair and building that's it. It's not taking care of the broad band or anything else, that's part of the other money. Steve, when you deal with the Federal Government they don't consider us a major project, like an interstate, and that makes things harder. The coalition is a good way to go to get what we need, water, roads and turn lanes. Brandon, OK we all agree that Dave should continue with his plan.

5. For Discussion Only: Looking for volunteers to help gather signatures for petition to NDOT for turn lanes. da

Open for Public Comment:

Dave, Last month I talked about a petition going to NDOT, I have the lady's name and I've been told that I can meet with Commissioner when he meets with her within the next 2 months. What happens every year is that the Commissioners meet with this representative from NDOT to talk about projects within Douglas County. Last year they thought that the biggest project that they wanted was to acceleration and deceleration lanes at General Lane where it crosses 395. I talked about turn lanes on 208 and they said we don't have money for that. I think now is the time to push for turn lanes. I'm in the process of putting together a petition for everybody to sign in TRE. If there are two or more drivers at a house then all should sign the petition. You don't have to be a driver to sign. When we have enough signatures I will deliver the petition to the NDOT representative and the County Commissioners. I will also try to get a letter from the Sheriff concerning the safety on the roads. I would like to get volunteers to get the petition signed. If we could get 1,000 to 2,000 that would be enough. Brandon, are there any additional comments? Steve and several other public members offered to help collect signature for a petition to be sent to NDOT and County Commissioner Mark Gardner to pressure them to put in turn lanes on 208.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Not for Board Action: This portion of the meeting is open to the public to speak on any topic within the authority of the Board that is not on tonight's agenda. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, and speakers will be asked to sign in for the record. The Board will not take action.

Steve Mitchell 1) Wanted to know why wasn't the fire hydrant closes to his property flushed when several Hydrants' were? And 2) is the brush clearance 30 inches on either side of 208? The answer will be researched.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Time: 7:42 pm

Mark Bradshaw made a motion to adjourn. Gerald Clark seconded. Motion carried 5 Yes - 0 No

Minutes submitted by Board Secretary, George Barber