

MEETING MINUTES
CHARLOTTE RANCHETTES STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 17, 2013 – Regular Meeting
3:00 p.m. – Public Works Conference Room

Attendees: Doug Buuck, David Choken, Nigel Morris, Praire Piercefield, and Chuck Rinehart

County staff: Tim Free, Dawn Harrison, and Sandy Wright

Guests: Sign in sheet attached

Meeting called to order at 3:15 p.m. with a roll of members that determined a quorum present.

Agenda changes – Mr. Morris requested to add Gewant drainage to the agenda.

The minutes for May 21, 2013 were unanimously approved as written and the minutes from May 28, 2013 were unanimously approved as amended.

Business:

- Financial Update – Reports were distributed for review and questions. There is approximately \$27,000-\$30,000 left in the grading budget. Excess funds in the budget for other line items can be used for roads.
- South County Stormwater Utility Update – Mr. Free reported South County Stormwater Unit will be cleaning the ditches on Strasse, Grove, Pelican and the one that runs parallel to 74. There was discussion regarding providing funding to use the Menzi Muck on some of the cross east/west ditches in an attempt to resolve the drainage issues. There was a difference of opinion as to whether the ditches were last cleaned in 2005. The Committee wants M&O to start working on the cross ditches a little at a time. The ditch that runs along Popular is filling up and needs to be cleaned immediately.
- Road Grading – There was discussion regarding the conditions of the roads. No material can be added at this time due to the wetness of the roads. Roads have been graded continually and they are at a point where they need to be built up and a base needs to be installed. A grader will be purchased by M&O after October 1, 2013. It may be possible to cut swales with the new grader. Easements need to be cleaned to the maximum to prepare for the grader. Mr. Free stated he needs to know now if the Committee wishes grading to be done as soon as possible. The end of the fiscal year is approaching and the ability to create purchase orders will be frozen. Mr. Morris made a motion for M&O to create a purchase order for grading as soon as conditions allow; the motion was seconded by Mr. Buuck with discussion. There are areas that don't need grading, however, there are pot holes that need filling and there are areas with no pot holes that only need grading. The motion was amended by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Buuck for M&O to create a purchase order for grading and/or application where needed as soon as conditions allow. Members will have a field meeting next Tuesday, July 23, 2013 to assess the roads and create a map of areas that are in the most need. M&O will address the areas based on the Committee's priorities.

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- Member Update on Assigned Areas -
 1. There are holes on Alfred that need to be filled.
 2. The asphalt patch repairs that were done on Leah are still a concern to the Committee. M&O will follow up.

- Backyard Drainage – Mr. Szuba provided information to the committee after the last meeting showing that FPL has a right of way that is shown in legal documents. M&O will not put a ditch on the FPL ROW. It is not county property and would be dangerous for equipment to work underneath the power lines. There was discussion regarding the drainage issue on Gewant and asking the property owner to clean their ditch and be responsible for funding a culvert pipe to eliminate some of the drainage issue. M&O must have a signed release allowing them to install the pipe. This item was tabled until Mr. Rinehart discusses the issue with the property owner.

- Rate Increase – There was discussion regarding a rate increase. Past efforts were not well received by the residents. They do not want an increase. Mr. Morris feels this is a bad time to ask for an increase. Mr. Free suggested the Committee select a section of road such as Swiss or Pelican off of 74 to be used as a test area. M&O would build up the road and install proper drainage, then maintain it afterwards. This will cost the MSBU money, however, it would provide a test area for residents to see the difference and may make residents more agreeable to a rate increase in a couple years. Swiss is heavily traveled. M&O will prepare an estimate.

- Public Comments – None at this time.

There will be a special field meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 2013 that will convene at Mr. Buuck's residence at 6405 Austrian Blvd. at 8:30 a.m. This meeting is to review the roads to identify the areas that are in need of immediate attention. Each member will provide a list which will be used to create a master list for M&O.

The next regular meeting date is Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., in the Public Works Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Submitted by:


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