

MEETING MINUTES
CHARLOTTE RANCHETTES STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT ADVISORY BOARD
May 11, 2016 – Regular Meeting
9:00 a.m. – Public Works Conference Room

Attendees: Doug Buuck, William Gomes, Michael Szuba, Victor Dudash, and Charles Rinehart

County staff: Kelly Louttit, Francine Lisby, Karen Dorsett, and Dawn Harrison

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am. A roll call was taken that determined a quorum was present. Membership status was reviewed.

The Sunshine Law and Roberts Rules of Order Presentation was tabled until the next meeting by the Advisory Board.

Changes to agenda: Mr. Szuba added the Strasse Blvd. berm to the agenda.

The minutes from March 29, 2016 were unanimously approved as written.

Citizen Input on Agenda Items Only (3 Minute Limit):

- Mr. Morris thanked the County for grading the roads and stated most work has been performed on the North side of the Ranchettes and believes more work should take place on the South side. Mr. Morris discussed the shortage of funds in the budget to perform the necessary work in the area.
- Mr. Kalin stated since the grading was performed at the North end of Alan Blvd, holes have developed which retain water and he believes the grading was not properly performed. Mr. Kalin stated the locals maintain the roads better using a box blade. Discussion continued regarding issues such as Stormwater management.
- Ms. VanAntwerp presented pictures of her road after a rain event and stated Gator Contracting is not grading properly.
- Ms. Santiago discussed the improper grading procedures by Gator Contracting.
- Mr. Dailey said the Gator paving supervisor was more concerned about more material being brought into the area than the quality of work. Mr. Dailey stated he had to clean up the trash left from the workers of Gator Contracting and stated the top coat was never put down on the road as promised by the company.
- Ms. Verbanic stated Grove Blvd is in horrible shape and continues to deteriorate.
- Mr. Lubracki discussed flooding issues due to grading and stated illegal dumping is a problem within the MSBU.

Unfinished Business:

- **Road Grading:** Mr. Gomes recommended using a disc to plow the swales and suggested restoring the roads as farm roads. Mr. Rinehart stated a lip should not be present after grading and stated his displeasure with the grading performed in the area. Discussion continued in reference to the lack of funds collected to perform all the work needed in the Charlotte Ranchettes. Mr. Szuba provided an overview to the public about the dedication of roads in the area. Ms. Harrison said if work is needed in the area to enter a service request. Mr. Buuck

discussed his grading practices on Austrian. Mr. Dudash discussed the current assessment within the MSBU and stated there is not enough money to perform the work needed. Ms. Lisby stated in FY 16-17 there is \$130,000 allotted for road grading. Discussion continued by Mr. Gomes regarding the need for proper drainage. The Advisory Board would like to fire Gator Contracting and asked if the contractor has been paid in full. Ms. Lisby stated she will investigate if the contractor has been paid. Discussion continued regarding specifications in the contract. Mr. Dudash asked if the County has accepted the work performed by Gator Contracting. Ms. Harrison will investigate.

- **Including more owners into the territory of the unit:** Ms. Harrison stated the matter is still under review. Mr. Gomes stated the process should be fair for the landowners. Mr. Dudash motioned to table the item until the end of the fiscal year; Mr. Szuba and Mr. Rinehart suggested not to pursue the matter. Mr. Gomes would like a cost estimate to pursue the matter. Mr. Szuba discussed a court case in 1993. Mr. Rinehart motioned to provide the cost estimate to Mr. Gomes and the item be dropped seconded by Mr. Gomes and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Paving-Open grade mix:** Ms. Harrison advised drainage is not include in the estimate and the cost will be approximately \$150,000.00 dollars for surveying the entire MSBU area and \$340,000.00 dollars per mile for open grade mix. If any existing roads have to be moved the cost will increase. Mr. Dudash discussed the cost estimate he obtained from Paramount Asphalt Sealcoating Corporation. Mr. Dudash stated the total cost for paving the MSBU area at two inches by eighteen feet wide would be \$642,799.00. Mr. Gomes discussed possible funding sources such as grants or private donations. Ms. Lisby advised a decision would need to be made by the end of November 2016. Discussion continued regarding implementation of the max rate and a ten year loan. Mr. Gomes motioned to table the paving-open grade mix item; Mr. Buuck seconded and the motion passed unanimously
- **Survey/Drainage:** Mr. Gomes motioned to table the item; Mr. Buuck seconded and the motion passed unanimously
- **Rate Increase:** Mr. Gomes motioned to table the item ;Mr. Buuck seconded and the motion passed unanimously
- **Strasse Berm:** Mr. Szuba stated a resident dug out a berm on the east side of Strasse in the Polk/Clara area. Ms. Harrison stated a foreman has reviewed the area and no correction is needed at this time. Mr. Gomes motioned to table the item until further facts are gathered no second. Mr. Rinehart motioned to fix the berm in the 8500 block on Strasse; seconded by Mr. Dudash with a 4 to 1 vote with Mr. Gomes being the dissenting vote.

New Business:

- **Financials:** Ms. Harrison provided the six month actual report and the monthly activity report for Advisory Board review and discussion.

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- .Mr. Kalin discussed drainage and Stormwater issues if the paving performed. Mr. Kalin discussed inspection issues regarding the grading and said fill was not put on the entire road. Mr. Kalin stated Sidney Lowe, County Inspector, agrees that the road should not have passed inspection.
- Mr. Morris asked about the status of the work order to patch Leah, Clark, and Alfred. Discussion continued regarding public easement for access on each property. Mr. Morris stated the cross ditches need to be cleaned.
- Ms. Santiago inquired if there is a law for stopping at a four way intersection if no stop signs are present. Mr. Szuba stated it should be treated as a four way stop. Ms. Santiago asked about filling in the back yard ditch on her property.

Advisory Committee members open discussion:

- Mr. Dudash stated on Strasse Blvd was unpassable on a recent medical emergency.
- Mr. Rinehart requested a copy of the video from Sidney Lowe pertaining to the grading performed on the North end of Alan Blvd. Discussion continued regarding cost associated with bidding. Mr. Rinehart would like the bid to include the survey and paving.
- Discussion continued regarding the need to pave all main roads to alleviate high traffic on one road.

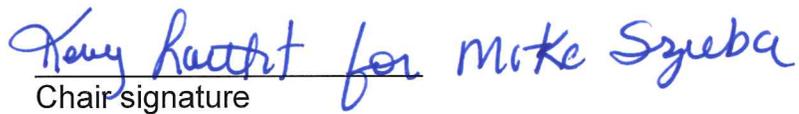
The meeting adjourned at 10:52 am.

The next regular meetings will be held on August 10, 2016 and September 15, 2016 at 3:00 pm in the Public Works Conference Room.

Submitted by:

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Public Works Department


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PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION
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ATTENDANCE ROSTER

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