

Meeting Minutes  
**Board of Directors of the Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance District**  
**June 21, 2017 – 2:00 p.m. at**  
**Sedona Fire Station #3, 125 Slide Rock, Sedona, Arizona**

*District Board Meeting Guidelines: The meeting will be held in accordance with A.R.S. Title 38 Open Meeting Laws. Board and attendees participation shall be civil and courteous. Any disruptive behavior could result in removal from the meeting. Comments and questions from the public shall be called upon by the Board Chairman, and shall begin with stating and spelling of the speaker's name. All comments and questions shall be directed to the Board Chairperson. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Jennifer Bartos, Improvement District Services, Inc. at (928) 443-9484. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation. Requests for copies of Board Meeting minutes or other District documents, inquiries, or complaints should be submitted in writing to: Improvement District Services, Inc., 1965 Commerce Center Circle, Suite A, Prescott, AZ 86301.*

Call to Order – Dave Norton, Paul Gazda, Ruth Kane, Joanne Johnson, and Ann Crossland present. Also present and participating: Jennifer Bartos, District Clerk, Diana King and Dakota King, District Administrator, Improvement District Services; Martin Landa, Dana Galbavy, Louis Landon, Cathy Gazda and Mark Mumaw, members of the community. Comment from Thomas Graham read into record.

Hearings:

Open Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget

Director Norton stated that there was an increase in bank charges, and Diana King responded that checks were ordered. Director Norton asked about the capital replacement fund. He further asked about the \$1,000 publishing line item on the 2017/2018 agenda, and Jennifer Bartos responded that this amount would run over if unused.

Close Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget

Convene into Special Meeting:

1. Action on the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Final Budget and possible adoption of Resolution No. 2017-1.  
Motion: made by Director Johnson to adopt Resolution No. 2017-1, second by Director Gazda. Unanimous Approval.

Convene into Regular Meeting:

Pledge of allegiance by Supervisor Garrison.

Director Norton entertained a motion to table items 3, 5, 6 & 8 to the next public meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Director Gazda stated that as the warrants are currently on the agenda packet, he would be supportive of tabling items 3, 5, & 6.

Motion: made by Director Gazda to table items 3,5, & 6 to the next public meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup>, second by Director Crossland. 4 yays, 1 nay by Director Johnson.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the way finder signs and the dark sky community sign.
  - a. Supervisor Garrison is requested to speak on this item.  
Supervisor Garrison stated that he has been requested by several organizations to put up a sign for the dark sky and the way finder signs. He stated he has been blocked by ADOT, but ADOT stated there must be a permit created, which can be done by a special district. He displayed two concepts for the way finder signs to the Board. He stated that the way finder signs would point out community points, such as libraries. He stated that one advantage to the district to put up the signs is the ability to name the community at the top of the sign. He stated that, as Red Rock would be the requesting agency, the signs would, after the permit is filed, belong to the Red Rock district. He stated that many communities are using these signs, including Cave Creek. With the dark sky sign, he stated that the current sign on the High School campus is private, but would want one more accessible to the public. Director Johnson asked who was providing the cost for

the signs, and Supervisor Garrison stated it was a group associated with the Native Cultural Center, and that the dark sky group has also committed to paying their expenses. Director Johnson asked if the signs could be put on the same post, and Supervisor Garrison stated that it is possible but may look odd as the signs are significantly different in size. Director Kane stated that the name of the community is a community argument, and Supervisor Garrison stated that if the Red Rock Board chooses to adopt these signs, they would have the opportunity to set that name. Director Norton stated that RRREMD is not in the business of choosing the name, only creating the permit. Supervisor Garrison stated that the Big Park Council has been supportive of the dark sky sign. Jennifer Bartos asked about the maintenance and replacement of the sign, what the sign has to do with the roads of Red Rock, and that acceptance of the signage would create a precedent for future organizations looking to erect a sign. Supervisor Garrison stated that the sign takes an active role in the community that pays for the RRREMD. Supervisor Garrison also stated that, when the signs begin to show wear, to either go back to the dark sky and Native Cultural Center to pay for replacement or maintenance or remove the signs. Supervisor Garrison stated that the museum has taken an active role to have more display available. Director Gazda asked if there was a limit to the number of way finder signs in an area, to which Supervisor Garrison responded that he does not know. Director Kane stated that the only organization that should be consulted with these signs is the All American Road Committee, to which Supervisor Garrison stated that the Committee cannot create a permit for ADOT, but plans to speak with the All American Road Committee. Director Kane stated that a sign on a popular road must be carefully made so as to ensure the signs are mounted correctly. Director Norton stated that the RRREMD board should not make the decisions of the signs, but may be willing to create the permit to ADOT if the future costs are ensured. The Board decided to defer the designs of the signs to the All American Road Committee.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the field reports from Green Earth for April 2017. Tabled to next public meeting.
4. Discussion and possible action regarding an Integrated Pest Management trial in the RRREMD. Director Norton stated that the board has met for two study sessions on this issue. Director Gazda stated that what the Board is considering is a one-year trial of IPM with a specific set of rules outlined in the previous study session. He stated that in this set of rules, the pest management would use non-toxin pest management, then proceed to a management that is slightly more toxic if pests continue, then proceed back to Round-Up if the trial is unsuccessful. Director Gazda entertained a ceiling amount for the IPM trial, and when this amount is reached, the Board would decide if the IPM could be used long-term. He stated that there is an approximated \$20,000 amount increase for bids that used non-toxic management rather than a management such as Round-Up. He stated that \$25,000 be allocated to the IPM trial from the capital replacement line item. Director Kane stated that if the board ran into a situation where the pests are uncontrollable, it would be very controversial to go back to Round-Up. She stated that she is willing to try it and use as little Round-Up as possible. Director Johnson stated she believes the IPM to be too structured, and decide to try the non-toxic solution on a >1 acre area. She further stated that, upon looking at the studies done on cities using IPM, she doesn't see these areas as being successful in destroying pests. She stated that the area of Round-Up is only necessary between approximately March and September, and does not wish to be a research group to see if IPM is successful. She further stated that she is violently opposed to the IPM trial. Director Crossland stated that, after the previous study session, looked at the cost of tier 2 and tier 3 pest management, which costs between less than Round-Up to twice as much as Round-Up. She stated that if there is an issue, the community can revert back to Round-Up. She further stated that many members of the community have clearly demonstrated their opinion in favor of IPM. Director Crossland stated that she wishes RRREMD to be a community leader and may be an example to other communities, despite being a small community. In addition, she stated that she sees the IPM trial as a possible way to avoid future legal issues. Director Norton stated that he wishes to get rid of the trial terminology. He stated that the contractor Green Earth has already significantly reduced the amount of Round-Up that is used. He stated that he is opposed to the reallocation of \$25,000, but would prefer grant funding. He stated that the idea to gather volunteers to pull weeds is not possible, as the contractor has a permit with ADOT. He stated that he wishes to hear from staff how much more Green Earth believes it will cost to implement less toxic pest management. He believes it is dangerous to take the \$25,000 out of the capital replacement, as there may be issues unseen. Director Norton stated that he is opposed to the amount of \$25,000, and would rather work with Green Earth to lower toxic substance amounts. Director Gazda stated that he looked back in the budget and the capital replacement amount has never been used, and that there is \$30,000 more in the capital replacement than the previous two years. He stated that it does not need to be called a trial, but wanted to inform the public that it is one-year period. Director Gazda stated that he

believes it a mistake to call the IPM research, as the trial is backed by known and proven research that has already occurred. Further, he stated that the \$25,000 is a ceiling and does not guarantee this entire amount will be used. He stated that the procedure is called Integrated Pest Management because it is integrated, and is implemented with the contractor effectively. Director Gazda stated that there has been 19 emails from the public in favor of the IPM trial, as well as a letter from the Cyclist Association and Sustainability Alliance, which includes multiple other local organizations. Director Norton asked about Integrated Vegetation Management, which Director Gazda stated is a subset of IPM directed only to Vegetation pests, not insects. Director Kane stated that the cities that IPM was tested in are quite large with a large budget, which does not apply to RRREMD. She further stated that, in the future, there may be a product that is non-toxic and effective, and the RRREMD could wait for such a product. Director Johnson stated that the contractors are only obligated for one hour, and wishes to move on. Director Norton asked about the amount that Director Crossland was able to find in grant money, to which Director Crossland stated this was difficult to say.

Motion: made by Director Gazda to approve a one-year IPM effort in the RRREMD, second by Director Crossland. Director Kane stated that she wished the amount to be in the motion. Amendment: in the RRREMD and set a ceiling in that effort for \$25,000 moved from capital replacement to a new line item title "IPM". Director Kane stated that she believed that an amount between \$5,000 and \$10,000 is better for the trial. Director Gazda asked if the amount of \$15,000 is better. Director Johnson called the question for the \$25,000 motion. Two yays, three nays, Director Norton, Director Kane, and Director Johnson.

Director Norton stated that he wishes to see the motion reflect using grant money to supplement the costs. Director Gazda stated he does not wish to start the IPM during the monsoon season.

Motion: made by Director Kane for a 6-8 month trial of alternative methods in the amount not to exceed \$7,000, second by Director Norton. Director Gazda stated that he would not want to set up a project with insufficient funding. Director Johnson called the question. 1 yay, 3 nays (Director Gazda, Director Norton, and Director Johnson), 1 abstention (Director Crossland).

Director Gazda stated that he cannot be part of a project that is set up to fail with such a small amount. Director Norton stated he believes it would be productive to spend the next four weeks to have an estimate cost from Green Earth. Director Gazda agreed with this statement. Director Crossland will also look into the grant funds available. The final decision has been tabled to the next public meeting.

Public Comments:

Dana Galbavy  
Marty Landa  
Louis Landon  
Cathy Gazda  
Mark Mumaw  
Thomas Graham (Read into record)

5. Discussion and possible action regarding new RRREMD website requirements and services as well as the public communication email.  
Tabled to next public meeting.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding the Administrative Services Staff Report from Improvement District Services, Inc. regarding staff activities and direction to the Clerk for future agenda items.  
Tabled to next public meeting.
7. Discussion and possible action to approve meeting minutes of April 19, 2017 and June 12, 2017.  
Motion: made by Director Johnson to approve both minutes, second by Director Kane. Director Gazda stated that he would like to defer the April 19 minutes to the July meeting, as he would like to give an example of minutes that could be conducive to the RRREMD. Director Johnson revised her motion to only the June 12 minutes. Director Kane accepts Director Johnson's revision. UA.
8. Discussion and possible action to approve warrants written in April and May 2017.  
Director Johnson asked about an invoice from Robert Kozak, to which Jennifer responded that was a question of public document requests. Director Norton asked if the public document request could be

charged to the requester. Jennifer stated that this cannot be charged to the customer. Director Gazda asked about the line item involving "copies for Director Gazda", to which Diana responded that this involved mailing of agenda packets for the study session for June 12, 2017. Director Gazda requested that the response from Mr. Kozak be available to the board separate from the agenda packet for the next public meeting. Motion: made by Director Crossland to approve the warrants, second by Director Gazda.

**Public Comment Period:** The public will be given the opportunity to comment to the Board of Directors on non-agenda item issues pertaining to the District. This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(G), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date. Two minutes will be allowed for each speaker.