

RPRMA 2015 Meeting Minutes

August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

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1. Rick Fant called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.
2. The President reviewed the meeting agenda and structure using slides 2-4 of the Annual Meeting Presentation.
3. Quorum established-46 members were present in person or by proxy out of 74 members. Slide 5 of the Presentation shows the Association metrics.
4. Board Members in attendance: Rick Fant, Jim Biddick, Bathen Shaner, Ted Kirschbaum, Jamie Cier and Donna DeLong.
5. Tom Schramm with Rock Island Network gave a presentation and on costs, timing and details of possible fiber optic installation on Raccoon Point Road. He stated that the fiber optic backbone will be laid at the same time as updated electrical conduit is laid by OPALCO and that this "middle mile" portion of the fiber optic will be at no expense. Only the "middle mile" that needs to be laid beyond the OPALCO work will have a cost associated with it. He also stated there is currently a \$1500 incentive to homeowners to run the "last mile" from the middle mile in the road to their homes. This incentive will only last until the \$4.5 million dollars they have is spent. It's possible to use the \$1500 toward costs of the "last mile" or to receive \$20 a month off your bill with Rock Island for life. Entry level service is \$80.00 per month. Tom provided spreadsheets showing costs based on location of lots by parcel number (spreadsheets can be accessed via the [Raccoonpointroad.org](http://Raccoonpointroad.org) website post meeting).
6. The President's report confirmed the Raccoon Point Road website is now up and working again. \$5000 is set aside for emergency work since none was needed last year. Grading and Dustac are on schedule this year but poor Dustac product/quality with no option for same product next year. Accounting and Admin going smoothly. Slide 6 of the Presentation.
7. The Treasurer's (Jim Biddick) report was presented which included delinquent homeowners, current bank balances and potential budget for 2016 of \$30,000. Slides 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 of the presentation.
8. Board proposed we leave 2016 budget same as 2015 or \$36,835. Rick Fant motioned to accept budget. Agreed by Brian Wiese and seconded by Sherri Schiff.
9. Chip Sealing was discussed at length and Ron Gilleland (Raccoon Point homeowner who is head of the San Juan County road crew for Orcas Island) shared his knowledge of details like the need for triple lift (not double) for strength as well as timing for refreshing/maintenance of the chip seal. He stated to do the double lift initially with the third lift the following year and then very little maintenance for 12 years. Refresh would be needed in 5-6 years with just double lift. Bid from Doolittle is probably most reliable as they are the top chip seal company in Washington. Slides 14-18 of the presentation contain all the chip seal info. Ron's experience is that people drive slower or the same speed on chip seal versus gravel. Put humps not speed bumps to slow drivers down and to avoid legal liability. Homeowners brought up the fact that chip seal may not be environmentally friendly and may encourage contractors on the road to drive faster. Other homeowners stated they believe the chip seal may be more slippery with 2-wheel drive cars than gravel.
10. The Board recommended a final cost be determined for chip seal and chip seal maintenance and the info should be mailed to all homeowners for review and to vote on a special assessment. If the special assessment passes, all funds must be paid by a set date and if sufficient funds were not collected, refund money to members and not move forward with special assessment/chip seal.

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11. The Board then asked for a vote authorizing the special assessment be put out for a vote to the members keeping in mind that the cost of current maintenance versus chip seal maintenance be included along with timing for OPALCO work on the road (chip seal should be done after OPALCO work). It was decided after discussion by the members that the vote should have 2 parts: yes or no to a special assessment for chip seal and if the answer was yes to the special assessment whether it should be a one-time lump sum payment or spread the payment for the chip seal over three years and then complete the work.
12. A motion was put forth for a vote as to whether to put the special assessment out for a vote of the entire membership. The motion carried with 30 yes votes and 20 no votes.
13. Slide 12 lists Board of Directors and current officers including which directors are up for re-election and replacement this year
14. Region A: Rick Fant made the motion for Ted Kirschbaum to retain his seat. The motion was seconded and passed.
15. Region B: Rick Fant made the motion for Donna DeLong to retain her seat. The motion was seconded and passed.
16. Region C: Many members made the motion for Rick Fant to retain his seat. The motion was seconded and passed.
17. The Rick Fant then called for any other business before the association: none.
18. A motion to adjourn was presented. By voice vote the motion carried.
19. Rick Fant adjourned the meeting at 12:26 p.m.