

**East Side Highway District Board of Commissioners
August 29, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes
FY23 Proposed Budget Hearing**

1. Call to Order
Chairman Christensen called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Roll Call
Present: Commissioner Christensen, Commissioner Sieverding, Commissioner Addington (excused)
District staff: Director of Highways Weymouth, Deputy Director Yerian, Clerk Ham
Guests: Angela Comstock P.E.-JUB Engineering, Greg Delevan, John Cole, Mike Bauer, Dan Hagman, Les Field, Ken Chausse, Rob & Noelle Karnow, Laurie & Jim Dutkiewicz, Auguste Clart

3. Approval of Agenda
Commissioner Sieverding moved for approval of the August 29, 2022 meeting agenda.
Commissioner Christensen vacated the Chair and seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
Declared Conflicts of Interest: none
The order of agenda items was changed to accommodate guests.

4. Public Comment (Non agenda items):
Greg Delevan requested the status of the Boothe Park agreement. Commissioner Christensen replied that the attorneys would be able to best answer that question.

5. Visitors: Residents of Gotham Bay Road, Half Round Bay Road, and River Road addressed the Board concerning the increased road dust problems and asked for dust control. Commissioner Christensen overviewed the Road Stabilization Program, its intent, criteria, and development since it began in 2019. Rapid growth and the construction of new homes has significantly impacted our gravel roads. Director Weymouth explained that applying product to the roads in their current condition would be disastrous in the spring without the appropriate gravel base. He stated that material costs have increased 27% in the last year. To offset the increased costs, we reduced the shot rate, modified equipment, and applied some of the product ourselves. The Commissioners appreciated the residents taking the time to emphasize their concerns. They discussed planning a workshop this fall to consider prioritizing roads for the program next season. The District will also research the Road Development Agreement for Gotham Bay Road to see if there was an unmet paving condition.

6. **FY 23 Proposed Budget Hearing** Commissioner Sieverding motioned to open the Public Hearing at 10:04 a.m. Commissioner Christensen vacated the Chair and seconded the motion. The motion carried.
Deliberation: Commissioners deliberated taking the 3% levy increase. Contributing factors to the discussion is the District's history of limited funds, the poor condition of the gravel roads, and pavement preservation needs. Commissioner Christensen emphasized that the Governor and Legislators' intent when they released extra funds this year was to reduce the taxpayer burden. By not taking the allowable 3%, we would have contributed to that effort and retained the option to collect \$48,219 in Foregone Taxes in future years if the need arose. Commissioner Sieverding, formerly the District's Clerk for 30 years, voiced concerns with the condition of most of our roads

and fully understands the District’s long history of financial struggles. With that being said she also appreciates the Governor & Legislative efforts.

Findings of Fact:

- The Notice of Public Hearing for the FY23 Proposed Budget was published in the Coeur d’Alene Press according to I.C. 40-206 (2) on August 19 & 20, 2022.
- No written opposition was received or public comment made at the hearing.

Action: Commissioner Sieverding motioned to approve the FY23 Budget at 0% (New growth & Urban Renewal only) Proposed Budget and to approve Resolution 2022-07 Reserving \$48,219 in Foregone Taxes. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion after vacating the Chair.

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Sieverding voted ‘Yes’

Commissioner Christensen voted ‘Yes’

The motion carried.

The hearing closed at 10:30 a.m.

7. Approval of Minutes

Action: Commissioner Sieverding motioned to approve the July 18, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and August 15, 2022 Special Call Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion after vacating the Chair. The motion carried.

8. Treasury Report

Action: Commissioner Sieverding moved to approve the Treasury Report. The general checking account expenses since the last board meeting are \$791,316.58 for checks 19160-19233 and electronic payments. Commissioner Addington seconded the motion. The motion carried. The August 2022 Treasury Report Cash Fund Balances are as follows:

Petty Cash	\$200
Umpqua Checking	\$209,191
Less Assured Macro-Balance	(1,500)
State Treasury Fund 891	\$2,427,512
CDA Lake Dr. DBF Fund 412	\$1,571,143
Traffic Mitigation DBF Fund 369	\$245,223
Total Funds	\$4,451,769

9. New Business

A. Gravel Roads Discussion (previously addressed under the Visitor’s Section)

B. JUB Project Status Update (No action)

C. Executive Session under I.C. 74-206 (1) (a) to consider hiring. Commissioner Sieverding made a motion to enter Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion after vacating the Chair.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Sieverding voted ‘Yes’

Commissioner Christensen voted ‘Yes’

The motion carried.

The executive session closed and the regular board meeting resumed at 11:02 a.m. No action was taken.

10. Old Business

No Changes were made to the old business follow up list.

Meeting Schedule: Due to a scheduling conflict, Chairman Christensen requested to move the September Board Meeting to the 26th. Commissioner Sieverding agreed.

11. Correspondence: Commissioners reviewed the list and briefly discussed some of the following items.

#11 & 13 5G Tower. The District will require an Approach Permit under the Access Management Ordinance.

#14 An email from resident Raffi Diradourian titled 'Beauty Bay Road Project'. Residents are inquiring about the possibilities of the road being accepted into the District's maintenance jurisdiction or pavement options. The Board briefly discussed the road width and safety standards. Historically, the District has not considered accepting a road into the maintenance jurisdiction unless it meets AHDKC Standards.

#74 Resident Lorna Casey-Kaiser raised safety concerns about a new driveway on Sunnyside Road. A final inspection is pending for that location.

12. Staff Reports

Clerk Ham reminded members about the upcoming annual IAHD convention and registration.

Director of Highways Weymouth briefed the Board on the following items:

- He asked the Board's support of more abbreviated meeting minutes, which was granted.
- Office upgrades are in progress, and the internet issues continue.
- A Yellowstone Trail (FLAP) collaborative meeting is scheduled.
- The County plans to retain agencies' late fees and penalties associated with property taxes. The Directors are meeting with Attorney Weeks to understand the historical information in this regard and discuss a path forward. Further discussion is planned at the September 9th AHDKC meeting. We may also expect some legislative measures in the next session.
- He is meeting with JUB to work on a plan for delegating current and future projects.
- Carlin Bay Road status update – we are waiting for culvert delivery & installations, then we will proceed with hauling material to a stockpile location.
- The contractor is waiting for supplies to complete the repairs to our Sub 1 storage building damaged earlier this summer by a CAT repair technician.

Deputy Director Yerian reported that this year's chip seal program covered a lot of ground. He found a chip spreader for a reasonable price and will be headed to Boise to look at a double drum asphalt roller. The F250 trucks are in the build phase, and we can expect delivery at the end of September or early October.

Commissioner Addington (absent/excused)

Commissioner Sieverding reported a successful meeting with the Drainage District that she and Director Weymouth attended. Six other agencies participated and they are optimistic about future grant funding.

Commissioner Christensen said he is very pleased with the roads chip sealed this year.

13. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

Chairman Christensen
Sub District 1 Commissioner

Angela Sieverding
Sub District 2 Commissioner

(Excused-Absent)

Commissioner Addington
Sub District 3 Commissioner

Rosie Ham, District Clerk