

ARROWHEAD IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Saturday, August 17, 2013

AIA Firehouse 3:30 p.m.

Bobbie began the meeting by asking Doris Grosvenor to give an Invocation. Bobbie then lead the Pledge of Allegiance and then called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Bobbie determined a quorum was present.

Board Members: Mike Wigent, Al Hale, Barrie Riddoch, John Moseman (excused absence), Sharon Pugh, Linda Squirrel

Presentation by Gunnison Forest Service District Ranger on Logging/Hauling

This presentation was moved ahead of standard meeting order due to visitors from the Gunnison Forest Service office. The presentation concerned the logging and hauling operations that will be going on this winter. Bill Conway, our Forest Manager, moderated the discussion.

John Murply, Gunnison District Ranger:

- a. There will be winter hauling on the Alpine Plateau Road which is a Forest Service road.
- b. The Forest Service designed the timber sale contract so that both the Forest Service and Arrowhead could write the safety requirements for winter haul into the amended contract.
- c. Montrose Forest Products (MFP) purchased the mill this last year and had no logging contracts at startup.
- d. Keeping the MFP mill running is a major emphasis for the Forest Service. The mill is a tool that the Forest Service is using to try to control bark beetle outbreaks on a large portion of the western slope.
- e. There are two timber sales in the works. Spruce beetle kill is one area that will be logged this summer and fall; the second area has beetle infestation and will be logged this winter.
- f. John Murphy and Bill Conway have discovered spruce beetles on nearby BLM land and smaller numbers on Arrowhead property. John said that we could expect a100% mortality of spruce trees over the next 5 years. However, because forest management is more intensive at Arrowhead than on federal lands, we may be able to keep from having complete spruce mortality.

The next presenter was Matt Etzenhauser, also from the Gunnison Forest Service office. The Forest Service Plan that will amend the contract is still being negotiated but is expected to be very close to the following. The Plan will have three aspects:

1. Communication:
 - a. Truck drivers will communicate via CB radios, calling out mile markers as they are driving on Forest Service Road 867 (the Alpine Road).
 - b. They may also use a flag system wherein the first truck going up would set up a flag and the last truck leaving would take it down.
 - c. The AIA may provide a few CB radios for use by residents. There would need to be drop boxes at the beginning of the Alpine and at the winter parking lot. The issue is how to maintain an adequate number of radios at either end of the road. Some training may be required.
 - d. Questions asked included what happens if an ambulance is on the Alpine. Security and our fire department would need to control traffic prior to arrival of an ambulance on the Alpine.
 - e. Another question was whether the Alpine Road could be improved by the County. However, the Alpine Road is a Forest Service road, not a county road. Forest Service roads are multiple use. Discussions are ongoing between AIA and the Forest Service as to whether money from timber sales can be used to improve the road. Gunnison County does not own the road.
2. Enforcement:
 - a. The speed limit on the Alpine Road cannot be changed; the speed limit is 25 mph. MFP will monitor the time, driver and truck to determine how long each truck takes to reach their destination. If their time is too fast, they will warn the driver. Residents can also report trucks going too fast or other truck problems to Linda Squirrell, who can contact the Forest Service about such problems.
 - b. MFP will be using chains when snow is on the road.
3. Mitigation:
 - a. There will be no hauling during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. Arrowhead has proposed that, on normal weekends, hauling will stop on Friday at noon and begin again on the following Monday morning during peak snowmobiling season. (The exact number of weekends this will apply to is still being negotiated and will be posted on the AIA website).
 - b. MFP will be hauling 14-18 loads per day.
 - c. Will Hobson and his crew will maintain the road from the winter parking lot to Highway 50. MFP will maintain the road above the winter parking lot. The road will be closed to all non-logging-related traffic south of the winter parking lot by Forest Service order.

- d. Will Hobson will coordinate with MFP on plowing and hauling efforts and will notify the Communications Manager about conditions that need to be posted on our Facebook page or sent via the e-mail blast list.
- e. Linda Squirrell will be the AIA contact with the Forest Service Sale Administrator. MFP will control the trucks. A cooperative effort between residents and truckers is needed. Drivers need to be aware of where the wider spots are along the lower Alpine Road.
- f. Hauling will start around November 1st and continue into March.
- g. MFP expects to complete the logging this winter.
- h. Currently, there will not be any logging during next summer but timber sales are still expected for several years to try to control the spruce beetles.

Mike Wigent from the AIA Board was the next presenter:

- a. Issues of safety and noise have been discussed with MFP.
- b. AIA has requested payment from MFP for additional winter road maintenance costs that are expected from the winter log hauling. The amount of that payment is still under discussion. These funds would include money for CB radios on AIA equipment and MFP has also agreed to provide extra gravel for “sanding” the road.
- c. Regarding insurance, MFP is adequately insured as are any sub-contractors that would be working. This is a requirement of the Forest Service contract and state law.
- d. Regarding a suggestion to change the right of way for uphill versus downhill traffic, there is currently a sign on the Alpine at Lake Road that says “Uphill Traffic has Right of Way”. That conforms with state law and will not change.

Ron Corder spoke for the Arrowhead Snowmobile Club:

- a. Ron will be doing the upcountry plowing for the log hauling and the grooming for the snowmobile club. This will allow him to coordinate both activities.
- b. There was discussion about the up country snowmobile trail. Some grading may be done to the entrance to the trail above the pipe spring so that the groomer can groom the trail earlier in the season when there is less snow. An effort will be made to create parallel trails on the easement when possible. The section of the road from the cattleguard to the pipe spring has trees close to the road and will have to be shared by trucks and snowmobiles.
- c. The snowmobile club is also working with the BLM to do some adjustment to the snowmobile trail that would allow grooming earlier in the year and make use safer. Arrangements are being made for the logging company to donate some equipment time to accomplish this work.

Linda Squirrell was the following presenter. She read a letter from Marlene Crosby, Gunnison County Public Works Director, which explained the services that Gunnison County provides to the Alpine Plateau Road. A significant amount of money is spent by the County on the Alpine Plateau Road. It is maintained by the County under a Schedule A agreement with the Forest Service. The Alpine is the only Forest Service road upon which Gunnison County applies magnesium chloride treatment and provides funding for the same. Linda cautioned residents to advise their friends and service people who might be coming up the Alpine about the log hauling and what to expect.

Approval of Minutes – Barrie Riddoch

Due to problems with schedules and transmittal of the July minutes to our webmaster, the draft minutes were not posted on the website. It was decided to approve the minutes for July at the September meeting.

Review of Financials – Al Hale

Al reported that there were no significant items to highlight on the Financials and they are ready for review.

Board Action Items

- 1. Unfinished business from previous meetings**
 - a. Approve change to Regulations regarding mitigation – This action was already completed in the July meeting. Barrie reported that the entire Regulation text on this subject had been posted on the website. The tracking changes will be incorporated and the new Regulation will be posted on the website.
 - b. Approve Reserve Study – John had reported via email that there were some additional changes needed to the Reserve Study already posted on the website. These changes will be discussed in September.
- 2. New business items**
 - a. Financial Compensation for Logging/Hauling – discussed above.
 - b. RV Exception Request – handled in Executive Session.

Announcements from the Board

Bobbie introduced the candidates running for the three Board of Directors seats.

Announcements from the Audience

Carla Vavrik reminded the owners of the cleanup day on Saturday, August 24 from

9 a.m. to noon.

Adjournment

Reception for New Owners

The reception was cancelled since there were no new owners in attendance.

Secretary, Barrie Riddoch

(Minor corrections were made at the March 2014 Board meeting at which these minutes were approved. See March 2014 Board Meeting Minutes.)