

## R.I.I.A. BOARD MEETING

Sept 19, 2022 7:00

ZOOM Electronic Meeting, Raft Island

Board Members Present: Hurley, Crain, West, Scea, Weiss, Fort, Figueira, Phillips, Flood, Rees

Board Members Absent: none

Members Present: Zerngast, Cushing, Carmen, RealCraft, Skyler Rainbolt, & unnamed by phone number only

### Request to Add Agenda Items:

1. Cushing requests to add an item to the agenda on a gate and to be on the gate committee.
    - Flood – there's no committee; just people talking about the possibility;
      - the USDA is just one of many issues that need to be discussed.
      - Flood asks for formation of a committee to explore further the installation of a gate. There will be costs involved, resolution of the USDA prohibition, easements, what to do about members with liens pending, design costs etc.
      - There has been a lot of misinformation and his goal is to be transparent.
- ➔ Flood moved to establish a formal gate committee.  
Unanimously approved.
- Committee will work with and report to the board;
  - Committee will try to meet at least once a month before the board meeting so there is something to report to the board.
  - Island Manager to send email out and ask for volunteers.

- Flood has a full list of 50-60 topics to go through. It might be more than once a month meeting.
- Cushing – other than go to USDA and ask for an exception, there's no way we can put up a gate. Crain and other board members agree
- Rees – the committee will answer questions from/for the membership, and if people are willing to do the work, it will help us to move the process forward.
- Weiss – were there any guidelines from the USDA on what the 'public' can do. Can we still tow cars and sticker them? There were no guidelines and we can still tow and sticker.

Further discussion was deferred to Gate Committee

2. Hurley requests that a discussion of the road by-law change be added to the agenda:

#### Approval of minutes:

- approval of Aug minutes - approved

Treasurer's Report – we are early in the fiscal year, still within budget.

- Liability insurance has gone up \$900, In the past we've declined the terrorism clause and she recommends we decline that again.
- In Aug. USDA reports on loans were submitted.

#### Status of legal actions

- Sprague – attorney found approximately \$6000 in a bank account which he will seize on behalf of RIIA to satisfy a prior judgement. Crain to ask attorney if he has started the process to obtain a judgement for the balance still owed.
- Sylvain –

- ➔ Rees moved to proceed with Sheriff's foreclosure sale with respect to the Association's judgments against 86 Raft Island Drive and 164 Madrona Drive (aka #164 Raft Island).  
Unanimously approved.

### Old Business:

- Bridge jumpers – Fitzgerald's & Middleton's were fined \$150 in accordance with policy put out in July;
- Status of water diversion on Madrona to stop road run off from flooding septic on lot #102. – Ted Smith is helping Jeff Davis and will take on this part of the water diversion project.

### New Business:

1. Hurley – would like to discussion the process of removing the below language from the Bylaws via a vote of the membership.

In order to qualify for USDA Loan for repaving roads the bylaws were Amended May 2016 to read:

Article I, Section 2.1 added "All roads and bridges are open to all members and to the public. RIIA does not and will not restrict access to the roads or bridge."

The membership voted to change/add this language after being advised it was necessary to procure a loan to pave our roads, however, RIIA did not obtain a USDA loan to pave the roads, so the language should be changed removing the language stating that the roads and bridge are open to the public.

Scea suggests that since we aren't getting a gate immediately we should propose the bylaw change for the Annual meeting.

### Committee Reports

- Roads – Crane will send out something to raise awareness of speeding. Another deer was hit by a car.
  - Painting of railing on the bridge - Flood is concerned that if we sand it down and paint it there are going to be different colors along the bridge. If we use a light acidic solution, it will eat the rust and leave the coating intact and we won't have to paint it. He's done a test on the railing closest to the South Beach, and requests feedback from members on the acceptability of the acid solution.
- Security - red house numbers from fire dept. help response time
- Parks and Recreation –Crane will get with Hurley on the deteriorating edges of the tennis court and what to do to prevent further damage, pending new surface.

#### Emergency Planning – Figueira

Pierce County will come out and give a presentation to the community. Via TEAMS or in person. She will see if they are available for the November meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53

Respectfully submitted,

RJ West  
Secretary

