

Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors of the Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance District
October 18, 2023 – 2:00 p.m. at
Sedona Fire Station #3, 125 Slide Rock, Sedona, Arizona
And Zoom Video Conference

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. Representatives of the District Clerk and the Administrative personnel are authorized to speak on all items. 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., 3603 Crossings Drive Prescott, AZ 86305.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9282849764>

Meeting ID: 928 284 9764

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Call to Order – Dave Norton, Valna Wilson, Melina Fuhrmann and Joanne Johnson present. Karen McClelland absent.

Also present and participating in the meeting: Jennifer Bartos, District Clerk/Administrator, and Diana King, District Administrator, Improvement District Services, Inc.; Mark and Eric Price, Price Landscaping; Robert Kozak, District Attorney; Martin Aronson, property owner.

Executive Session: The Board may convene into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03.3 for legal consultation.

Convene into regular meeting:

1. Discussion and possible action to give direction to legal counsel or staff regarding payments to Green Earth LLC.
Price Landscaping was asked to submit a detailed report on the damages caused by the lack of service by Green Earth. Robert Kozak was asked to send a letter along with the report and a check for the difference between the total Green Earth bill and the damages that the District had to pay Price Landscaping to fix. The repair costs were \$4,586 and the remaining balance to Green Earth is \$2,914.
Motion: made by Vice-Chair Wilson for Mr. Kozak to draft a letter and send along with the evidence report and check to Green Earth, second by Director Fuhrmann.
Unanimous Approval
2. Discussion and possible action regarding a request from Martin Aronson for demolition of the existing RRREMD landscaping and sidewalk, then construction of the right turn lane along with construction of a new sidewalk. and contract.
Mr. Aronson told the Board that ADOT is requiring a turn lane into Sedona Vista Village. This new lane will replace some of the District's landscaping. Because the ADOT is requiring the lane, this does not require RRREMD's approval. Chairman Norton said some of the landscaping costs were covered by a grant and he is wondering if there would be any issues with that.
3. Discussion and possible action regarding field reports from Price Landscaping. Representatives of Price Landscaping may be called upon to speak.

Eric Price discussed some of the repairs that were completed. There was a discussion regarding safety grade issues along a portion of sidewalk. Price will submit a cost for rock replacement were needed.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding changes to the landscape contract.

Motion: made by Director Fuhrmann to replace Section 2B to include under "Scope of Services, Section 2b on page 5, second by Vice-Chair Wilson.

Unanimous Approval

"Spot spray weeds under 4 inches using Weed Zap herbicide plus an optional adjuvant. If VENDOR wishes to use a different herbicide, prior RRREMD Board approval must be obtained. If approval is required before the next Board meeting, the Board Chair, or in his/her absence, the Board Vice-Chair may provide an interim ruling on the request pending the next Board Meeting. Monthly report to the RRREMD Field Supervisor and Board of Directors must include what product substance(s) was applied, date, location and mixed gallons used." a. A note on why Weed Zap is preferred: Weed Zap is classified as a "minimum risk" herbicide by the EPA, meaning it contains only ingredients that the EPA considers of little to no risk to human health or the environment. Therefore, normal testing and registration is not required. In a literature search I conducted for the original RRREMD Alternative Herbicide project, Weed Zap was consistently the best or near best performer in scientific studies comparing alternative weed sprays. b. Mirimichi Green used by Sedona, on the other hand, is not "minimum risk", and must be tested for human and animal toxicity and registered with the EPA. However, it is OMRI listed for organic use. The one noticeable difference compared to Weed Zap, is that Mirimichi Green is toxic to fish and aquatic invertebrates, which is of concern if a downpour of rain washes it into the storm sewers which ultimately drain to the Verde River. c. In terms of safety for people, animals and environment, if considering other herbicides for use in the RRREMD, effective "minimum risk" herbicides should be considered first, followed by OMRI listed herbicides. Synthetic herbicides such as Roundup should only be used as a last resort for unusually difficult weed issues. d. An adjuvant increases the effectiveness of a herbicide by increasing spreading and absorption on the plant, and is often recommended with contact sprays such as Weed Zap and Mirimichi Green.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding the Field Superintendent services.

John Lesley interviewed for the position and requires \$40 per hour.

Motion: made by Chairman Norton to offer the job to John, second by Vice-Chair Wilson.

Unanimous Approval

6. Discussion and possible action to approve meeting minutes of July 19, 2023.

Motion: made by Director Johnson to approve the minutes, second by Director Fuhrmann.

Unanimous Approval

7. Discussion and possible action to approve warrants written in July, August and September 2023.

Motion: made by Vice-Chair Wilson to approve the warrants, second by Director Fuhrmann.

Unanimous Approval

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.