

**Minutes of the SNA Board Meeting**  
**October 28, 2023, 9:00 A.M. (MDT)**  
Via Zoom

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Kim Stevens called the meeting to order at 9:09 A.M. A roll call of the Board was taken.

SNA Board of Directors

Present:

Officers: Secretary Bonnie Taylor; Treasurer Charles Morris.

Directors: Melvin Allen, Gary Hillman, Tyler Kollenbroich, Mary Lane Leslie, Vern Miller.  
Kim Stevens.

Absent:

Massimo Bardetti.

Members in attendance: Doug Daubert, Sherry Popham, Matt Schultz (Chair, Asphalt Plant), Rhonda Vanderhoff,

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- Election of Officers
- Assignment of Standing Committee and Subcommittee Chairmanships
- Dates of Future Board Meetings

The agenda was approved.

**Election of Officers**

President: Bonnie nominated Tyler, and Kim seconded. A discussion followed. It was generally accepted that the President should be a full-time resident of Taos. Although Tyler will be online for half the year, he felt he could fulfill the task of representing the SNA neighborhood. The motion passed. Board members expressed their appreciation for Tyler's willingness to serve and the skills he brings to the position.

Vice President: Tyler asked for nominations, and Kim volunteered. The Board agreed by acclamation to appoint Kim as Vice President, as well as Chair of Communications overseeing Zoom, MailChimp, and the Owners' List.

Treasurer: Charles said the position should be filled by a full-time resident because the duties involved require presence in Taos, such as: going to the post office and bank on a frequent basis. In his term, Charles relied on Doug to perform many of these tasks. Bonnie asked Gary, a full-time resident, if he would be available to assist Charles. Gary agreed. When Charles finishes his term, if he chooses, Gary would be willing to consider moving into the position of Treasurer. Rhonda raised the issue of who would be on the bank account and said she and Doug would remove themselves. Charles, Tyler, and Gary will be listed on the account. Tyler

said he will be available the first week of November to go to the bank with Gary to take care of the transition. Bonnie asked about formalizing the position of Assistant Treasurer. Vern wondered if the Bylaws need to reflect the change. Mary Lane replied that the Assistant Treasurer could be appointed at the next Board meeting. She asked if we should set up informed delivery with the post office. (Mary Lane will have one key to the post office and Gary will have the second key.) Kim suggested that Charles and Gary work out the logistics and put the division of roles on the agenda for the next meeting. Mary Lane moved to accept the plan; all were in favor.

Secretary: Bonnie agreed to continue in the position. There were no dissents; all were in favor.

#### **Action Steps:**

- **Charles and Gary** will decide how they will structure the roles of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer and divide the tasks, including informed delivery.
- **Tyler and Gary** will go to the bank. They will need a copy of the October 14 minutes to show the results of the election.
- **Charles** will adjust proposed 2024 budget.
- **Mary Lane** will recommend whether there needs to be a Bylaw change to reflect the new position of Assistant Treasurer.
- **Gary** will be appointed Assistant Treasurer. He also has agreed to serve as Chair of the Welcome Committee.

#### **Assignment of Standing Committee and Subcommittee Chairmanships**

##### **Standing Committees**

- Infrastructure: No chair was appointed.
- Communications: Kim will serve. Andreas Kolshorn will oversee the website, assisted by Dania Simmons.
- Nominating: Mary Lane suggested that the need to appoint a chair be tabled to a time closer to elections. All agreed.
- Welcome: Gary will serve. Rhonda volunteered to continue to manage Calle Feliberto residents. Unless otherwise noted, Bonnie Golden and Mary Lane will continue to manage Tune Drive.
- Bylaws: No chair was appointed.
- DSAB: Bonnie nominated Sherry to continue as Chair. Mary Lane moved to accept the nomination; Garry seconded. The motion passed. The Subcommittees under DSAB are unfilled. Sherry said she would attempt to find other members to fill those roles.

#### **Action Steps:**

- The **Board** will revisit the chair positions for Infrastructure and Bylaws.
- **Sherry** will report on the status of her committee membership and three subcommittees (Realtor Disclosure, Short Term Rentals, Abandoned Vehicles).

## Sub Committees

- Asphalt Plant (Subcommittee of Infrastructure): Chair Matt Schultz attached his report to the Chat area of the Zoom (and is attached below.) Sherry reiterated that Environment (Chair Ron Soskin; Members Carrie Kahn, Jim Wilkins, Norma Schafer, Steve Haskin) and Appeal (Chair Matt Schultz; Members Rhonda, Doug, Sherry, Terry Thompson) are committees appointed under the umbrella of Asphalt.
- SESC (Scenic Easement Steering Committee): Based on his professional experience with BLM and other environmental groups and corporate entities, Bonnie nominated Tyler to chair SESC. There was no dissent. All were in favor. Sherry, Rhonda, and Doug volunteered to continue as committee members. They and Tyler will schedule a meeting with key staff at the BLM. Gary asked about the background of SESC and the closing of Manby Hot Springs. Sherry gave a brief explanation of the history. The Easement was created by George Tune and the BLM to protect the corridor view and Gorge rim. During Covid, the Easement was overrun. BLM agreed to enforce protection, although the effort is complicated by adjacent private properties, whose owners are responsible for monitoring trespassing. The BLM had wanted a gate to be installed at the entrance to Tune Drive. The Board supported the recommendation, but residents were not in favor. Unfortunately, Tune Drive had become an access road to Manby Hot Springs, even though it is a private road and not funded or maintained by the County. At this point, the only legal access to MHS is by the river or the fisherman's path from the John Dunn Bridge. Doug, who attended the National Monument Maintenance meeting, stressed that the public needs to be better informed about the Scenic Easement.

### **Action Steps:**

**Tyler, Sherry, Rhonda, and Doug** will set up a meeting with BLM staff.

**Mary Lane** will provide Tyler with a copy of the Easement Agreement.

- Cameras  
Concerned about transitioning tasks from one board to another, Rhonda inquired about cameras: does the Board want to continue monitoring Calle Feliberto, Tune Drive, and the BLM gate? If so, how will the cameras be maintained? Rhonda and Doug volunteered to keep track of the Calle camera, provided they can be reimbursed for expenses. Charles affirmed he has the line item for cameras in the budget and can reimburse expenses when receipts are submitted. Sherry agreed to continue monitoring the BLM gate and Tune Drive but requested that a Board member oversee Cameras. Vern agreed to be that person. Gary asked about the effectiveness of the cameras vis a vis expenses. Signs explaining the closure of MHS and stressing no trespassing on private property have been effective by and large. The cameras are beneficial for reading license plates. Mary Lane said that a letter could be sent informing the trespassing driver that their "vehicle was seen and, if seen again, the vehicle will be towed, and the Sheriff's office will be contacted. The driver has accessed a private road, etc."

**Action Steps:**

- **Vern** will oversee security cameras. He will work with Rhonda, Doug, and Sherry, who currently monitor and maintain cameras with batteries. Receipts will be submitted to the Treasurer.

Infrastructure includes these Subcommittees: **Fire, Firewise, Airport, Social Media, and Water**. Vern agreed to chair Fire, in addition to Firewise, Cameras, and Trails. Mel agreed to chair Airport. Unless otherwise noted, Dion Smith is chair of Water and Social Media (together with members Kim and Linda Thompson).

**Action Steps:**

- The **Board** will clarify who is seated on the Subcommittees as Chairs and Members.

**DATES OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

Kim suggested the Board stays on the current schedule of meeting every other month, or six times a year. She also suggested the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month to accommodate Charles's need to get the bank statements prior to board meetings. All agreed to meet on Saturday, December 2, 9:00 A.M (after Thanksgiving). Sherry reminded the Board that MailChimp notification must go out two weeks before the meeting.

**Action Steps:**

- **Tyler and Bonnie** will set the agenda by the week of November 13, so that Kim can get the Mail Chimp out by November 18.
- **Tyler** will provide back-up to Kim on setting up and running the Zoom meetings.
- The **Board** will confirm the year's meeting dates.

Proposed:

Board (first Saturday): December 2, February 3, April 6, June 1, August 3, October 5.

General Meeting: May 4, October 12 (Elections).

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Kim moved and Vern seconded to approve the minutes for the General Membership meeting October 14, 2023. The motion carried.
- Kim moved and Tyler seconded the Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget presented at the October 14, 2023 General Membership meeting. The motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mary Lane moved to adjourn; Tyler seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Taylor, Secretary

Att: Matt Schultz, Chair Asphalt Plant, Report

**From:** [Matt Schultz](#)  
**To:** [Matt Schultz](#)  
**Subject:** Asphalt Cmte/Appeal Update 2023.10.14  
**Date:** Saturday, October 28, 2023 10:11:16 AM

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- Overarching purpose: Oversee and coordinate with counsel on appeal of county permitting decision re Taos Gravel.
- Procedural history:
  - 6/14: Notice of Appeal filed
  - 8/30: County files notice of record
  - 9/12: County files supplemental notice of record
  - 10/6: Perovich files motion to intervene
  - 10/11: Perovich motion to intervene granted
  - 10/11: Second supplemental record on appeal filed (transcript of proceedings)
  - 10/12: SNA's statement of appellate issues (appeal brief) filed
    - Jason did not circulate for review in advance of filing.
    - Matt is reviewing filed version today/tomorrow. Amendment may be filed if necessary.
- Next steps:
  - Response briefs are due in 30 days, i.e., by 11/13 (NMRA Rule 1-074(J)(2)).
  - SNA's reply brief is due in 15 days after response briefs are filed (NMRA Rule 1-074(J)(3)).
  - Oral argument may (and presumably will) be requested before briefing is closed.
  - Jason has drafted a motion to stay enforcement of the county's decision pending appeal.
    - Matt reviewed and edited. Returned to Jason on 10/9.
    - Jason mentioned Perovich may stipulate to the stay bc he doesn't want to start operations while appeal is pending.
    - Matt has recommended we filed stay motion to educate the court (e.g., expert affidavit).
    - There was discussion last week w county re supplementing the record to include Sherry's powerpoint.
    - Matt will follow up with Jason today re filing.
  - The district court has the option to certify the question to the court of appeals without deciding it if the district court finds that it involves a question of substantial public interest (NMRA Rule 1-074(S)).
    - Matt will discuss with Jason whether SNA can request certification, which would involve more time and money, but minimize potential for "home town" treatment by district court.
  - Otherwise, the district court will render a written opinion, which is subject to rehearing and appeal.
- Meeting:
  - Matt will set a meeting before year's end to discuss status of legal proceedings and to set specific goals and deliverables in light of interim developments.