

**Aspen Trails Metro District
Board Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, November 12th, 2008**

Location: Upper Pine River Fire Station #2, CR 240 at Trew Creek

Meeting called to order @ 7:10 pm

Quorum : Reached with 3 members present: Members Ryan Bidwell, Eric Barry, and Brendan Cusick. Ron Kleve and a partner from Ron Kleve Construction were also present

Approval of Agenda: Motion Cusick, 2nd Bidwell.

Financial Report:

Ryan Bidwell provided a brief financial update. There had been little activity since the last meeting in September. The District has spent roughly \$38,200 of the \$40,000 budgeted for road maintenance for 2008 leaving roughly \$1,800 for December snow removal should it be necessary. \$7500 in assessments are overdue this year in addition to \$4500 remaining from years past.

Operations and Maintenance Report:

Despite earlier attempts, the culvert replacement at the intersection of Elk and Sierra has not been completed. The Board re-affirmed its interest in completing this work before winter using Capital Improvement funds if possible. The Board also discussed replacing a driveway culvert on Lower Sierra Circle that is resulting in water running across the road. This too should be completed if possible before winter.

Discussion Items:

1. Deferral of review of September minutes until December meeting.
2. Snowplowing- Ron Kleve and partner presented a rate sheet to the Board for winter 2008/2009 snow removal. ATMD would be their first priority, and would be plowed first after snow events. Since Ron is not plowing for other subdivisions in the area, Ron would have to charge ATMD for transportation time to the neighborhood, but this would be offset, at least partially, by Ron's prices which are slightly lower than Niels'. Cusick motioned that the ATMD contract with Ron Kleve Construction to provide snow removal services for the District for the 2008/2009 winter. Bidwell seconded. All approved.
3. Budget 2009 – Bidwell discussed the Draft 2009 Budget that he had prepared and distributed to Board members in Advance of the meeting. Timely notice of the availability of the Draft 2009 Budget had also been published in the Durango Herald. Ryan walked Board members through the Mill Levy calculations, the property assessment (which is proposed to stay at \$300) and the proposed expense categories. All major expenses are budgeted to remain the same in 2009 as was budgeted in 2008 except for Maintenance Services and Materials, which is budgeted to increase from \$40,000 to \$50,000. This increase is made possible due to funds left over from 2008 that were budgeted for the hiring of a District manager, but were not expended. The Board did not recommend any changes to

the Draft 2009 Budget. Bidwell agreed to prepare the necessary resolutions for the Board's approval at the December meeting.

New Business:

1. Due to the heavier administrative burden involved in property transactions resulting from a change in state laws, the Board discussed the potential for increasing the transfer fee from \$50 to \$100. Bidwell agreed to look into how the Board would make such a change and report back to the rest of the Board.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 10th.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:20

Minutes submitted by R Bidwell

O Ryan Gassaway, ATMD President

Date