

CAROLINA TRACE ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors' Meeting

Tuesday, October 6th, 2020 7:00 pm

Agenda

- 1) Call to order Kate Woods
- 2) Quorum Call David Smoak
- 3) Approval of September 2020 minutes. **Approved.**
- 4) Groups
 - i) CTCC **No representative.** Gaith Alkadi
 - ii) Utilities Vince Roy

Update: On July 31, CWSNC submitted a request to the NCUC for approval of a "System Improvement Surcharge Rate." Vince commenced discussions with the NCUC Public Staff (represents the interests of the using and consuming public in matters pending before the Commission <https://www.ncuc.net/Consumer/publicstaff.html>) on August 3rd to oppose the request for a rate increase. On September 22nd, the proposed surcharge per customer was rejected as the Public Staff revealed the suggested increase was not actually for system improvements. There is no planned rate increase on the books right now. Vince stated to make any real difference in the future, CTA must join with at least six other communities in the Uniform Rate Consortium. David discussed a possible future town hall meeting with CWSNC. Please see the attached document for detailed information.

- iii) Fire Dept Chief Myers

Ed McVey, John Thorn and Allen Zurich were elected October 6th as board members for the Carolina Trace Volunteer Fire Department.

- 5) President Remarks David Smoak
- 6) Financial Report Oscar Roberto
 - a) Audit

Motion to CTA Board of Directors:

The Board authorized the Treasurer for a one time transfer up to \$260,000 by check or wire transfer from First Horizon Bank account to CIT Bank in order to obtain new Certificates of Deposit at said bank.

- 7) Committee Reports
 - a) Security & Safety Cal Saltzman

Plowing in inclement winter weather: A new plow was brought in last year, but questions were raised regarding plow size (small, inefficient). SPA will plow main roads first, then individual POAs.

E stickers have a warranty for 3 years. Any replacements beyond that time will be at the owner's expense. For windshield replacement, company typically transfers the stickers.

David checked into automatic gate use in August: Main was used 32,000 times and the North, 10,000 times. The South gate will be opening soon.

b) Traceway Roads & Maintenance

Mike Dussault

The Gate House was painted, flower boxes were cleaned and replanted for fall/winter. The back vinyl fence and sidewalks were power washed. Road repair bid of \$18,700 from Mark Mitchell accepted. There will be significant asphalt repairs in November. There will be crack filling in December and January, sealing in July.

c) Traceway Lake and Dam Committee

David coordinated with the land surveyor (regarding dam access), marking property in Hidden Lake and legal easements were resolved. It will be \$10,000 for the driveway alone (116' X 10-12' wide). Oscar requested a budget for the dam work. At this time, Escalante will not be paying.

8) Old Business

a) 2021 Budget **Unanimous approval.**

b) 2020 Census **POAs, please keep updating Oscar with any changes. Assessments have not changed.**

9) New Business **CTA will move its regularly scheduled monthly meeting to November 2nd due to Election Day. Zoom meetings will continue.**

10) Next meeting:

Monday, November 2nd at 7 pm

11) Adjournment