



**Skyland General Improvement District Board of Trustees  
Final Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 28, 2022**

Jon Herwig, President

Richard Nice, Treasurer

Cindy Richter, Secretary

Dana Englekirk, Trustee

This meeting was an in-person meeting at the Zephyr Cove Fire Station (875 Hwy 50, Zephyr Cove, NV).

Call to Order

– Roll Call Herwig, Nice, Richter Engelkirk are present

– Quorum established

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Any person wishing to address the Board on items of interest not listed on the agenda may do so at this time. It is requested comments be limited to three minutes since no action may be taken by the Board on items addressed under Public Forum. Public comment on agenda items will be invited at the time items are considered, before any action is taken.

-Myron Drive resident spoke about having to call the Douglas County Sheriff regarding a man walking around the neighborhood at dusk. He wants everyone to know that we should be vigilant regarding strangers in the neighborhood

-Lisa Culver 199 Myron Drive asked about NDOT doing tree trimming.

-Lana Petrocchi states she was at the beach on Saturday and she noticed it was unusually crowded. She saw individuals in the water who stated they were renting on Myron Drive and he didn't have a beach pass. She states she is also seeing people parking along the forest and then walking to our beach. What can we do? She recommends there be a fence with a gate.

-President Herwig states that the owners of the beach lots want us to control access to the beach by controlling parking. Otherwise there isn't much we can do about it.

-Dana Englekirk feels it is up to the residents of Skyland to address people

-President Herwig states it is definitely a real problem.

-Treasurer Nice states we should consider hiring a security guard during the summer.

-Scott Sullivan Ponderosa Circle-If we clearly identify that someone is not a resident what are our options?

-President Herwig states we cannot get the Sheriff's Department to respond unless there is a violent incident. We also need to develop a better parking plan to assist us.

-Chuck Petrocchi is asking if we can get the two signs at the entrance replaced saying it is private property.

-Secretary Richter states she was going to get quotes to get them repainted but we are waiting for the demo of the fence.

-President Herwig states we could also put up signs that there is NO street parking in Skyland but we need certain signage in place to enforce it. We can discuss it in the future.

### **1. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:**

A. Discussion and possible action: approval of meeting minutes for 30 June 2022 meeting.

-Motion made by Treasurer Nice to approve the June 30, 2022 meeting minutes. Seconded by Engelkirk, unanimously approved.

B. Discussion and possible action: approval of meeting minutes for 05 July 2022 emergency meeting.

-Motion made by Treasurer Nice to approve the July 5 minutes, Richter seconded. Unanimously approved.

C. Discussion and possible action: appointment of a new trustee for the GID Board.

-President Herwig verified that Scott Sullivan is a registered voter in Douglas County and is eligible to be a board member.

-Engelkirk, Richter and Nice were all in favor of filling the position.

-Motion made by Dana Engelkirk to appoint Scott Sullivan to Skyland GID Board as a trustee. Unanimous vote to elect.

D. Discussion and possible action: change of GID bank account(s) from US Bank to a new bank.

-Nice went to the bank and was told that none of our current board members were signers on the account. He went a second time and met with the manager. Apparently our signatures are on file but it was filed as a government group which was why the teller couldn't find it.

-Herwig, Engelkirk and Nice are listed as signers. Need to get Richter on the account. Nice doesn't want to change the bank at this time due to the fence project hopefully starting soon.

-President Herwig states we need to open a second account to pay the USDA loan.

Nice to take care of that.

E. Discussion and possible action: adjustment of GID Board officer positions.

- VP Herwig states we need to appoint one individual as the Vice President.
- Nice nominated Engelkirk and Richter seconded it. Unanimous vote to approve Engelkirk as Vice President.

F. Discussion and possible action: authorization to purchase additional kayak racks and levy usage fees/finer for 2023.

- President Herwig states Engelkirk and Herwig have been assigning spots for homeowners to put their kayaks. Even after putting up two new racks there isn't enough space for people requesting spots. He feels if we could get two more racks that would give us 20 more spots and it would clean up the beach. Cost approximately \$3,000.00
- Engelkirk states there are a lot of people who would appreciate not having to take their kayaks every time to the beach.
- Lana Petrocchi asked if we could limit the number of kayaks that are left at the beach.
- Engelkirk says we could use the right side of the beach where people don't sit.
- Nice feels that owners who use the racks should not be subsidizing the cost of the racks.
- Scott Sullivan states he heard at a previous meeting that the GID does not have the authority to manage recreation.
- President Herwig states that the two owners of the parcels have given the GID the authority on an informal basis to maintain the beach.
- Engelkirk agrees with Nice that there are a lot of people who want to keep their kayaks down there. She states Larry Sidney thought first come/first served would work but not we need to look at other ways of handling since we have so many people wanting to use the racks.
- President Herwig commented that everyone has the opportunity to procure a spot. Perhaps next year we should consider imposing a small fee to cover the cost of new racks.
- Nice asked what we will do to those people that just leave their property on the beach.
- Chuck Petrocchi commented that previously the racks were put behind the building. He also commented about people leaving them on the beach though the winter.
- Richter asked if we got the stickers in to identify left over kayaks
- Scott Sullivan asked if we could move the racks from their current spot
- Other attendees commented that the beach is too tiny for more racks
- Motion made by Engelkirk that we authorize the board to purchase two additional

Kayaks. Herwig seconded

Vote: Nice, Richter, Sullivan voted NO. Engelkirk and Herwig voted yes. Motion denied

## **2. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Fence update.**

-Herwig states we have a signed contract with Impact Construction. We have not signed the construction contract as of yet because we have applied for a \$97,000 grant to help fund the project. We are waiting for the grant approval. We are also still waiting for the permit from NDOT which is frustrating since we have been coordinating with them for 4 years.

-Nice asked if the grant was for the emergency access

-Herwig stated that the grant is not specifically for the emergency exit. Herwig is in the process of getting the Douglas County permit. The contractor has stayed on top of everything and he hopes we can get it started this year.

-Nice states the contractor has been thorough about reviewing the contract to address any issues the designer has missed.

-Lana Petrocchi asked what the final design is?

-President Herwig reviewed the basic design and Richter stated that the design is on the GID Web Site

### **B. Identification of Skyland volunteer contact for wildland fire issues.**

-Richter states that we haven't had a Fire Safety Committee since Anne Grant moved. Is asking if anyone in the neighborhood would like to be involved.

-Engelkirk asked about board members having to be a part of each committee.

-Herwig states we have standing committees we just haven't had the committees working. Ann Grant has continued to coordinate fire safety for us but he feels we should have a resident help with that activity and coordinate with the fire department.

-Sylvanna states she had to call the fire department about a BBQ at a residence on Myron. She also wants to know what the GID is doing about parking.

-Lana Petrocchi is asking about homes in the neighborhood that have wood shake roofs and what we can do to get the owners to get rid of them

-Herwig thinks they are probably grandfathered in. He suggested Lana contact the fire department for direction regarding the roofs.

-Nice says he thinks the fire department will come out and do an assessment

-No volunteer

### C. Beach parcel boundary line settlement update.

- Herwig states no action was taken at the last meeting. The Sewer District has proposed that the rocks not be moved any further than the owner property line.
- Moving the rocks would require a permit from the TRPA
- There will be another meeting on August 9th where it will be discussed again
- One attendee mentioned there is limited parking and that is why she hasn't attended the last meeting

### D. Dogs on beach.

- Nice states Dogs on the beach are required to be on a leash. There are many dogs running around the beach unleashed. He feels we may want to implement a fine.
- Herwig states the administrator of the Tahoe Douglas Sewer District was at the beach and she pointed out that signs say no dogs and residents ignored her when she pointed this out. She called him and said the owners of the property (TDD) do not want dogs on the beach and the GID needs to start enforcing it.
- Lana Petrocchi states people are leaving a lot of trash at the beach by the port-o-potty
- Herwig states if we identify who is doing it we can make a call or send a letter to the homeowner. We need to use community peer pressure
- One suggestion was to hire security personnel at certain times of the year. President Herwig agrees that certain times of the year it would probably a good idea.
- Scott Sullivan is asking how we would enforce? What power do we have if we identify a homeowner who is not following the rules.
- Herwig states he will contact our attorney to see what we are allowed to do but we are not an HOA.
- Sullivan states all of these suggestions about curtailing bad behavior are things we should do but we need to know what we have the authority to do.
- Herwig states VHR's had a definitive path for complaints that we should use. Homeowners can only get 3 complaints per year (verified)  
775-783-6027 VHR Hotline
- Lana Petrocchi asked why we can't fence the beach off

### E. Meetings

- Requests were made to hold hybrid meetings and discussion occurred regarding our requirement to use technology that allows everyone to participate.
- Nice made a motion to move monthly meetings to the last Wednesday of the month

Next Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 31, 2022 from 3:30-5:00 pm at the Zephyr Cove Library

Meeting adjourned