

SWARM April board meeting

April 22, 2023

6pm held at the Fish residence

In Attendance

John O'Claire, Catrina Fish, Paloma Hill, Laura Corben, (Chuck Ferguson)

Snow Plowing March 2, 2023

John O'Claire reported that the total cost to plow all the roads and some driveways cost \$3,700. Two operators working for Bud Garman did the work. The Garmans were hired around that date to clear the nearby roads at Double Culverts and had equipment on hand to clear the roads and asked John O'Claire if the Gates required attention. (Many residents had been unable to get out for 7 days due to winter storms.) President John O'Claire, Paloma Hill, and Laura Corben did communicate by phone and agreed that this work was essential and timely. (More snowstorms came for the next 9 days.)

The board discussed the possibility of creating a special fund for such emergencies, and/or asking for contributions from residents who had requested access to their homes also be cleared. No formal action was taken to set up a fund at this at this meeting.

The NSP Grant

Mendocino County Resource Conservation District
for the Eel River Road Sediment Treatment Project

John O'Claire gave each member of the board a 10 page review of the history of the negotiations to set the grant in motion, dating from the annual road meeting in August 2017. A majority vote allowed the Association to move forward on the proposal. Funds have been set aside to fulfill the required contributions that will cover 25 to 20% of the total cost of repairs. The grant will pay for up to 80% of the cost of the work to be done. What the residents can also contribute is "water in kind" donations of stored pond water. Four resident have offered water donations.

Lodging for the supervisors of the work during the months of construction would also allow less to be spent on local motels as the staff is coming from Santa Rosa.

June 10th Meeting for all Members

Catrina Fish brought up the requirement that a letter be sent to all residents on the Gates one month before a meeting is called. The date has been set for June 10th so that everyone can hear about the details of the grant and how it will affect their locations. Joe Scrivens has been the main liaison with members of the board regarding the grant and will speak at the meeting and answer questions.

So far we know that half of the work will be done in late summer, August to October, in 2023, and the remainder in 2024. The total cost could be up to \$600,000.

Most of the project will be to replace old culverts and install rolling dips along the road to keep water off of the road in a way that will cause the least amount of sediment to go into the streams when the rains come. It will be the responsibility of the Road Association to keep the culverts in good repair for the next 20 years. At this point, many of the culverts are over 40 years old. The surveys done in preparation for the grant have been to pinpoint the areas that need the most attention.

Paloma Hill offered to email Joe Scrivens for clarification of as many points as possible immediately so that John O'Claire and Laura Corben can draft a letter to be sent out within a week. Catrina Fish added that the letter would only be about the meeting and any late billing would be held over until the end of June.

The June 10th meeting will be held at the residence of Brown Pelfry, Skyview Road at 1 pm.