

# **HIGHLANDS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION**

## **Open Minutes**

### **November 14, 2022**

**Board Members Present:** Butler, Heist, James, Smith

**Board Member Absent:** Ellena

**Management Present:** N. Miller, V. Miller, K. Sinicropi

**Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m.**

#### **Management Report - Agenda Items**

##### **Open Minutes**

James moved to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2022 meeting as written. Smith seconded.

Motion Carried 3-0. Butler abstained.

Butler moved to approve the minutes from October 17, 2022 as written. Smith seconded.

Motion Carried 3-0. James abstained.

##### **Consumers Energy - Furnaces**

Highlands has received notification that the additional 114 furnaces are going to be replaced through a grant program from Consumers Energy. Parker Arntz anticipates starting the project in mid-December. Just like the 300 furnaces replaced earlier in the year, there is no cost to Highlands for these. We can thank Consumers Energy, Parker Arnst and Legacy for the new furnaces.

##### **Consumer Energy - Insulation**

Highlands received funds from Consumers Energy to have additional insulation blown into the attic of all 414 townhouses. This project will start on November 14th. There is no cost to Highlands for this and the approximate savings for this project is \$1,000,000. We can thank Consumers Energy, Parker Arnst and Legacy for the new insulation..

### **Stump Grinding Bids**

Heist moved to accept bid from M. Schaefer Lane & Snow at a cost of \$6,000 to grind out 58 stumps, clean out and reseed the area. This is needed for the trees that were removed by the Board of Water and Light's wire clearance project. James seconded.

Motion Carried 4-0.

### **Vehicle Repair - 1999 Chevrolet**

James moved to approve the phone poll to authorize the repair of this vehicle at a cost of \$5,625.68. The vote was yes 4-0. Reuben was unable to be contacted. This is the vehicle that the salt spreader is put on each winter and the side panels during Spring-Summer-Fall. Heist seconded.

Robert has been unable to find a used replacement for this truck since it requires an 8-foot bed without an extended cab. He will continue to look for a replacement, however, he feels that these repairs will give him a couple years of use with the current vehicle.

Motion Carried 4-0.

### **Youth Committee**

This is in the process of being developed. More information will be provided soon.

### **Miller Brothers Excavating**

In August 2021, Highlands entered into a contract with Miller Brothers Excavating to repair five (5) backyard basins at a cost of \$10,880. These are at 1754 Georgetown, 6242 Haag, 6233 Balfour, 6206 Balfour and 1785 Georgetown. Due to Covid Pandemic they were unable to honor the contract at that time. They are now in a position to do the repairs with no increase in the bid, however, Highlands has another basin needing repairs at 6139 Haag. The cost for this is \$2,695 making the total cost of the project \$13,575.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

None.

## **Member Concerns**

### **Laurie Day, 6258 Balfour**

Laurie asked what they do with the drains. Miller said that they replace any damaged parts. She also asked if the new doors will have windows. Miller said that we are still working on this project so she doesn't know at this time.

### **Lasaundra Sorrell, 1739 Georgetown**

Lasaundra thanked the Board and appreciates what we do for the cooperative. She asked if the cabinets are being replaced anytime soon. Miller said that no replacement project is planned at this time. She also wanted to give credit to Cathy Rungy (her neighbor at 1741 Georgetown) for being a great neighbor. Cathay was in attendance.

### **Sheila Kniffen, 6267 Balfour**

Sheila asked when the shredded bark is going to be delivered. Miller said this will start either later this week or the next. An alert will be sent when this begins.

### **Melinda Bennett, 1740 Georgetown**

Melinda commented that the leaves are being picked up. She also asked if we have a preferred company to use for air duct cleaning. Miller said no but they need to be licensed.

**Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mary P. Heist, Secretary, Board of Directors  
Highlands Cooperative Association