

9/23/2023 RCR-Newton Annual Meeting Minutes / Location: RCR Volunteer Fire Dept.

Attendees: President - Ricardo Esparza, Vice President - Francis Knutson, Secretary - Cassidy Romano
Members at large - John Condon, Steven Kunshier, Amanda Perez.

Call to Order: 11:07 am

Business:

- Annual dues discussion
 - o currently \$150 w/ a \$150 specialty =\$300
 - o \$300 max according to regulations/ new regulations w/ state allow an increase according to increase in COL
 - o Will look into if it is from when regulation was put in place (~40% increase since 1990s) or within the current year (~7%)
 - o Discussion on possible increase to \$500 total (\$350 dues, \$150 specialty)
 - o Increases would go towards continued road repair and maintenance.
 - Discussion on providing a monetary compensation to current volunteers maintaining roads. (Amount undecided)
 - Suggestion of using some of the off flow that's filled with road base to help save some cost of materials.
 - o Will be put out to a vote once regulations are clearer.
- Ditches for water off flow brought to discussion as neighbors are having difficulty crossing from road to their property with larger vehicles such as RV/trailers etc.
- Community members to send in proxy if needed/wanted for voting.
- Community member brought up cattle lease on back side of property which is being wrongfully grazed and coming on to their property. Apposing property owner (Chris Watson) needs to be formally notified that he needs to place a fence between properties to keep cattle from coming onto members property as it is not part of the ranches lease.
- Cattle guard at entrance of Newton Rd has been assessed and is in process of repairs.
 - o Conversation on how best to repair and if it will be shut down to half at a time or if a detour would be more effective.
 - o Should be completed within a months' time.
- Water/well quality brought up as information to know that there is a company being sued for poor quality.
- Officer positions open
 - o President – motion for Francis Knutson (Passed unanimously)
 - o Vice President- motion for Steve Kunshier (Passed Unanimously)
 - o Treasurer- **remains open volunteer needed.**
- RCR Fire dept. (Living in a Wildland Urban Interface) conversation on fire safety.
 - o Volunteers welcomed, Funded through donations.
 - o <https://rcvfr.org/>

Motion to adjourn: 12:39pm