

DOUGLASS RANCH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes from the Special Meeting of the Members
Budget Ratification
January 30, 2025

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Wade Hiers, DRPOA President.

Location: Elk Creek Elementary School

Attendance

Board Members Present:

Wade Hiers	President	(512) 986-8351	drpoa.president21@gmail.com
Paul Swenson	Vice President	(612) 247-5646	drpoa.vicepresident@gmail.com
Jane Spooner	Secretary	(303) 838-756	drpoa.secretary2020@gmail.com
Matt Adrian	Treasurer	(302) 419-2924	drpoa.treasurer2020@gmail.com

Board Members Absent: None.

Others Present:

Guest Speakers:

- **Kelleigh McConnaughey** - Elk Creek Fire Protection District / Wildfire Mitigation Specialist
- **John Sepulveda** – Tree Care Supervisor / Splintered Forest Tree Service

Association Members Present:

Mike and Cathy Rheinberger	Jule Gronhovd
Jack and Barb Pleva	Ronnie and Rosemarie De Manna
Tom Washburn	Sean Jackson
Susan Festag	Kathryn Althage
Brian and Pam Senjem	Richard Merrick
Veris Sims	Aaron Reilly
Bill Martindale	Carl and Susie Price
Andréa Swenson	

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- I. **Approval of the Agenda - N/A**
- II. **Approval of Minutes – N/A**
- III. **New Business –**

Kelleigh discussed the importance of completing the Shaded Fuel Break on Glen Elk property at an anticipated cost of \$32,000 from Douglass Ranch, \$32,000 from Glen Elk and the remainder funded by a grant. Completing the break would benefit Douglass Ranch by providing more time to exit the community in the event of a wildfire. It would also allow for aerial support to drop their slurry in an area where it would be able to hit the ground. It would also provide a safe space for smokejumpers to land in order to put boots on the ground.

Comments from members were mostly positive. One member shared that it would cost approximately \$750 per property to complete the shaded fuel break on Glen Elk. Many felt this was money well spent. Some expressed concerns over spending Douglass Ranch money on Glen Elk property.

John spoke about the Pine Beetle outbreak affecting vast numbers of Ponderosa Pines. Spraying select trees can help prevent beetles from attacking those trees. Unfortunately, it is toxic to bees and fish. There are also pheromone packets that may help keep a tree safe. Creating a healthy forest by thinning trees is also very beneficial in keeping pine beetles at bay. The stands of beetle killed trees in Douglass Ranch is an increased fire threat.

Wade announced to the members that we would not be voting to ratify the budget as the Board upon further review had found several discrepancies that needed to be resolved. A new budget would be approved by the board on February 26, 2025, and presented to the members for review and another meeting would be scheduled to ratify the budget. Wade also informed the members that Dan McAtee, treasurer, had resigned due to other commitments. The Board will seek legal counsel to advise us if we can hold an election rather than appoint another board member.

- IV. **Adjournment – Meeting adjourned 8:05 P<**

Submitted by,

Jane Spooner,
DRPOA Secretary