

April 13, 2010 meeting

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Bill Woodfin.

Present: Bill Woodfin, Nola Adler, Clinton Dalton, Mike Gupton, Linda Carter, Kevin Hensley, Greg Sansing, F.J. Hale, Bill Smith, Jerry Billingsley, Richard Wikle, John Gilmore, Sambo Lewis, Tim Tetreault, Chris Crouse, Phil Beck, and Dewitt Vanarsdale.

Excused: Ben Jackson, Jerry Mabrey, Martha Day.

Observers: John Stinson, Ed Mazur.

Meeting minutes from February were not approved since they were not posted on the web site.

Bill Woodfin expressed gratitude for the use of Hensley's home for the meeting. The library now has been reserved for the rest of the year. A newsletter will go out this month. Kathy D'Amato and Chris Henry resigned last month. In their place Bill Woodfin asked Dewitt van Arsdale and has asked Linda Carter to be secretary. A motion was made to accept these people, the motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report

Greg Sanging reported that contributions haven't been compared against last year's, but we do have a good figure for contributions.

Arrears are moneys we collected from back assessments. We also got some much larger assessments from people who owed assessments from many years back.

A late fee of \$330 will show up on the treasurer's report. That money was invoiced from assessments that had been delinquent for many years. That money was collected from the county of Mecklenburg when those properties were sold that we had a lien on.

Our total income is \$64,000, right about where it should be.

Update on the Laurie Foote property. It was reported that \$2500 has been allotted for attorney's fees to deal with the problem of this abandoned, derelict property, which is now a hazard. We paid \$663 to an attorney since this report was written. That figure will continue to rise as case continues forward.

A question was raised on what we can expect to recover from the Foote property. It was stated that if we win, then eventually all the money that we spend goes into that line item. Attorneys plan to bring her into Mecklenburg County court. The plan is to put a lien against the property for lawyer's fees if we win.

Several attempts have been made to talk to Laurie Foote. It was suggested that perhaps it will be possible to use the money allotted for attorney's fees to pay to bulldoze the property, if we obtained her

permission. She did not seem opposed to that idea.

Kevin Hensley made a motion to continue with the litigation against Laurie Foote, Nola Adler seconded. It was approved.

Finance

Greg Sansing reported that our four-month rollover CD with a 10 day rollover has an interest rate of 2%. Historically, this CD has never lost any money. It is watched carefully, if it ever starts to lose, it can be changed quickly.

The checking account has \$67,000 now. There is always activity in the checking account, so the report is a week behind.

The Fidelity fund just came in and it jumped up \$4000, which is a good recovery.

Kevin asked should we keep money in Money Market? Presumably the stock market is on the way up, so we don't want to pull it out now. It was explained that you can't make anything on a CD now.

Greg Sansing and Sambo Lewis will discuss options for keeping the funds safe, liquid and bearing as much interest as possible.

Aviation

The Hangar issues were discussed. It was decided that the hangars would not be built. It could come up in the future, and when it does, there be a vote by all MALA residents.

The aviation chairman was upset that information was sent out without his knowledge and that changes were made to the airport rules without contacting him.

After receiving the petition against the hanger, Skip Bona has rescinded his offer to fund the hanger project. The Aviation committee, with the backing of the Board of Directors, has dropped any plans for the construction of a hanger at the airstrip.

Mr. Ed Mazur, a resident of MALA, spoke at the meeting and was pleased with the board's action.

Committee to Unite MALA and Political and Environment

Richard Wikle reported that Raleigh and Cary still want our water. US Army Corps wants guidelines from the commission.

Judy Williams had sent an email suggesting the tennis courts for the school bus pick-up..

We will ask Mecklenburg County to consider using our roads for children pick-up.

Common Areas and Facilities

Clint Dalton reported that Ralph will be continuing with his contract until December. He has four or five people interested in taking his place when he leaves. We need to review the new contract. Ralph suggests that we might want to put someone on retainer for snow removal.

It was suggested to set aside money for an outside contractor to remove snow if needed.

Sambo Lewis spoke to Mr. Dodd at the Corp of Engineers about the tree problem at the East end of the Runway, which are growing too tall to stand at the front of the runway. It will cost approximately \$6,000 to clear the land.

The entrance to Merifield was discussed. Some residents want an additional light at the front to replace one that was removed. It was also suggested that reflectors on the cross ties at the entrance would be helpful.

Kevin Hensley suggested that Clint Dalton come to his office and look at the Farmville Electric catalog and order the light needed.

Deer Control

Noel Corpus is in charge. Deer hunting ended March 15.

Roads and Maintenance.

Mike Gupton, reported. During discussion it was mentioned that, now that we have new blacktop, it's difficult to see the edge of the road at night. Nola Adler offered the use of a striping machine she owns.

It was suggested that we request that patrol cars come through once a night.

Security Committee

Tim Tetreault reported. He said that he is still looking for the owner of a dog that he had a complaint against.

Architectural Committee

Kevin Hensley reported. Two houses are being built. One project was partially completed, but had slowed down, but the project is starting back up. Another project is in motion.

Skip Bono is withdrawing his hangar plans from the AC.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn.