

Ridge Harbor POA Annual Meetings – January 21, 2018

Vice-President Linda Eicher opened the meeting at 10:00AM; she welcomed everyone and introduced the speakers:

Burnet County Judge James Oakley: contact cell 512-744-5205

- January 31 is the deadline to pay taxes; he gave a break-down of taxes using a \$100,000 home (tax rate .3969) as follows: \$41.80 Road & Budget; \$100 ESD, \$8.50 Water District, \$1,278 School; he suggested working on ways to help fund schools to keep this largest tax down and mentioned that our county tax rate has been reduced the last three years.
- He is on the Capitol Area Metropolitan Planning Organization to help fine-tune funding; \$107 MM is the current list of Burnet County “wish-list” ideas; in August specific funding will be announced.

Burnet County Commissioner, Precinct 4, Joe Don Dockery: contact cell 512-715-2911

- He sits on the Regional Transportation Commission – CAPCOG with TXDot; the needs for our area are being made known.
- He talked about our new EMS that is being built, which will help schools, other EMS facilities, and the county in general, then he introduced the Chief of the EMS (at the meetings with his wife Vicky), Johnny Campbell who spoke:

Burnet County EMS Director Johnny Campbell: contact cell 830-613-9471; email

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- Our EMS has been a 501C3 entity since 1976 in South Burnet County – which covers 350 square miles. Our 5 ambulances take 4,000 average calls per year with a former 20-25 min. response time; the new facility has brought the response time to 7-1/2 minutes. A 2% sales tax also helped bring full-time paramedics to our area in Burnet County. The new facility is costing \$520,000 and the MFISD school district donated the land. An Open House for that facility is February 10, 2018 3-5PM – by Spicewood Elementary School and our library. He also mentioned that calling 9-1-1 in an emergency WILL get to them. They will transport to the “most appropriate medical center” and the hospitals are both Baylor Scott & White, Marble Falls and Lakeway. There is also a Level 2 Trauma Center at St. David on Ben White now.
- Regarding 9-1-1 calls, most GPS systems on phones will send the call to Burnet County, but SAY Burnet County when you call to be specific.
- The ESD (Emergency Services District) is funded by a ten-cent tax plus there are county contracts also, plus they will accept tax-deductible donations at any time; there will be wish-lists available at the Open House.
- **NOTE:** if residents have given up their “hard line” home phones, REGISTER CELL PHONES at warncentraltx.org in order to get emergency notifications and other important information. They are also working on an option to TEXT 9-1-1 in the near future in an emergency.

CORIX President Darrin Barker: contact office phone 512-306-4007

- He gave us an update on water and waste water and said the new water treatment plant is in the final stages of being completed. The new plant is in the same footprint as the old plant and the old plant is still working during construction so that is why it’s taken so long to complete, plus there were a few surprises. They are waiting on a TCEQ Study for approval; the new plant will be more reliable and more efficient and will be finished soon.
- Residents, call CORIX if you are experiencing water-pressure issues – low- or high-pressure.
- There is now a backup water barge with one pump on it.
- Water detection equipment now helps with finding any leaks; as for chemical issues and requested Material Safety Data sheets, CORIX will give our POA more details soon.

- Waste water: our current system does a good job but may need more land in the future due to state mandates.
- Soon a new “efficiency app” for cell phones will be available and we will hear more soon.
- CORIX no longer pays for grinder pumps repair when these pumps “go out”.
- CORIX DO advise the fire departments coming into Ridge Harbor of the best location of flush valves to hook up to water

Ridge Harbor Treasurer Dan Elinor:

- He has been working on collections.
- Work is continuing on selling the “LCRA land parcels” to individual residents who have that land backing up to their property. So far only six residents have bought parcels. There is still no tax appraisal on that 32-acre tract from Stan Hemphill; we hope to keep the tax assessment rate where it is. As for that land deal with LCRA, 114 residents have paid in full, 79 are on a monthly payment schedule, and 18 residents have not paid anything yet. We hope to close out this sale/payment very soon. There is no master plan developed yet to use that land; it is considered “common property” in Ridge Harbor.
- The new 5-year lease with the Ridge Harbor Marina Association has been signed.
- Security – Pool Area: We will have \$600,000 invested in this over time and it is our largest asset. \$9,000.00 is spent to secure it but we have still had problems; all residents should watch for any problems and call anyone on the board about it.
- Annual fees: this is our first increase in four years; it has been eight years since major road repairs/road projects have been done.

Ridge Harbor Property Manager David Almond: He announced that we did not have a quorum so the meeting was adjourned at 11:34AM. According to our bylaws, by adjourning “for five minutes or more” another meeting can be held providing a quorum of one quarter of the residents is present.

Vice-President Linda Eicher called this second meeting to order at 11:41AM with the needed quorum.

Ridge Harbor Property Manager David Almond: Ridge harbor contact: 512-790-0178 and contact cell 830-693-3645

- He said that we need all Ridge Harbor residents to help make Ridge harbor better. He sends updates via email so residents, please update your email if you need to!
- Finances report: some assessments are still due; “chasing after” these delinquent residents will begin January 21
- He asked that if any residents have information about the Harbor Cove “incident” in February 2016, please call him.
- David and Liz Almond drive around Ridge Harbor in a car with lights on; please flag them down if you have questions or if they are needed.
- Board Member Voting Results: 92 votes were cast; this is 92 of the 211 votes possible. An audit will be available January 23. These members were elected: Linda Eicher, David Henderson, Kathy Nunn, and Bob Richards.
- Dan Ellinor will continue on as Treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52AM by Linda Eicher.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Henderson