

Dear Community Members,

I sent the outline to you as a courtesy, not a requirement. I feel it is very important that community members feel heard, and their needs addressed. In this case, because it was one of our Commissioners involved, I felt it was necessary to make sure there was clarification. There is apparent conflict of interest in this matter

All funding for side roads are on a 3-year cycle. It was agreed that there would be a plan in place that will include ongoing work on Larkin. As there is a plan for all roads in the district. In the 2022 plan, if funding allows, Cowboy Way or Bronco will be addressed as needed and the 2023 year is for the other. There is a plan for Larkin Creek on a 3-year plan which unless deemed an emergency will be 2024. As a Board we do have the authority to change the plan as needed while being "fair" to all roads in the Woodland Park Road District. Because it is needed not because community members demand it.

The Board had already created a plan to care for all roads in the District. Old Korral Rd being the main priority and if there were enough funds to set aside for other projects we would identify and address them. The money would be set aside for each road until there was enough to do a project.

My confusion and unrest come from the fact that the budget and plan in place was disregarded and through insurrection tactics Larkin Crk was forced by one of our own members with total disregard for the District as a whole lack of consideration of the funds and budget.

Of course, we would like to think that the three board members are a team and work together to achieve a similar goal. The project was presented at the meeting as though the Commissioners had said no to any work, or refused Larkin Crk any attention when, at the June meeting Rick and I suggested the exact work that has been approved. The attempt to intimidate and bully the board was unnecessary.

In early 2020, The board felt that the logging work that was done to Larkin Crk would suffice for that road until its cycle came up in three years. Which is why we prioritized it with the Fire Suppression project. Larkin Creek received more grants funds than even Old Korral. The total for that work was more than we would have been able to spend. It was a relief to us that Larkin Creek was finally going to get some badly needed attention.

It is the responsibility of new Commissioners and the public to be familiar with the plan, be involved and attend meetings. I make sure it is all in minutes and recorded for this purpose.

We always welcome the community to attend and discuss issues at our meetings. The more input we get from the community the better. We greatly appreciated your letter from Larkin Crk residents. However, input and demands are suggestions to the board. It is the three members of the Board of Commissioners that have sole responsibility for the tax funds and how it is dispersed.

We are under no obligation to take demands or suggestions from anyone outside the board.

Usually, the "public" is only allowed to address the Board and make suggestions during the public comment portion of the agenda. I realize that the district used to be run very differently. But now it is organized and effective. There are regulating rules created for the

District (By-Laws, Policies and Procedures) that govern the Board and its Commissioners. This holds each individual Commissioner and the Board accountable. We also follow Robert's Rules for our organization and meeting structure. Obviously, these rules were completely disregarded at the last meeting.

Since 2020 when Faye and I joined the board we have worked very hard to open up the organization to be community based and inclusive. Created the website and opened the meetings to the community. Listened politely and addressed issues the best we could while being fiscally responsible. I hate to see it reverting to threatening, bullying and disruptive behavior where certain citizens feel they have more power or say because of the size of their houses or check books. We are all equal and pay our "fair" share. If one person has more acreage their "fair " share will be more.

There is a District website: <https://woodlandparkrd.specialdistrict.org/>

Here you can find minutes for all of the years I could find, agendas, plans for future work and a request for project form. The form allows the community to request projects and maintenance to roads or situations within the district for the Board to *consider*.

The purpose of the site is to provide complete transparency and allow the community to be informed. This also allows community members to be heard and the board meeting to be organized. Discussions regarding a big project are scheduled for a workshop not a business meeting. It is designed to eliminate disruption, outbursts, and rudeness at a meeting and was decided upon by all Commissioners on the board.

It also protects the Commissioners from being bullied into a decision that may not be in the best interest of the District.

As the Chair of Woodland Park Special Road District, this is my opinion and may not be the opinion of all Commissioners. My position on the Board is up for appointment January 1, 2022.

On the website you will find the letter sent to the Board of Commissioners from the residents of Larkin Creek, the outline of the project and all email communications. As soon as the minutes for the meeting August 16, 2021 are approved I will include them on the website as well.