



## **CEDAR MOUNTAIN SERVICE DISTRICT**

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### **Cedar Mountain Service District Public Hearing for Dust Fees Saturday June 7, 2025.**

Board Members in attendance -

Chairperson Suzy Polnisch - in person

Vice-Chair Paula Bell-Saxton - in person

District Clerk Zach Hascall - in person

Board Member Brent Carter - in person

Treasurer Sheryl Snow - absent

Chairperson Suzy Polnisch called the Public Hearing of the Cedar Mountain Service District to order at 12:38 a.m. and stated the Public Hearing was to discuss the potential for a fee increase for Dust Fees.

District Clerk Zach Hascall gave a summary of the profit and loss of the Dust budget based on the number of parcels charged for the fee. The product cost has increased 20.51% in 5 years with no change in fee. The public handout included the costs of the service and the net income/loss for the past 5 years. Future planning has been included in the proposed fee of \$115-125 so that it does not need to be addressed again until 2028.

Member of the Public Larry Powell asked for details regarding the type of product being used. Zach Hascall said it is the same product of magnesium chloride that has been used from the beginning of service and is the most effective. And explained that cost is based on supply and demand. Fuel surcharge is also built into the cost and planning but is unpredictable.

Larry Powell asked whether the product was dangerous for the environment and especially trees. Board members responded that studies were performed on the product and there was no definitive conclusion. Zach Hascall also listed some of the other 3 to 5 products that were tested and most were not as effective and cost prohibitive.

Jim Stevenson of Swains Creek stated that before the District took over the service, Swains Creek residents were only paying \$75 per parcel. Since Swains Creek isn't getting treated until the end of June, which he said only left 60% of the summer season, he suggested that Swains Creek receive a 40% discount and that they would like to do their own service so it could be completed earlier in the year.

Zach Hascall replied that he didn't believe himself that the service could be completed for under \$100. He said at the time the Board at Swains Creek agreed that it was best and it could not be

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**CHAIRMAN** | SUZY POLNISCH   **VICE CHAIRMAN** | PAULA BELL-SAXTON   **CLERK** | ZACH HASCALL  
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changed this year but could be addressed. He explained that the subdivisions are rotated each year to determine who gets the treatment first. He asked Mr. Stevenson if they felt they would get scheduled ahead of CMSD if they were paying independently to receive the service, as well as addressing the need to have roads graded and prepped by the Kane County Road Department for the service. Chairperson Suzy Polnisch explained that all of the main roads in all subdivisions were treated the first week. If the Board of Swains Creek decides that they would like to be removed from CMSD's Dust service it will be addressed in the future.

James Sanderson of Movie Ranch asked the Board if the roads could be crowned better so that the roads would not wash out so badly and clog the culverts. Zach Hascall replied that there are many roads that have degraded badly and can no longer be crowned. Also, property owners not maintaining their own culverts is an issue and the county is not responsible for them. The County does maintenance and rebuild roads as they are able.

Larry Powell added a comment regarding the problem with drainage.

Board Member Brent Carter asked if the District was doing road maintenance and should it be responsible? Zach Hascall explained that the road department was working cooperatively with the District to get the best results possible from the service which over time improves and extends the life of the roads.

James Sanderson of Movie Ranch said that the County gets a lot of taxes from the District and his taxes have increased 300% in the past 10 years. He felt that with the increases, the county should be spending more on the roads. Commissioner Patty Kubeja interjected to state that the School District doubled their tax in the past year but the County had not changed its rate. Zach Hascall explained that the road department received its funding through a gas tax and not from county general funding.

Zach Hascall asked all of the members of the Public attending if they were satisfied with the current Dust service and the level of service and all replied yes.

There were no other comments from the Public.

Zach Hascall made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing regarding Dust fees.

Paula Bell-Saxton seconded the motion.

All were in favor, Public Hearing adjourned at 1:04 pm.

Minutes Approved By  July 3, 2025  
Paula Bell-Saxton, Vice Chair

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