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MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT #9 MINERAL LEASE BOARD HEARING
DECEMBER 2ND, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:

Board Member	- Spencer Park
Board Member	- Murl Rawlins
Board Member	- Kent Berg
Board Member	- Lauren Provost *via phone*
Mineral Lease CPA	- Ben Probst *excused*
Public Works Director	- Terry Ekker
Public Works Supervisor	- Kevin Davis
Taking Minutes	- Amanda Simpson

WELCOME OF NOVEMBER 12, 2025 MINUTES

Spencer Park welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A motion to approve the November 12, 2025 meeting minutes was made by Kent Berg and seconded by Lauren Provost. The motion passed unanimously.

PROJECT AND PURCHASE UPDATES / BUDGET UPDATE

Kevin Davis reported that Public Works has received all items purchased for 2025. They are currently gathering pricing for planned 2026 purchases.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 2025 AMENDMENTS

No amendments were required.

Ben Probst provided a printout of the accounts as of November 30, 2025. One final payment is still pending.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE 2026 BUDGET

Spencer Park reviewed the proposed budget lines. Total budgeted revenue for 2026 is $998,550.00.

Budgeted Expenses:
- Road Construction — $50,000.00
- Equipment Leases — $215,000.00
- Professional Fees — $9,500.00
- Travel and Training — $2,500.00
- Vehicle Maintenance — $10,000.00
- Bank Fees — $50.00
- Audit — $9,500.00

- Liability Insurance — $2,000.00
- Capital Outlay — $700,000.00

Total Expenses: $998,550.00, equaling the total budgeted revenue.

Kent Berg asked what Public Works had budgeted for Capital Outlay, which Amanda Simpson confirmed matched the proposed amount.

Spencer Park asked if the Board had any additional questions. None were raised.

Spencer opened the meeting for Public Hearing. No public comments were received, and the public hearing was closed.

Kent Berg recommended approving the budget as presented, with the understanding that Capital Outlay purchases should only proceed when funds are confirmed available.

A motion to approve the 2026 budget was made by Kent Berg, seconded by Murl Rawlins, and passed unanimously.

Terry Ekker discussed the potential price increase on the Kenworth tractors. Kevin Davis noted that if the order request is not submitted soon, pricing will increase at the beginning of the year.

Kent Berg made a motion to contact Ben Probst at the end of the month to confirm available funds, and if funds are available, the Board can be reached via phone for a poll to decide whether to proceed with the purchase. The motion was seconded by Spencer Park and passed unanimously.

Kevin Davis then presented the financial comparison of leasing vs. rent-to-own for the 323 excavator.

Spencer Park noted that the rent-to-own option could save approximately $40,000 based on the projected value of the machine at the end of six years. Kent Berg stated that the decision would depend on timing of the first payment and available funds received.

The Board agreed another meeting could be scheduled prior to making that final decision.

COMMITTEE CONCERNS, UPDATES, AND ISSUES

No additional comments were made.

NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Spencer Park to schedule the next meeting for March 10 at 11:00 AM, seconded by Kent Berg. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Murl Rawlins and seconded by Lauren Provost.