

General Membership Meeting  
January 24, 2015 RMR POA

Curtis Christian called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Board members present: Curtis Christian, Rick Skiles, David Agee, Bill Brown, Bruce Calkins.  
Approx 45 General members were present.

Invited guest speakers present: Will Conley (Hays county commissioner); & county engineer Jerry Borcharding.

Curtis called the meeting to order at 10:00am. After welcoming everyone, he asked David Agee to introduce Mr. Conley and Mr. Borcharding.

Will Conley proceeded to give an overview of the RMR request of the county to assume responsibility for RMR roads. He referred to it in county jargon as a "253 Plan". In general, Mr Conley said that this was certainly a doable project. He stated that the process would follow the normal county procedures of first receiving an official request from the RMR POA after a motion was passed to do so. Following receipt of that request, the county clerk's office would send out voting ballots to all RMR POA members to vote YES or NO on accepting this county program... giving up property owners responsibility and control over the repair schedule of all RMR (public) roads. It would also release the RMR POA from the financial burden of road maintenance, after the initial process and cost of the POA funding the county's improvements to bring the roads up to county standards. The costs would be billed individually to each property owner, including affected "Wings" and "Fox Hole" property owners, in a one time billing will be spread out over 7 years without interest to each property owner. The annual billing would be included on the Hays County property tax bill to each property owner. (See approximate cost figures below). Mr Conley did state that in the voting process, each lot would receive one vote. If a property owner has a lot which can be subdivided, the property owner may obtain 1 vote per lot. But, of course, they would be assessed accordingly. (2 lots (votes) = 2 assessments; 3 lots (votes) = 3 assessments...etc.

Mr. Borcharding spoke for a few minutes mostly concerning the costs, which are posted below. There were a few questions fielded by both gentlemen, but no new information came to the surface during this discussion on roads.

Before Mr Conley left, Bill Brown asked him if he would speak about the recent commercial water well project that is currently in the works located off of FM 150, near the intersection of FM150 and FM3237. Most of the members present were already aware of this issue and were anxious to hear what Mr Conley had to say about it, even though he admittedly does not have any legal authority to change any laws that would hinder the company from pumping ground water out of this location. With that in mind he assured everyone that he was doing and would continue to do everything he could to influence the powers that be to work towards shutting this operation down. He suggested that each and every RMR property owner write to their government representatives making known their feelings on this, since by law, the only way to stop this activity is for the state legislature to make changes in state law pertaining to such an operation.

Two or three residents of the area, knowledgeable about this subject, spoke to the issue, informing the group of the need for a petition to be sent to state and local officials and gave a website ([saveourwells.com](http://saveourwells.com)) to inform oneself about ongoing efforts to stem the tide on this project which was overwhelmingly and obviously the consensus in the room.

**A motion** was made by Mr Peterson for the RMR POA to make a written resolution to oppose the commercial pumping of well water by this company in this location. Rick Skiles seconded. A vote was unanimous in favor of motion.

After Mr Conley and Mr Borcharding left, Curtis begin reports.

Presidents report: Curtis Christian

Curtis reported that RMR resident, Leonard Brinkman, who owns the cattle company currently leasing property in RMR, will be issuing new agreements to sign for those property owners that choose to allow cattle to graze on their property.

He talked about "hunting" issue in RMR which was prompted by a resident informing the board that she had received a "hand delivered" (not through the postal service) note stating that she was in violation of RMR hunting rules for having a deer feeder on her property. He assured her that she was not violating any RMR bylaws.

There was also a statement and reminder that "Flyers" (advertising) are NOT legal in RMR.

Communications report: Curtis

Reminded the residents in attendance to please sign up on the e mail list for those that have changed their e mail addresses recently or have just never signed up.

Architectural report: Bill Brown

Bill reported for the year 2014 there were 10 houses started, plus a handful of smaller projects in RMR. He also asked that everyone please assist in reporting of concrete spillage from commercial trucks on RMR roads to the board.

Park report: Bill Brown

Bill said that the park was in need of some clean up and maintenance, and hoped that we could fund a small effort towards that goal.

Secretary's report: Bruce Calkins

Nothing to report

Roads report: David Agee

In response to Mr Conley and Mr Borcharding's presentations,

**A motion** was made by Mr Ron Nielson to allow Hays county to move forward in their normal process of sending out ballots to all RMR residents, requesting a "yea" or "nay" vote whether to allow Hays county to assume 100% responsibility for maintaining the entire network of public roads within RMR subdivision, beginning at the entrance at FM3237. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peterson, and the subsequent vote yielded one NO vote, one abstain, the remaining 49 votes were AYES, (including proxy votes).  
The motion passed.

David referred members to the written roads report posted on the RMR POA website and highlighted that historical spending on roads has averaged \$33,000 (in 2014 dollars) while current available funds are only approximately \$26,000 per year.

**A motion** was made by Mr. Peterson that we, the RMR POA board make a formal resolution that RMR POA opposes the current proposal by Electro Purification (a commercial entity) to drill for water in Hays county, for the purpose of selling that water to utility districts located several miles away.

Rick Skiles seconded the motion; and a vote was unanimous.

John Tanzillo made a request that the board move forward on obtaining another round of voting on the updated by-laws, that were modified during the previous board's term. Although no official action was taken, this idea appeared to receive a very positive general response from those members in attendance.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rick Skiles, Bill Brown seconded, vote to adjourn unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

\* Post general meeting, the new board has been accepted and is comprised of Curtis Christian (President), Estelle Murchinson (Vice President), Rick Skiles (Treasurer), Bruce Calkins (Secretary), Bill Brown (Architectural Control), Kirby Hicks, Bobby Knell.