

# MIDDLE CRAWFORD ROAD ASSOCIATION

BUILDING THE CRAWFORD ROAD COMMUNITY

**JUNE 21, 2023**

## **MCRA BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

5:00pm at Mary's (5023 Forest Lane)

**Call to order:** 1700

**Attendees:** Mary, Mary Kaye, Terry, Carly, Tara, Max, Catherine, John, Rolfe, Don Woods

**Approve Minutes** – May and June Minutes to be approved in July

**Treasurers Report** – Mary Kaye

- Current Balance in Operating Account- \$9700
- Current Balance in Reserve Money Market with Morgan Stanley (4.6 % - FDIC insured – no fees \$30,000.)

**LINE DANCING FUND RAISER** – end of July early August – no word yet from Annie about dates

**LEGAL UPDATE ON CLOSING CRAWFORD ROAD** – Mary had a conversation with Matt Walker, the local attorney who is familiar with our road. Mary asked for a written document that described the legality of dividing our road. He drafted a letter for the membership.

### **LEGAL UPDATE ON NON- MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITY TO PAY MAINTANENCE**

Matt Walker included case studies regarding this issue which states that, whether or not you are a member of the association you are responsible for a fair share of the maintenance. His comments regarding this are in the last half of his letter.

### **APPELLATE COURT RULING ON NON – MEMBERS AND THEIR OBLIGATION TO PAY FOR MAINTANCEN OF A PRIVATE ROAD. – This came up in my conversation with Matt Walker.**

While discussing the legal responsibilities of the Crawford Road users, a discussion regarding the responsibility of the Lower Crawford Road Association came up. Historically, there has been minimal contribution to the upkeep of Crawford road. Based on the information provided by Matt Walker discussion has started regarding whether MCRA should start assessing LCRA or the individuals on lower Crawford Rd for the use of the road and maintenance. Regardless we will likely need to review our Bylaws and Schedule D to assess for agricultural farms and churches.

Through this discussion it was noted that we need to be very clear in our documentation as to the definition of “User”.

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## WHERE ARE WE WITH ISLAND COUNTY AND AN IMPROVED ROAD

- Connie Bowers and Mike Jones have budget numbers for the grant application for Bipartisan Infrastructure Act – this is a matching federal grant. They are working on the application now. I don't know what they are asking for. Craw Road – Gravel Road – or some combination. Trying to get clarification.
- Ed has been charged with providing 2 meetings in July – one for the businesses and one for the general public. MCRA wants to make sure that the residential voice is heard clearly too.
- MCRA is assisting in finding a spot for the general public meeting – they would like to accommodate 100 people – I talked to Unity Church – they aren't big enough. Terry Ney reported that we could look into using the Bayview Fire Station as a meeting place that is capable of accommodating that many people.
- Mary is trying to get a meeting with Commissioner Janet St. Clair.
- The county is unclear what their ultimate objective is (or has not disclosed it yet) MCRA would like to see the Crawford Community help the county define the scope of work and the goals. Is this a single project or is it better to break it down into smaller projects? What does the community want?

**UPDATE NEW/Craw ROAD** – Still no changes in obtaining necessary easements on this end.

**State Senators** – Clyde Shaver and Ron Muzzall – Mary is trying to arrange a meeting regarding improvements to 525. April is the end of their session so the meeting will most likely be this summer. **This involves the accident info that Max is gathering.** Also getting info from the traffic engineer Nikki Davis.

**NORTH GRAVEL ROAD** – Easement updates on this part of the road have been on hold as county engineers work through the numbers.

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