



# Hawaiian Ranchos Road Maintenance Corporation

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## HRRMC July Update 2023

### HRRMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

All Volunteers

HRRMC follows HRS 421j, 414d, and use Roberts Rules for meetings.

### **Questions?**

Email us if you have any questions or confusion about your HRRMC Board.

### Election 2024 timeline

- 9/20/23 all nominations received to the office. For inclusion in 2024 election  
*\*See website for form*
- 10/14/2023 all 1227 lot owners will be mailed an annual newsletter and election ballot. It is YOUR responsibility to make sure your mailing address is correct or IF property changed owners.
- 12/7/2023 all eligible ballots must be received by 4:30 pm HST to be eligible.
- 12/09/2023 Annual meeting
- Again, this meeting is only to read results of election, no discussion, no input for the members, no motions (other than BOD business to conduct a meeting) again, ***I repeat this is a reading of the results only meeting.*** Followed by a second meeting of election of officers by BOD. All election results will be posted on the website.

It is YOUR responsibility to be informed of election results by attending the meeting, looking at the website or emailing the office.

Update on what your BOARD has accomplished to date.

### **2022 November \***

–Election results read and posted on the website.

Remove Kohala gate and card reader posts since gate will not pass regular safety inspections. In the future if Membership passes the vote to install gates they can be installed correctly, legally and pass all safety requirements. Mowed easements in subdivision. Oil truck up and running sprayed old oil from oil truck to clean out tank.

### **2022 December \***

Burn out cracks on Maile Drive from Kamaaina to PK, including first block of Hokulani and Alii from Maile going down first block.

### **2023 January – February \***

Filling all cracks with crack tar filler and repair potholes on Maile. Paint test intersection paint that was free from Seal Master to test at intersection of PK and Maile. Trim brush as needed Mow entire subdivision. Fill oil truck with new fog seal product ready to go – due to rainy stormy weather all fog sealing and rest of road work when weather permits.

### **2023- March - June\***

Change to office schedule. With no gates there is no reason to pay to have a person sit in the office 2 days a week for 8 hours. As office manager my opinion, and my advice to the treasure and President it was a waste of money to pay someone to sit in the office when no one would stop in for weeks at a time. Our road maintenance worker took a break and our worker who does all the mowing had family to take care of in the states. I, the office manager welcomed a new grandbaby 6 week too early back in beginning of March, after a 2 week stay in the NICU baby was able to come home and I was working remotely.

**35 stop signs** re surfaced by a volunteer (thank you!!) will replace all faded ones starting in August-November.

**Active court case-** Started receiving payments from fake board group paying back membership their portions including interest from the back in 2018. The President has been very busy finishing up the past legal issues and unfortunately some new ones that came up from the same old group of people and new group called the garden club.

### **Liens and Foreclosures-**

Since last newsletter to date have received over \$35,900.00 in past assessments from delinquent owners that had lien or foreclosed on properties. We have more that will be taken care of this year. It's about time these owners pay their fair share.

**Bid-** Complete road reconstruction end of Maile – this road is so damaged for so many years it has to be reconstructed from the base up in order for it to hold up. If we just slap chip seal over the top it would be just as bad as it is now within a month. We are working on hiring an experienced crew to start the chip sealing of the roads passed in the 2023 road work plan.

As volunteers and as employees of HRRMC we reserve the rights to be treated with respect and consideration. The duly elected board members "legally binding to the board" owns the property that the office, base lot occupy and all equipment, structures associated and therefore is private property, with the right to refuse entry to those that are rude, violent, or harassing volunteers, or employees. Trespassing on private property is illegal. Membership does not "own" the employees, property, buildings, nor have the right to private information concerning any employee or board member or community volunteers. HRRMC is a nonprofit company, is run by a volunteer board it is unlawful and against bylaws for any board member to be paid to be on or while serving on the board.

### July- December road work plan

Trimming line of site and chipping up all branches with wood chipper, all chips will be piled on base lot no longer having branches left on sides of roads nor piled at ends of roads.

Fog sealing roads we will start on Maile then top sections of Maikai, Alii, Hokalani

Repair pot holes and base repair as needed to Kohala and Prince Kuhio as these are the main traffic roads. Then Fog seal over the top. Fog sealing is the protection layer that will make our roads last longer in-between major fixes. Repainting of lines over fog sealing- yellow and white. The white lines help with keeping vehicles on the road in the dark for drivers to clearly see the road and prevent tires from driving off the surface and causing damage to sides of roads.

### Chip sealing

Base road at end of Maikai to be stripped of little remaining chip seal graded, 9 wheel roller to pack down and prepare for the laying of chip sealcoats. We will chip seal till we run out of materials. Fill potholes that sprang up or got worse on all roads. Pictures are from July as we are back at it.



A resolution was passed by the BOD to perform a background check on all nominees wishing to be added to the ballot for this year's election. On the ballot will be the question for membership to decide on if it should become part of our bylaws and continued for all future elections.

This is part of the boards' fiduciary responsibilities to protect its membership and assets and is standard practice with most non-profits and profits businesses alike when large sums of monies are involved. One of the reasons we do not keep petty cash nor accept cash payments any longer when we have so many options to pay there is no need to take the risk of counterfeit cash. *"Hawaii background checks should be viewed as an integral part of your business's hiring process. Employment/volunteer background checks in Hawaii can help to protect and mitigate liability risks".*

HRRMC will pay up to \$100.00, we will follow HOA guidelines, for all background checks as long as they come back with no flags/negative. HRRMC is looking for the best to serve on the board and the integrity to protect and safeguard our road maintenance.

## A note from HRRMC Office manager

Board members have sent out a lot of information recently in regards to the ranchos garden club petitioners trying to force their will on everyone else, because they personally don't like someone and refuse to comprehend factual information. Most of these garden club individuals in their attempt to get their personal agendas are demanding HRRMC break the laws and bylaws that govern our corporation. Thus creating the same issues that HRRMC was sued over. Several individuals of this group ran for the board last year, but did not get elected by membership to serve on the board. Repeat of what the 2017 / 2018 lawsuits referenced. The courts ruling agreed the board is/has been conducting all elections lawfully and ethically.

I believe in getting all the information out there for all to see and then move forward in a positive light and stop wasting time on personality issues. Here are some more facts and my opinions that were the most alarming to me personally or that I had firsthand knowledge of.

During the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting an ex-employee stated "I get blamed for everything that happens." The BOD has never sent out a formal statement or gone door to door to make statements of any kind blaming him for anything let alone everything. No current or past BOD member has ever showed up at his house or place of business unannounced to harass or intimidate him. I have personally experienced those things at my home and through members at the office being fed nonsense by other members and groups blaming myself and my husband for fictitious events and actions!

In 2021 when I as the new office manager and Roy as the new President held several in person unscheduled meetings with this ex-employee. We were told that he wanted to return working for HRRMC, he insisted on being paid under the table and full time, after he is told no, he drove straight to a BOD's house and complains to him that Roy refused to hire him illegally! He has since tried to undermine this board and Roy and then finds residents who know nothing of the facts, have own personal agendas, yet never reach out to get information from BOD or office with the exception of the member who claimed HRRMC was falsely adding charges; who was given an answer and proof of this by a BOD member a month before the meeting was held but choose to keep bringing it up anyway.

Collectively we have had over 85 interactions with the main ring leaders since 2021 all in attempts to answer their questions, look at documents, explain how business's work, what financial documents are and how to comprehend them.

During the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting a member, spoke up how he himself always paid cash, He stated "I always pay using cash- it's my right." HRRMC keeps detailed records using an accounting system, and I have records of every CHECK he paid his fees with going back to the purchase of his property. We also have video recordings of the Kohala entrance and I do believe this is his red truck that hit the gate knocking it off its track, breaking the track, bending the arm.

But that's not what he's telling his neighbors.



During the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting Mrs. Vos Stated, because I asked her to change the meeting minutes (by one word), she resigned but she actual resigned weeks before I had asked her to change that one word.

During the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting a member chimed in that the ex-employee can install gates at 2 locations for \$10,000.00 and Mr. Vos thinks we need to keep discussing gates even though membership did not pass gates. This whole petition was started by Mr. Vos after the Kohala gate was removed due to safety and legality issues.

I included the email thread that was sent to me from a garden club member, who obviously felt they were going too far. This group is the driving factor behind this petition and in their own words the illegal lengths they are willing to go to get their way. Number 4 is alarming. All of this even though they knew Roy's term is up in December and if he even decided to run again, all of membership would make the determination who will be on the board, not a vigilante group.

Also, if this attempt to unseat Roy is unsuccessful ... would demonstration of our disapproval be considered? My suggestion is "yard signs" (like election signs) with a simple slogan, "Roy needs to go" ... or something to that effect.

This demonstration would serve several purposes ...

- (1) Show community unity
- (2) Validate residents who either don't know the drama or won't necessarily get involved.
- (3) Show the remaining BoD that there is popular support for Roy's removal.
- (4) Get under Roy's skin ... to the point where he reacts (and he will ...) in an unlawful way.

Thoughts?

**Mike Vos**

During the meeting multiple threats were stated, by multiple members, that if the board did not do as they requested, they (the members attending) would then remove all the board members. In addition to numerous threats thrown out stating they would sue HRRMC in order to get their wants met. Yet they keep stating the president is threatening them and harassing them?

***From the June 15th meeting, garden club members quotes-***

"The bottom line is the threats should stop, on the website, stop threatening and bullying.... there's been lots of threats" **Curt, BOD chair for the meeting-** "**you are charging that you have been threatened?**" (Her reply) "no but [sic] no not me- we have seen it on the website."

"...were not even addressing the lawsuit I am addressing one person doing something - doing things -without the rest of the board knowing."

"I am very involved in the community, even though we don't live there- he can still volunteer -he's unprofessional at meetings doesn't listen to us, he can volunteer but not needed as president."

"I asked to see the financials. I went to your house. I was denied. I still never got to see the financials that [I am] asking for and people are not allowed [sic]. I was asking for 5 months...I was given last year's stuff that anyone can pull off the internet. We are allowed to see every single thing. I always get blamed for everything in this subdivision."

You can't tell them you owe a legal fee. I read the letter, you can't then [sic] and charge them if and when it doesn't go to court.

"Roy said office is not accepting cash due to all the fake money and that's a lie because it cost \$3.50 to buy a pen. He will lie to your face and lie behind your back. He would not take the cash out of my pocket."

***Then the board was threatened with-***

"Roy has lost the confidence of the community - we will submit another petition if not, to remove all the board enablers "

"Turn in your resignations gang."