

HIGHLANDS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

Open Minutes

April 21, 2025

Board Members Present: Heist, Kniffin, Rodriguez, Smith

Board Members Absent:

Management Present: N. Miller, V. Miller

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Management Report – Agenda Items

Open Minutes

Kniffin moved to approve the minutes from March 17, 2025, as written.

Rodriguez seconded.

Motion Carried 4-0.

Water Shutoff Replacement

The Water Shutoff Replacement project started April 21st. Everything has gone well so far.

Unregistered Vehicles on Public Streets

A copy of a posting from Adam Hussain, City Council Member of Ward 3, was given to the Members concerning unregistered vehicles (vehicles without a license plate or an expired license plate) parked on any public roadway. This was approved on March 24, 2025. The city is asking citizens to report unregistered vehicles by calling 311.

Annual Yard Sale

There has been very little Member participation with the annual yard sale in the past couple years. Village Cooperative allows each Member to hold two-yard sales per year. Highlands may consider changing this for 2026. We will keep it at the first full weekend in June for this year, since it is too late to make the change

for 2025. Someone suggested changing our days from Thursday through Saturday to Friday and Saturday for June 2025. We will make this change for this year.

Policy for Death of a Member

There will be a new procedure to add a beneficiary in the event of your death. This will be added to the Occupancy Agreement. Information on this will be coming soon in the mail.

New

Annual Meeting Date

The Annual Meeting is set for Sunday, June 29, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

Old

None.

Next Board Meeting

There will not be an Open Session in May 2025.

Member Concerns

Judy Witt, 6105 Haag

Judy commented on the trash area chain being installed. She thinks this is punitive for the Members and causing inconvenience by having to walk around the chain. She was unable to come to the meetings earlier in the year to voice her opinion. N. Miller told her that Highlands is going to give this a try and see if it stops non-members from dumping their trash. We are open to any other ideas from Members on how to handle this problem.

She also asked if Highlands can attempt to make Members use dumpsters inside the gate when open? She wanted to know if we can try this. It is extra work for the staff to put up chain and cones.

Cherie Adams, 6308 Haag

Cherie asked about the change in the Flower Day procedure. Are vouchers going to be given out again? N. Miller said that Highlands is giving out vouchers again this year, however, we are not using Lansing Gardens. We are using a business in Eaton Rapids called Flower Garden. Details will be in the May newsletter.

Cherie also asked if she can still get a copy of the updated Member Handbook. Yes, she can by contacting the Office.

Amy Jo Powers, 1738 Georgetown

Amy commented that some vehicles do not have a sticker. N. Miller said that we depend on Members letting the Office know which vehicles do not have stickers. The staff catches some but Member help is needed.

Sue Pride, 6116 Balfour

Sue reported that some people are parking in the middle of the parking lot so you can't get in or out of your parking spot. N. Miller said to contact the Office if this happened during normal Office hours.

Linda Masters, 6222 Balfour

Linda asked if we can add how to get to the policies on the website in the newsletter. N. Miller said she will add instructions for this in the newsletter.

Meeting Adjourned 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary P. Heist, Secretary, Board of Directors
Highlands Cooperative Association