

Commissioner's Report, September 1, Saddle Creek Board of Directors

Anita Dunkin and Brenda Hiler had a conference call with Commissioner Steve Aldrich September 1 to introduce themselves and let him know that the SC Board and related committees had formed up earlier this year and wanted to start getting more up to speed on county/precinct matters and events, and to let him know of the Subdivision's concerns about increased traffic and dangerous road conditions on IG&N/Stousland from Green's Prairie to Saddle Creek. They asked Mark Hiler to join them in the call in that he had made contact with Steve earlier in the year to run our Fourth of July plans past the Commissioners Court in connection with the Covid restrictions.

Steve talked a bit about IG&N, but was focused more on the road failure/closure near Capstone. With respect to that, he reported that the County had gone through a condemnation process to acquire land to properly fix the failed section/bridge, and that they had settled and would be advertising for construction bids shortly, and work might commence in 60 -90 days. Anita brought the conversation back around to the stretch of road we would be concerned with, and Steve said that, while he was familiar with the dangerous curves in the road and overall need to have a better roadway to fit today's traffic, he wasn't as conversant on what exact plans the road department had underway for that section, but that he would get updated on it and get back with Anita and Brenda. Mark told him that it would also be helpful to give us a primer on how road issues are addressed in general, whether in voicing concerns, or understanding the process, documentation, and prioritization of projects, and what resources could be reviewed to stay abreast of such matters. Steve said he'd look forward to updating us, and would include the county engineer to help school us.

During the conversation, Steve indicated that much of his efforts in first term were focused to helping get the Emergency Services Districts in shape to attain taxation status to provide ongoing funding. Steve suggested we get acquainted and familiar with the ESD1 commissioners, and related that the ESD was having a public hearing on its proposed tax rate on September 3 at 5:30 PM down in Millican. He said it would be a good opportunity to meet those folks and get them familiar with our HOA. That being said, Anita and Brenda thought it good that someone from our Committee attend the meeting to represent us and start forming a relationship with the group. Dennis Hethcoat from the Outreach Team volunteered to attend that meeting and report back to the Board and Outreach Team.