

**MARION OAKS MSTU GENERAL SERVICES  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, Sept 21, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Prayer**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**ROLL CALL**

Henry Munoz, Chair

John Myers, Vice Chair

Elady Fonseca

Virginia Gayle

Pamela Smith-Payton - Absent

**OTHER PRESENT:**

Sherry Sloan, Marion Oaks General Service Manager

Alan Jones, Director of MSTU

**REPORTS:**

Sherry Sloan, General Services Maintenance Supervisor

Sherry Sloan stated that her crew was in Section 8 mowing and picking up trash, and maintenance on equipment and shop. Sherry went over the repair of the John Deere tractor and the cost of \$5681.00 or a new tractor for \$45000.00 she also talked about the repairs that we have done on this particular tractor since 2014. In 2014 we spent 1298.00, 2018-2019 spent \$1600.00, 2019-2020 spent \$1046.19 and 2020-2021 \$9000.00 and that was a selective control with pump filter, selective control valve alone was \$4000.00 and Steering pump with a crack \$2300 and tires. Virginia asked Sherry since she was familiar with the tractors what would be her decision on fixing the tractor or getting a new one. Sherry stated she knew what she had and they could work on it when needed for repairs

but the new tractors with the computer / chips they could not and every time someone had to come out it would be at least \$600.00 for service call. The breakdown of tractor was due from wear and tear. Mr. Jones also gave compliment to the team for being proactive on equipment.

John stated that in the years he has never seen any abuse the equipment. John also bragged on the crew for wearing safety gear while mowing and taking care of equipment. Sherry also stated the crew does a great job.

John motioned for repair, Elady second motion and everyone is fine with repair. John wanted to know if we could buy a warranty and Mr. Jones stated you could, but it would void once we maintained the vehicle for any reason.

Sherry explained the schedule of mowing 4 times a year and 8 times on main roads and we are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> mowing now in Section 8 going into Section 9. We have maps, they highlight every road they mow. Trash has slowed us down and the rain.

Mr. Jones talked about the task force about litter and they are talking with someone in Texas since they have implanted a litter task force. Right now we are going to try a part time litter crew and have allocated \$1000.00 to see if this will benefit us. Mr. Munoz said that we might have to up the price from \$30.00 a year. Mr. Jones also said that Sherry also made him aware of the Highlands Recycling Center are limiting the bags you are able to take at one time and he will talk to Jody concerning this because it can lead to more trash and this will also slow down mowing.

Major concern need for a sidewalk on 484 on the Northwest side, Mr. Munoz suggested for Mr. Jones to contact Elton on the situation because they need to find a solution and on the Southwest side of 484 it looks like a jungle and needs to be cut back. They are all facing the same issues about employees.

Mr. Jones also stated that pot holes is the road department responsibility and not the MSTU General Services. Need to call potholes into the road department.

Elady asked Mr. Jones about the Drive and BLVD road concerning light, he stated he thought there was a study being or has been done and does not have the results at this time.

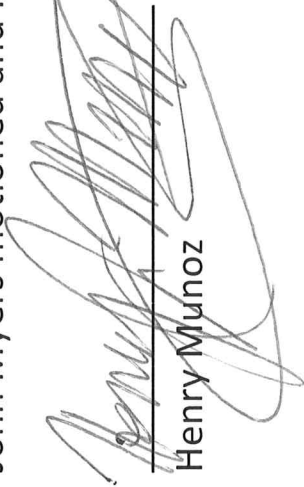
**Public comments:**

Charmaine Gould had several concerns as listed below.

- Mowing and how often, 12 weeks not sufficient and trash all over the units (Sections). New residents need to know where to take trash. Sherry gave her the schedule for Marion Oaks on mowing.
- 3 Potholes on 129<sup>th</sup> they have been there since 2018. Mr. Jones stated to call into the county road department and let them know about pot holes. County is unable to drive around and just look for pot holes, so please call them.
- Vehicles driving across the median and damaging the grass and need a solution from the county road dept.
- Charmaine also suggested a meeting at night so more of the residents are able to attend. Mr. Munoz stated they had tried nights and no one attended but we will try on the upcoming meeting in January for night meeting.

Meeting adjourned:

John Myers motioned and Pamela Smith-Peyton 2<sup>nd</sup> second the motion

  
Henry Munoz

  
Vickie Chamberlain