



LLPOA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Special Meeting Sept. 27, 2025

In Attendance

Board Members: Bill Keel, Barbara Tilley, Elberta McKnight, Paula Campbell, Vera Givens and Shannon Meadows.

Meeting Called to Order at 10am

Bill Keel called the meeting to order at precisely 10am. Quorum was confirmed.

Special Meeting Goals

Clarify SPLOST funding, speed tables and finalize plans for a community vote.

Meeting Minutes

Barbara suggested a community-wide mailout ballot. Bert suggested unique codes for each ballot to verify the ballot is legitimate. Barbara emphasized the ballot needs to be simple.

Bert reminded the board the city owns the streets and a vote is moot at this point but we could present the results to Mayor Green to consider. Paula wants to hire an attorney to verify the city owns the streets and is legally liable curb-to-curb throughout Laurel Lake. Bert expressed concern over the cost of hiring an attorney and said we already know the answer.

Bill explains the City of Nelson is concerned about the safety of our community and that's why the city is involved.

Shannon discussed the placement of government-funded signs throughout the neighborhood.

Bert emphasized again the City of Nelson owns the streets and the LLPOA has no authority to decide what happens curb-to-curb.

Bill discussed how the City of Nelson supersedes the county on neighborhood streets throughout Laurel Lake.

Bert asked if the LLPOA has ever had insurance on city streets. Paula said we have a general insurance policy. Bill clarified the only area the LLPOA is responsible for is the main entrance.

Bert again said the vote is moot; the city will decide whether speed tables are placed in Laurel Lake.

The board agreed the ballot should be mailed. Barbara stated the wording of the ballot should be simple. Discussion ensued about whether to pay postage for the return envelope.

A return postcard was discussed but board members felt ballots should be private. Barbara proposed including a return-addressed envelope (without a stamp) with the ballot.

Shannon discussed expectations for return ballots.

Bill said the board needs to meet with Mayor Green and request the board to have a voice in where the speed tables are placed.

Shannon talked about allowing residents to email their ballots, in addition to accepting ballots as long as the email ballots include the residents' unique vote.

Shannon said it was important to complete the vote before the LLPOA's next meeting on Dec. 9. It was decided the ballots would be mailed out by Oct. 8, 2025. The ballot would be sent to LLPOA board members before being mailed for final review. The deadline for return ballots would be Friday, Nov. 7.

Barbara and Bill said they wanted an open meeting when the votes are tabulated. Mailed in ballots would not be opened until that day. The meeting will take place at Nelson City Hall Nov. 8 at 11am.

With that decided, Bill moved on to agenda item "Community Involvement." A conversation on establishing a Neighborhood Watch committee. He suggested contacting Cherokee County Sheriff's Office to make a presentation at a future meeting. Several board members voiced support for recruiting Garry Tuttle to head the committee. It was then discussed to invite the Sheriff's Office to make a presentation at the Annual Meeting.

The date for the Annual Meeting was discussed and confirmed for Jan. 10 with a rain date of Jan. 17, 2026.

Goals for annual meeting. Sign – quarterly mailout and website

Bill said he wanted to remind the community we have a neighborhood website and wants to include that in the next neighborhood mailing.

Bill said we need to post at least three signs for the community bulletin board; vote, Dec. 9 meeting and LLPOA annual meeting. Paula said we could find more inexpensive ways to print posters for the LLPOA community bulletin board. Bert said she would look into it.

Shannon asked about yard signs for LLPOA to put at entrance alerting residents to LLPOA meetings. Bert said she would check with Sylvia.

Conclusion

Bill reminds all in attendance our next board meeting is Dec. 9, with a rain date of Dec. 16. The meeting is adjourned at 11am.