



**DRAFT Minutes of the Board Meeting
held on January 20, 2025
at 6 :00 p.m. via Google Meet**

1. **Call to Order.** N. Ceccarelli called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. and asked for roll call.
2. **Roll Call.** All board members were present: N. Ceccarelli, W. Barfield, D. Vlastic, C. Peachey, S. Crosby, and N. Tribby. Audio was recorded with Google Meet.
3. **Discussion and consideration of a resolution on the 2025 election.**
 - a. Since the 2025 election will be uncontested, three candidates for three seats, we want to consider holding a lower-cost election with some elements self-administered and some handled by a third party. While we could hold a fully self-administered election, there is value in involving a third party.
 - b. League of Women Voters has responded that one of the members who assisted last year is available this year but is still trying to arrange a ride to Tombstone.
 - c. The board discussed the idea of adding an advisory vote onto the ballot regarding members' choice to freeze assessments or improve roads. S. Crosby will work on wording.
 - d. C. Peachey **moved to accept the Resolution to Approve Alternative Methods of Election Processes for the 2025 Annual Election.** W. Barfield seconded. After opportunity for board and community comment, the **motion carried on a voice vote with none opposed.**
4. **Adjourned** at 6:27 p.m. without opposition.

Submitted by C. Peachey, HLRPOA Secretary



High Lonesome Ranch Estates Property Owners Association
P.O. Box 215, Elfrida, Arizona 85610

Board Meeting Agenda
Monday, January 20, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
via Google Meet

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Discussion and consideration of resolution on the 2025 election
4. Adjourn

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF ELECTION PROCESSES
FOR THE 2025 ANNUAL ELECTION AND PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the High Lonesome Ranch Property Owners Association (HLR POA) Board of Directors approves election procedures, as amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the HLR POA Board of Directors previously approved the use of Association Voting as a third party to administer the 2025 Annual Election by Members to fill three positions on the HLR POA Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, following the closing date for nominations only three candidates applied;

WHEREAS, the 2025 election is an uncontested election; and

WHEREAS, the HLR POA Board of Directors desires to reduce overall costs while still providing for an election process in which participation by the membership is not obstructed; and

WHEREAS, Arizona law requires that members have access to voting at the annual meeting of the members, as well as through an absentee process; and

WHEREAS, alternative methods for conducting the election were considered by the HLR POA Board of Directors to include self-administering all aspects of the 2025 election; and

WHEREAS, it was advised and the HLR POA Board of Directors then determined that a hybrid election of third-party and self-administered components would provide an election that demonstrates the association's commitment to fair elections; and

WHEREAS, the HLR POA Board of Directors desires to use either Association Voting or Election Buddy to provide an absentee electronic balloting opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the HLR POA Board of Directors shall lease a USPS mailbox for the sole and separate purpose of returning association-produced and mailed paper ballots; and

WHEREAS, the HLR POA Board of Directors shall enlist the assistance of League of Women Voters to collect the ballots from the USPS mailbox on the day of the annual meeting and election; and

WHEREAS, the HLR POA Board of Directors shall enlist the assistance of the League of Women Voters to conduct the in-person election during the annual meeting; and

WHEREAS, the HLR POA Board of Directors shall enlist the assistance of the League of Women Voters to count all ballots and report the results of the election to the general membership during the annual meeting.

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THEREFORE, be it resolved that

Section 1: The HLR POA Board of Directors shall use Association Voting or Election Buddy for electronic balloting for the HLR POA 2025 election.

Section 2: The HLR POA Board of Directors and Election Committee shall produce and mail ballots to all members desiring a mailed ballot.

Section 3: The HLR POA Board of Directors shall enlist the League of Women Voters to collect all ballots from the USPS mailbox and to conduct, count, total, and report the election results at the annual meeting of the members.

Section 4: This resolution is effective upon passage by the HLR POA Board of Directors.

Motion:

2nd:

Yay:

Nay:

DATE:

Secretary: