



efforts to re-build the highly impacted areas as we are able; to privately chip seal the road; or to go with the idea of working toward becoming a county road.

The survey includes estimated costs and any other impact the work would have on the membership.

What is really important to remember is that we are all in this together. At this point in time, our dues average out to \$10.00 per month. You can't buy lunch for that or even one latte per week. Our dues barely cover the materials and expenses that we have. Some of us are on fixed incomes, and a dues increase may not be welcome, but we really do need to consider that the cost of materials and labor (contracted work) does not go down, nor is it fixed. That said, the labor at work parties is mostly volunteer. We see many of the same faces out there year after year, shoveling gravel. We did get a lot of good help in November, and hopefully that will continue because the folks who've been at this over the years are getting tired. There are 110 lot owners, and barring those who have physical issues, the rest of us can do our share by getting our hands dirty, too.

If the survey indicates people would like to explore options for improving the road, we will hold a special meeting to discuss each option in greater detail. At that time, we'll have a firmer handle on actual costs and how those costs would break down to each lot owner. We encourage everyone to attend that meeting with any and all questions or concerns that you have. The date and time of the meeting will be forthcoming.

There are pros and cons with each method on the survey. There is no "one size fits all", and the board values everyone's thoughts. Any assessments or votes will be in accordance with our bylaws, so saying yes on a survey just gets the discussion started. Any major changes will occur in compliance to bylaw procedures and not without proper authority from the association.