

**WHITEWATER SPRINGS POA BOARD OF
DIRECTORS AUGUST 16, 2017 MEETING**

**AGENDA ITEM X
LARGE SCALE BURNING ON
WWS LOTS**

Don Rauschuber

From: Just me <hsdb@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 11:01 AM
To: dgrwater@dgrainc.com
Subject: Re: Burns please see attached
Attachments: POA board -burn info.pages

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From: Don Rauschuber <dgrwater@dgrainc.com>
To: 'Myself' <hsdb@aol.com>
Sent: Wed, Aug 9, 2017 9:03 am
Subject: RE: Burns

I will place item on the next Board agenda.

Tks
don

-----Original Message-----

From: Myself [<mailto:hsdb@aol.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 12:14 AM
To: Don Rauschuber <dgrwater@dgrainc.com>
Subject: Burns

Don I sent an information item to the board members via the team@poa.com address. I think there is a need to discuss large scale burns in the subdivision. We have had numerous issues over the past year, or so and we have been fortunate there has not been a significant loss of property in WWS. Given our growth and how homes are starting to be built within close proximity of existing homes, it may be time for us to come up with a different plan for burning, or curtail clearing burns entirely. It is sadly obvious that the published rules on burns is not fully understood, or adhered to, but this is where we are.

As a solution for clearing burns, I will make the three following suggestions:

1. End large scale clearing burns. Instead have the property owner register with the board or Goodwin and obtain permission to transport clearing material to the community burn site. If possible our volunteers will conduct burns of that material once a month, or on an as needed basis. Since we like to have the Bertram FD on hand during burns, we charge the owner of the material \$1,000 to conduct the burn. We donate \$300 to the FD and the rest goes into the accounts of WWS. Perhaps split between the roads committee, wildlife and maintenance. I am pretty much just spit balling this idea because I can see many reasons why this might not work. But it is an idea.
2. Transport cleared materials out of WWS entirely.
3. Chip in place and spread the chips on the ground.
4. Limited the volume of trimmed materials a person can burn on their property to a pile no more that 10' in circumference and no taller than 2 feet.

We have dodged bullets in the past, but we only need to have one fire get away from a property owner and we could be looking at significant losses.

Van

Sent from my iPad

Don Rauschuber

Subject: FW: WWS August 16, 2017 Board Meeting - DRAFT AGENDA

Regarding these items:

IV. Discuss, consider and action regarding large scale burning of trees, brush and debris on Whitewater Springs Subdivision lots.

Both our Burnet County and WWS Outdoor Burning guidelines do address all of the recent concerns about burning on individual lots, but they were not followed. For example, advance permission was not requested or granted by the neighbors within 300 feet, the person responsible did not stay with the fire at all times until it was out, and the burn was too large to be completed by sunset. Now that we are growing and have homes closer together, this is more of a problem than in the past.

XII. Discuss, consider and action regarding the replacement of Whitewater Springs burned out front entrance lights.

If we completely replace the fixtures, especially the tall ones, could we please be sure they light only the area below them, are shielded, and do not shine up or out? In the past, our nearby neighbors complained about how bright our security lights were before they were shielded. I think we should do our part and not contribute to light pollution.