

## A Message from the President

Dear Association members,

I want to thank all our members who attended the August meeting. This year saw a low attendance which was unfortunate as many significant issues were reviewed by the Board, and all members' input was critical.

Your water infrastructure was significantly up-graded over the past year but the improvements have just begun. While the Board worked hard to obtain Federal or State stimulus funding, Cedar Highlands did not qualify, as the competition for funding was overwhelming. Of the possible 28 million dollars available to rural water systems there were 360 million dollars in applications. The Board will continue to seek outside funding as it is understood water is our utmost priority.

Cedar Highlands lost Mountain Valley Excavating as our snow removal and road maintenance contractor. Jeff Hunter and his team will be sorely missed. The Board is obtaining and reviewing bids and should have a contractor named for this year. The homeowners will be provided with a number if they choose to have their driveways plowed by the soon-to-be-named contractor. Once again, the homeowner must contact a contractor directly for snow plowing on their property.

At the Annual Meeting John Schmidt from the Division of Natural Resources spoke at length about the significant fire danger Cedar Highlands faces each fire season, and the need for continued work to reduce our risks. The In-Kind Matching procedures were reviewed again and can be referenced on the Website. Your hard work and vigilance needs to be continued.

The Meeting continued positively with members nodding in agreement with their volunteer Board until the issue of updating the CC&Rs point on the agenda. The CC&Rs update has been on the agenda for 3 to 4 years, being picked up and dropped repeatedly. This Board decided to bring the matter to all the members for a vote this year but decided to take it off the table because four members wanted to make additional changes on the document. It has now been tabled until the new CC&R committee presents its draft.

A discussion concerning voting, and concerns about cumulative voting ensued. Prior to the August HOA meeting, the Board read the CC&Rs, noted the 'one vote for one lot' stipulation and revised the ballot to reflect the CC&Rs. The cumulative voting allowed members to cast up to three votes for each Board position or they could throw all votes to one person only. Example - you own 10 lots and 3 board positions are open. You could vote for yourself **90 times**. This is not the intent of the CC&Rs and with a history of misuse it was discontinued. There is only one vote per person per position and per lot.

No floor nominations to the Board were made. After a vote of the members present, Manny Mosqueda and Linfod Nelson agreed to serve on the Board for another 2 years.

Until Next Year,  
John Tully