

Robeson Meadows Homeowners Association

Annual Meeting - January 27, 2026, 7 PM

Windsor Road Christian Church

Minutes

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by President Japhia Ramkumar at 7:10 p.m..

Presence of Quorum

A quorum of 166 members was present, with 21 voting members present in person and 145 via proxy. Total in-person attendance was 28 residents.

Approval of Minutes of 2025 Annual Meeting

MOTION 1: A motion was made by Tim Hopper and seconded by Hannah Yasunaga to approve the minutes of the 2025 Annual Meeting, held on January 28, 2025.

The motion to approve the minutes PASSED unanimously.

Report on 2025 Activities and Expenses & 2026 Projected Activities & Expenses

Answering many requests from residents, an online payment option was introduced to complement the existing payment by check option.

Areas east of Scottsdale have lately had drainage problems. Roots either clog or break stormwater drains. In July 2025, Japhia, Joe and Estela met with 2 engineers from the City to discuss improvement options after a first inspection done by Schoonover and another one by them. The

recommendation was to consider the repair or replacement of a section of the drain between Branch and High Meadows, taking advantage of a grant funding the City offers to residential owners.

The board has become aware of the erosion issue at the end of the swale between the big lake spillway and Duncan Road, particularly around the collection box. Unfortunately, unknown persons discarded many pieces of concrete debris that made this problem much worse since the erosion is propagating upstream, toward the lake. Marcelo García reported that an investigation of the extent of the erosion will be done (perhaps in coordination with the City), and a long-term plan will be developed.

After consulting an accountant and an attorney, the late fee structure for residents who are late in paying the mandatory Annual Maintenance Assessment was reviewed and revised according to the Illinois General Assembly (9% per annum).

During the Spring/Summer months (April to September), Solitude Lake Management monitors the health of both lakes and treats them for algae and/or weeds based on their findings. The last 2 years they reported a very low O₂ content toward the end of the season, making the lakes not viable to perform the treatments.

Four new turtle platforms were constructed and installed on both lakes. Turtles eat lake vegetation (algae, aquatic weeds), insects and already dead fish. They inexpensively eliminate things that deplete the water O₂ content.

Using recycled Christmas trees from residents, 2 new fish habitat structures were put together and installed on both lakes.

A new restocking event took place early in the Spring. Both lakes proportionally received a new stock of 155 Channel Catfish, 100 Largemouth Bass and 100 Hybrid Blue Gill.

Ludwig Brothers was again contracted to mow all the commons and the

right-of-way easements.

The whole subdivision tree inventory continued to be updated.

The Trees/Grounds team has a new member: Timothy Hooper

A new cooperation with Friends of Geese, IDNR and our resident volunteers was implemented for the 6th year in a row to humanely control the geese population. In 2025, there were 9 nests with 49 eggs rendered non-productive and therefore prevented from hatching.

Our resident volunteer, Chris Beaird, conducted the shield-construction workshop for Friends of Geese and also was heading the oiling crew within our subdivision.

The 5 entryway lights and their sensors were inspected by an electrician. Initially 2 of them were repaired (Prairie Meadow and Scottsdale), the other 3 are scheduled for January 2026.

Contribution by neighbor: After checking with the Board, Tiffany Langer installed a beautiful Little Library within her property lines on Scottsdale.

Joe Sciacca continues to manage the website and all the vital communication venues. Joe and Hannah continue to manage RMFamilies, the Facebook group for our neighborhood, with membership increasing to 145.

Hannah organized the three traditional activities: Easter Egg Hunt & Children's Treasure Swap in April, the Garage Sale in July and the Turkey Trot in November with over 50 residents and friends gathering for a 1-mile walk/run around the lakes.

Election of 2026 Board Members

MOTION 2: A motion to approve the slate of candidates for the Board was made by Tim Hopper and seconded by Mary McGrew.

The motion to approve the slate of candidates PASSED unanimously.

Approval of 2025 Proposed Budget

MOTION 3: Following a brief report on the 2026 budget by the Treasurer, a motion to approve the proposed 2026 Budget was made by Marcelo Garcia and seconded by Tim Offenstein.

The motion to approve the 2026 Budget PASSED unanimously.

Announcement of 2026 Annual Maintenance Assessment

The Chair reminded residents that the ceiling for the Annual Maintenance Assessment was raised to “not-to-exceed” \$300 at the 2024 Annual Meeting. The Chair announced that the assessment for 2026 would be set at \$250, the same as 2025. Statements were sent to residents via mail.

Member Input/Exchange

Bruce Sherrick and Tom Hodson suggested looking into the 501C tax classification to avoid paying taxes on CDs or consider a donation type of transaction. Also, a Money Market account.

Jeff Kirby suggested to the social committee to organize a walking group.

There is a plan for this coming season to offer fishing clinics.

The idea of a Neighborhood Directory was well received.

Deneen DeMarie suggested a service to welcome new residents, a welcome basket for example, and a reminder to follow the Covenants.

Maggie reported that we continue to seek suitable places to plant new trees to replace those we have lost, and that a commitment to water new trees for the first year is needed by nearby residents.

Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

*Attendance summary:

145 Members present by their proxy

21 Voting Members present in person (28 total residents in attendance)

166 Total attendance