

**AGENDA ITEM 22**

Consider installing approximately 400' of gravel road to dry fire hydrant at Down Home Ranch.

**Moved: Commissioner Boatright**

**Seconded: Commissioner Hays**

**Motion: To install approximately 400' of gravel road to dry fire hydrant at Down Home Ranch.**

**Vote: 5 - 0**

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January 5, 2004

Frankie Limmer, Commissioner  
Williamson County  
412 Vance Street  
Taylor, Texas 76574

Dear Commissioner Limmer:

Greetings from Down Home Ranch.

Last November we suffered a fire that destroyed a donated Fleetwood recreational vehicle. Several volunteer fire departments responded but it was a hot, intense fire, and there was no chance of saving the RV.

Not far from the burning RV were three 1,000 propane tanks that the firemen wanted to keep water on until the main blaze burned down, so they fairly quickly ran out of water. I told them we had a dry hydrant but as it turned out their hoses were 2" and we didn't have the right fittings. (We've already bought several bushing for future contingencies.)

However, I was reminded of the fact that getting down to the hydrant is dependent on dry land and we really need to build an all-weather road so tank trucks can get in and out even when it is wet and muddy.

I'd like to ask Williamson County to help us in building this little road. We're only talking about 300' to 400' of road, with a turn around area. The firefighters were glad to know the hydrant is here but want all-weather access (and the bushings to connect). It would be a public service not just for Down Home Ranch but also for the East Williamson County community if you and the other Commissioners could build this road.

Thanks for giving consideration to this request.

Sincerely,

Approved 1-20-04  
John C. Daughtry

To: 1/08/04

Breg Bergeron -

Breg can we assist in putting in this short piece of road - it will benefit.

Jerry Horton  
Jerry W. Horton, Ph.D., Executive Director