

**YAMHILL COUNTY**  
**ROAD IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

Thursday, March 9, 2023

PUBLIC WORKS

6:00 p.m.

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<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>
Adam Zabinski, Chair	Rocky Losli	Kit Johnston, Commissioner
Michal Wert, Vice Chair	Tony Roos	Brian Young, Emergency Manager
Jeff Brown		Mark Lago, Director
Chip Mayes		Michelle Hubbard, Secretary
Bruce Hubbard		Greg Haffner, Engineer
Ryan Webb		Capt. Sam Elliot, Sheriff's Off
Dave Hanson		Brian Young, Sheriff's Office

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**Opening of Regular Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 5:58 p.m. by Chair Adam Zabinski.

**Roll Call**

Members were present as noted above. Guests were The George Fox University (GFU) Senior Design Team.

**Approval of February Minutes**

Minutes from 02/09/23 accepted as circulated.

**Sheriff's Report**

Brian Young provided February crash and staff reports from recent weather-related incidents and road conditions.

- Due to weather, there was a significant amount of traffic crashes during the month of February.
- The Sheriff's Office was requested to provide updates where crashes were influenced by something that Public Works could fix or change with a road improvement or signage.
- NE Kings Grade Rd is washing out on the west side of the road in approx. the 22000 block.
- During ice events and snowstorms, Hopewell Rd in Polk County becomes a severe traffic hazard requiring the Sheriff to block off Hopewell Rd at Lafayette Hwy in Hopewell. Requesting that the County provide two barricades at the Hopewell access points off Lafayette Hwy for severe weather events. The fire station may permit storing the barricades there.

**New Business**

- The GFU Senior Design Team presented their designs and Cost Estimate Reports for three Intersection Evaluations: Cruickshank Rd at Hwy 233, Stringtown Rd at Hwy 233, and Red Hills Rd at Hwy 240. They also looked at a combination improvement for Cruickshank and Stringtown Roads on Hwy 233. The team will take all feedback to update designs and cost estimates. At the end of April, the team will deliver to the county a 15% design package including cost estimates and intersection design reports.

**Commissioner's Report**

None.

## **Director's Report**

- Kevin Flood is no longer acting as Vegetation Management Coordinator. Public Works has contracted with Gary Aklin who does a lot of our roadside spraying, and he is working with Susan on routes, maps, and GIS to spray for Italian Thistle. Currently waiting on weather conditions to start spraying.
- The Vegetation Management Supervisor position is currently open for applications. The listing closes March 23<sup>rd</sup> with interviews to follow. Michal offered to send out an email to potentially interested groups/individuals who might be interested.
- Commissioner Johnston offered help on suppliers for spray chemicals.
- Public Works received seven bid packages on March 8<sup>th</sup> for the 2023-2024 overlay project of approx. 15.5 miles of paving. North Santiam Paving won the bid at \$2.6 million. Kerr Contracting came in highest at \$3.26 million. The winning bid will be presented to the BOC next week, with a start date of possibly May 15<sup>th</sup>. This project will include paving Deer Creek Park Rd.
- Sealed bids for the 2023 Albertson Rd Pavement Repairs project will be opened on March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Next month we will be submitting a Call for Bids for chip seal projects.
- Captain Elliot updated the committee that he and Mark have been working together to get the "Your Speed" radar trailer fixed so we have two within the county.
- Director informed committee that Public Works received four solar powered speed signs and wanted the committee's suggestions on where to place the signs. Commissioner Johnston suggested McDougal Rd. Captain Elliot suggested North Valley Rd, Kuehne Rd, Stoller Rd. The signs will have a lock to keep them secure but removable.
- Mark reported that the bad weather conditions were not too bad, the hillsides were the worst. Some crew came in early on normal workdays and one weekend. Captain Elliot provided insight on the minimal number of crashes during these weather events. The County developed a map so that crews are more efficient in plowing through and secondary roads.

## **Unfinished Business**

- Transportation System Plan update
  - Freight Routes update – The committee was provided the Yamhill County Weight Restricted Bridges and Approved Route List that was last updated in 2019. Michelle informed committee that she is working with staff to update this list to current restrictions and will request ODOT to post updated list.
  - County Roads within City Limits – Mark will contact Doug Rucks, Ken Friday and Russ Thomas
  - Crash reports
  - Bike routes
  - Public Works will consider doing traffic counts over the next two years in anticipation of having that data available for the TSP update.

## **Next Month Proposed Agenda**

- Transportation System Plan update
  - Crash reports
  - Bike routes
  - County Roads within City Limits – Map & GIS list
  - Freight Routes update

## **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m. on a motion by Dave, seconded, carried. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on April 13, 2023, in the Public Works building.