

**YAMHILL COUNTY  
ROAD IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

Thursday, April 14, 2022

PUBLIC WORKS ZOOM

6:00 PM

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<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>
Rocky Losli Bruce Hubbard Jeff Brown  Michal Wert Tony Roos Bruce Hubbard Dave Hanson Gordon Cook	Adam Zabinski	Casey Kulla, Commissioner Catherine Lindberg, Recording Secretary Greg Haffner, Engineering Manager Tara Williams, incoming Office Manager

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**Opening of Regular Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair, Gordon Cook.

**Roll Call**

Members were present as noted above. Guests were Public Works Engineering Intern Megan Clausen, Caleb Cox (advisor to GFU Sr. Design Team), and team members, Mark Giese, Alex Gonzalez, Nickolas Schier, and William Byrd.

**Approval of December Minutes**

Minutes accepted as circulated.

**Sheriff's Report**

None.

**Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Kulla said the BOC appreciated the RIAC presentation made by Gordon Cook and Adam Zabinski.

**Director's Report**

- Tara Williams was introduced as the department's new Office Manager. Tara has a Bachelor's Degree in Business and Accounting, and has worked in the department for three years as an accounting clerk.
- Greg Haffner, for Director Lago, updated the committee on the Deer Creek Park project, telling them the grant has been obtained, the design is going well and no permits have yet been secured. He advised that the 65 ft. pedestrian bridge salvaged from the bridge reconstruction on Old Sheridan will be installed in Deer Creek Park and the call for bids will push the completion date beyond September in order to achieve more favorable bids.
- It has been determined that the department's chip seal project will have to be cut down from 23 centerline miles (46 lane miles) to 19 centerline miles due to rising costs of oil and lack of available crushed rock. Crushed rock will be purchased from Corvallis for a late August construction start.
- The department is going to utilize a bridge consultant to prioritize bridge capital projects to focus spending on major maintenance to extend life of bridges.

- In considering next phase bypass design, there is interest in severing the connection across 99W from Crestview Greens to Benjamin Rd. in Newberg. The decision will be up to ODOT.
- Michal Wert informed that the Roadside Vegetation Committee will meet in a few weeks to update the Technical Advisory Committee policy.

### **New Business**

GFU Sr. Design Team presented its final design suggestions and conclusions for the Webfoot Rd and Stringtown intersection and Bell Rd and Springbrook intersection. See attached Power Point.

### **Unfinished Business**

### **Additional Items**

### **Next Month Proposed Agenda**

- Carried over: How to promote and get attention about our native plant beds in front of the PW building. The committee discussed that the News Register could do an article--interviewing Vegetation Management Coordinator, Andrea Vallejo, about our vegetation endeavors and the bee project. Director Lago recently had a department Facebook page established as a means of providing information to the public regarding road conditions and mentioned the department can publicize vegetation matters there as well.
- Carried over: RIAC appointment. Invite Charles May for an interview.
- Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) grants.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m. on motion by Dave Hanson, seconded, carried. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. May 12, 2022, in the Public Works building.