

**YAMHILL COUNTY
ROAD IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

PUBLIC WORKS

6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF PRESENT
Jeff Brown	Michal Wert	Casey Kulla, Commissioner
Gordon Cook	Tony Roos	Mark Lago, Director
Dave Hanson		Tara Williams, Recording Secretary
Bruce Hubbard		
Rocky Losli		
Adam Zabinski		

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. Chip Mayes attended as a guest.

Approval of April Minutes

Minutes accepted as circulated.

Sheriff's Report

None.

Commissioner's Report

None.

Director's Report

- Mark provided an update on the request to reduce speeds at Albertson, Bald Peak, North Valley, and Bell Roads. Ryan at ODOT stated the analysis may not go as we hoped because, after a quick review, he believes they would only be able to post 50 MPH signs which might encourage people to drive faster. After a decision is made, Public Works could file an appeal with the Speed Zone Review Panel. Mark is going to check the regulations for corner signs to see if they are enforceable and will readdress the speed studies at next month's meeting.

New Business

- Chip Mayes was interviewed by the committee to fill the current vacancy. Chip works for PGE, serves on the Dundee Rural Fire Board, and has lived in Yamhill County his entire life. He has watched our rural roads turn from primarily agricultural use to "expressways". He is passionate about doing what he can to make our roads safe.
- Rocky has been working to find a good contact at ODOT to address several of the committee's concerns. He has been in contact with an ODOT engineer located in McMinnville regarding road signs for Highway 240. There is a regulation that requires signs where there is an intersecting road ahead, but Highway 240 only has two of these signs. ODOT has been reluctant to address these concerns stating there is limited funding available. Rocky plans on speaking to a manager regarding his concerns and will provide an update at next month's meeting.

- Several of the committee members brought up their concerns about Dopp Rd and how parents line up along the side of the road during student pick up at Ewing Young Elementary School. During student pick-up, there is only one lane of travel because so many parents are in line waiting to pick up their children. Mark is going to call the principal to see what other parking options parents can utilize vs. parking alongside the road blocking traffic.

Unfinished Business

Additional Items

- Casey provided an update on the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) and stated we have applied for funding to replace East Creek Bridge.
- Mark provided several personnel updates as follows:
 - Andrea Vallejo, our Vegetation Management Coordinator, accepted a job in Corvallis and Kevin Flood will be serving as the interim Vegetation Management Coordinator.
 - Russ Heath is planning on retiring in August.
 - Greg Haffner attended the Planning Commission meeting in Newberg regarding Benjamin at Highway 99.
 - Road crew employees are now being offered overtime to work on Fridays so we can get caught up on vegetation management.
- Mark and Steve Sims opened the call for bids for rock, contract hauling, and sweeping. They will be evaluating them and sending them out.
- Mark sent in several requests to the Board of Commissioners for their meeting on 5/19/22. Items included the request for multiway stops at Bald Peak intersections Albertson and Kings Grade, the Intent to Award for 2022 Chip Seal project, and the purchase of bridge beams for the Deer Creek Park Bridge replacement project.
- Mark provided an update on the reconstruction of Albertson and informed the committee the project will have to be postponed due to increasing costs. We had budgeted one million for the entire project, but with rising costs, the asphalt alone would have been one million. We are planning on opening bids in January to attract better pricing.
- Mark provided an update on our 2022 Chip Seal project. Knife River will now be providing the rock and we will no longer have to purchase it in Corvallis, saving us \$125,000 in trucking. Mark will be providing a list of our Chip Seal roads to the committee.
- Tami Garvey has been assigned to inventory our culverts and is adding that inventory to our GIS system.

Next Month Proposed Agenda

- ODOT traffic study update – Director’s Report
- Carried over: tour of PW landscaping – Jeanie Taylor
- 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: Roadside Vegetation TAC committee policy update – Michal

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on motion by Adam Zabinsky, seconded, carried. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. June 9, 2022, in the Public Works building.