

**YAMHILL COUNTY  
ROAD IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

Thursday, January 13, 2022  
PUBLIC WORKS ZOOM  
6:00 PM

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<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>
Gordon Cook, Chair Bruce Hubbard Adam Zabinski Rocky Losli	Dave Hanson Bruce Hubbard	Mark Lago, Director Casey Kulla, Commissioner Catherine Lindberg, Recording Secretary
Michal Wert Tony Roos Jeff Brown		

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**Opening of Regular Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair Gordon Cook.

**Roll Call**

Members were present as noted above. Guest, Phil Higgins.

**Approval of December Minutes**

Minutes accepted as circulated.

**Sheriff's Report**

Via email, Captain Bowdle submitted a report on road safety concerns expressed by traffic and patrol deputies and sergeants. (See attached.) Member Michal Wert asked if, at the next meeting, Capt. Bowdle might recommend solutions to the problems identified.

**Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Kulla complimented the ongoing bridge work and stated he'd been in contact with ODOT regarding small bridge funding and lighting of intersections and crosswalks.

**Director's Report**

- PW Engineer and Director had a "kick-off" construction design meeting with David Evans Associates, which included physically inspecting the Deer Creek Park bridge. The project may require state permits and fish passage compliance, but there should be no need for federal permits since there won't be in-water work. The pedestrian bridge salvaged from the Old Sheridan Rd redesign will be used for foot traffic until the new bridge, which is expected to be increased from 55 ft. to 75 ft., is completed by October of this year.
- COSSD received a \$75K ARPA grant to develop a Master Plan for improving the sanitary sewer system. A second application for the actual construction wasn't approved. There was discussion about whether the system could be turned back over to the residents, and the fact that ground water in the sewer effluent is what causes the overflow and consequent DEQ violations.
- The department hired three new Utility positions and has two HEO openings.

### **Unfinished Business**

Rocky Losli renewed his concerns about the intersection at Highway 240 and Red Hills, asking if RIAC should push ODOT to do more to improve safety than mow the roadside weeds. Rocky said he would discuss the matter with ODOT 2 Director.

### **New Business**

- 2022-23 CIP list. (See attached.) Ms. Wert moved that RIAC recommend approval of the Director's FY 2022/23 list to the BOC. Seconded, carried.
- RIAC Annual Report drafted by Ms. Wert was reviewed. Tony Roos moved that the report be approved. Seconded, carried. The report will be presented to the BOC as usual.
- Discussion about reducing the Private Maintenance Agreement cost. Michal Wert moved that the fee be reduced from \$80 to \$55. Seconded, carried.

### **Additional Items**

Director Lago initiated a discussion about the vacancy on the RIAC and what should be done about member Dave Hanson having more unexcused absences than the Bylaws permit to retain membership. Michal Wert expressed concerns about the member's health and said she would talk with him.

### **Next Month Proposed Agenda**

RIAC appointments.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m. on motion by Adam Zabinski, seconded, carried. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. February 10, 2022 in the Public Works building, via Zoom meeting.