

**YAMHILL COUNTY
ROAD IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

Thursday, December 8, 2022

PUBLIC WORKS

6:00 p.m.

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

Opening of Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice Chair, Adam Zabinski.

Roll Call

Members were present as noted above. Chad Krueger attended as a guest.

Approval of April Minutes

Minutes from 11/09/22 accepted as circulated.

Sheriff's Report

None.

Commissioner's Report

- Casey thanked the members for their commitment to the committee and commented on how they are the most dedicated members of any committee he has been the liaison for.

Director's Report

- Mark informed the committee Jeff Brown, Rocky Losli, and Dave Hanson's reappointments were approved by the BOC.
- Mark reminded the committee of the open vacancy and encouraged members to reach out to people who may be interested.
- Mark provided an update on Deer Creek Park Bridge stating construction is on track to finish this month.
- Mark shared with the committee our recent staffing changes including a new Utility Worker and Fleet Specialist. He also shared he is still working on creating a new position for a Vegetation Supervisor to oversee the TMDL requirements.
- Mark informed the committee the Blue Sign program is still generating revenue, even though the price of the signs was reduced by 50%. Mark was reminded that the program is intended to be revenue/cost neutral and that fees should reflect actual costs of installing and maintaining signs.

New Business

- The committee held an election for officers effective 01/01/23 – 12/31/24. Michal nominated Adam as Chair, seconded, carried. Tony nominated Michal as Vice Chair, seconded, carried.
- Mark presented the CIP budget proposal for fiscal year 2023 – 2024 (see attached PowerPoint). Bruce motioned to support the budget proposal, seconded, carried.

- Michal provided an update on the Public Works native plant garden. Overall, the gardens are in good shape. There is a challenge of keeping weeds out, but Phoenix Habitats has been educated on which weeds to look out for. The plants will need to be watched in the summer months for watering needs. Some name tags will need to be removed, relocated, or replaced. Certain plants were moved due to crowding, seeds were planted in bare areas, and volunteers will work on pruning the shrubs and trees.

Unfinished Business

- Michal brought to the committee's attention on 06/09/22 that there is a black SUV that parks on Mt. Top Rd and appears to be engaging in illegal activities. The location they park is County property and it was recommended PW install some sort of physical barrier to prevent anyone from parking there. Mark will contact the Sheriff's Office for more information.
- Mark talked to the principal at Ewing Young Elementary School about parents lining up on Dopp Rd to pick up their children from school. The principal is aware of the issue and understands there is about a 15-minute window where cars line up on the side of the road. Mark believes we may have enough room on the shoulder to create some sort of loop for parents and will investigate the option further.

Public Comment

- Chad Krueger presented three reasons the county should finish paving Yamhill Rd (see attached PDF). Chad's three major are as follows:
 1. The bike path project has been canceled and Highway 47 is not bike-friendly. Yamhill Rd would be a better route for bicyclists if it was paved.
 2. If Yamhill Rd was paved, it could ease traffic through downtown Carlton because locals could take Yamhill Rd to bypass Carlton if they are heading north on Highway 47.
 3. The left turn onto Highway 47 from Fryer Rd is dangerous. If Yamhill Rd was paved, the traffic turning left onto Highway 47 from Fryer Rd could take Yamhill Rd to get to Carlton.

Additional Items

Next Month Proposed Agenda

- RIAC bylaws
- Existing County Road Designations
- Cooperative Road Improvement Program (CRIP) application follow-up
- Discuss ODOT speed settings and interpretations
- Review of Gravel Road Upgrade Policy

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m. on a motion by Michal, seconded, carried. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on January 12, 2023, in the Public Works building.