

**YAMHILL COUNTY  
ROAD IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

Thursday, February 11, 2021  
PUBLIC WORKS CONFERENCE ROOM  
6:00 PM

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

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**Opening of Regular Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chair, Gordon Cook.

**Roll Call**

Members were present as noted above. Zoom guests attending: Patricia Farrell, Shanna Miller, Marianne Paul, Tierney Ferguson.

**Approval of November Minutes**

Approved as circulated.

**Sheriff's Report**

None.

**Guests Appearances**

- Patricia Farrell and Shanna Miller live on the gravel part of Dopp Rd and want it paved. Advised it was a "local road" (low priority for paving), and the CRIP program was explained to them. The guests said they pay \$18K annually to oil the 1.5 miles of Dopp between Calkins and Tykeson and couldn't afford the paving costs. In the alternative, they requested a dust abatement program by the county, better maintenance of gravel distribution, and to transfer to cities the responsibility for roads annexed by cities, to free up funding for county roads.
- Marianne Paul lives on Schaad between Old Parrett Mountain and Corral Creek and spoke of how traffic pushes gravel from Schaad onto the intersection with Corral Creek, causing a hazard. Paul said her road is surrounded by paved roads and inquired why a .6 mile road wasn't paved.
- Director Lago explained he is crafting a program for better redesign of gravel roads and for dust abatement in the next fiscal year, if possible. Ms. Farrell asked that roads with houses closest to the road be treated first.

**Commissioner's Report**

- Department liaison, Casey Kulla, reported that he has had constituents inquire about an "Adopt-A-Highway" program. Public Works already runs such a defacto program, but it doesn't include fabrication of signs acknowledging the residents pick up the trash at certain locations. The department provides bags, grabbers and safety vests and retrieves bags when notified by residents.
- COVID19 vaccine registration is now available.

## **Director's Report**

- The failure of the Board of Commissioners (BOC) to support the Yamhales trail means that grants extended to the county for completion of the trail have to be repaid to ODOT. Though the trail wasn't a Public Works project, the easiest way for ODOT to recover its investment is to withhold money paid to Public Works (the "county") via gas taxes and federal contributions to transportation development. The result could be a loss of revenue to Public Works of roughly \$900K.
- The county is preparing for the forecast impending snow and ice event by scheduling split shifts beginning this evening.

## **Unfinished Business**

- Discussion of the "ten worst intersection" lists created by Steve Sims and Roy Panschow began and was continued to next month for photographs.

## **New Business**

- There was discussion that the fees generated by the "blue sign kiosk" policy might need to be reduced as the department has determined there are no longer clusters of signs at locations where kiosks can be installed. Because there are kiosks with blank signs, it was suggested to add a contact number to each kiosk.
- Motion by Michal Wert to recommend to the BOC to reduce the annual fee from \$50 to \$25, to be reviewed annually to determine if an increase is needed. Motion seconded and carried.
- ROW issues: whether to allow intrusions into the ROW on "temporary" permitted basis, with permittee-resident understanding the impediment would be removed if the department needs that area for road expansion or otherwise determines it is an obstruction. The resident would have to pay to prove their impediment (e.g., trees in ditch on Albertson) isn't in the ROW. The committee agrees there should not be a carte blanche clearing of impediments, but to focus on those which create a safety hazard.
- The question of county responsibility for driveway culverts arose again and the issue is consistently the same: there will be delayed and variable maintenance if the county doesn't continue to take responsibility.
- Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments is going to work with Public Works to devise a mobile app with locations of protected and special maintenance zone species for the roadside vegetation interns. This will also assist with mowing and spraying around protected areas.
- The North Valley CIP is in the survey stage.
- The native plant population in the triangle between Abbey, Kuehne and Hendricks will be inventoried to assess what is needed for a maintenance plan.

## **Additional Items**

None.

## **Next Month Proposed Agenda**

Ten worst intersections

New members

Dust abatement criteria

## **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. on motion by Michal Wert; seconded, carried. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. March 11, 2021 in the Public Works Conference Room, by Zoom.