

**YAMHILL COUNTY
ROAD IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

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

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

Opening of Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Vice Chair, Adam Zabinski.

Roll Call

Members were present as noted above.

Approval of November Minutes

Approved as circulated.

Sheriff's Report

None.

Guests Appearances

George Fox University Senior Design Team of Tyler Slothower, Zach Barbarick and Jake Lyver appeared by Zoom to present the second phase of the 2021 project of redesigning two intersections, Willamina @ Tindle Creek and Mineral Springs @ Gun Club, with a recommended T-intersection to improve sight distance issues. The estimates provided were for materials only, though the team will continue to research to add costs such as ROW acquisition, labor, etc. They will also do a 3D projection for the final presentation in April.

Commissioner's Report

- Department liaison, Casey Kulla, reported the Transit Department (for which he is also liaison) is looking for funding opportunities to become independent.
- There is ongoing discussion about the next phase of the Newberg/Dundee bypass, the hope being that it doesn't greatly impact Public Works revenue (with an obligation like the first phase).
- COVID19 vaccine registration is now more widely available in Yamhill County.
- Now that the Yamhales trail has been aborted by the county, the property at Stag Hollow Creek must be replanted to prevent erosion that is incidental to the bridge installation. The Chehalem Parks and Rec District is interested in trying to take over the bridge grants to further develop the trail corridor.

Director's Report

- In February, the Roadside Vegetation Management Technical Advisory Committee (RIAC subcommittee) met for the first time in six months. Continuing collaborations between the committee and the Yamhill County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Greater Yamhill Watershed Council will focus on controlling and spraying Italian Thistle and Garlic Mustard. Luke Westphal is seeking funding from the state weed board.

The intersection of Dupee Valley at Eagle Point has been designated for a native plant demonstration project. Established milkweed populations have been identified on Peavine, Old Sheridan, Bailey and Latham roads. There are plans to disseminate literature for public education.

Ditch and shoulder reclamation (widening roads) were discussed and supported by the committee.

- The department is still cleaning up after the historic January ice storm that left debris scattered on roads all across the county. Ditch and culvert cleaning/reclamation will resume once the debris is cleared.
- Blue sign fee reduction was approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Unfinished Business

- Dewey Corners kiosk on Albertson is progressing with survey description having been done for the deed to be drafted by County Counsel.
- Discussion and Power Point presentation of the “ten worst intersection” as improved by vegetation control:
Baker Creek @ High Heaven
Bell @ Springbrook (and Bell @ Zimri)
Corral Creek @ Parrett Mountain
Corral Creek @ Renne
Eola Hills @ Skyline
Fox Farm @ Hidden Springs
McDougall @ Highway 99
Quarry @ Highway 99
Russell Creek @ Highway 47
Cherry @ Highway 99
Chehalem @ North Valley was also improved by cutting back the blackberry bushes.

New Business

- There are three applicants for the position vacated by John Mercier. Marvin Bernards, Marianne Paul, and Philip Higgins will be invited to the next RIAC meeting.
- Director Lago surveyed all 36 Oregon counties regarding what dust abatement measures they implemented. He learned that only six counties have any form of program at all, with two paying 100% of the application, and the other four requiring residents to pay, but the Public Works departments prep the road (grade) and apply the “product.” Director Lago’s calculation is that it would cost the department \$5280/mile to apply oil. A percentage split plus criteria for application would need to be established. Issues to take into consideration include ADT, how many houses on each road and how close to the road the houses are.

Additional Items

None.

Next Month Proposed Agenda

Potential new members attendance

Dust abatement update

GFU Sr. Design Team final presentation

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. on motion by Dave Hanson; seconded, carried. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. April 8, 2021 in the Public Works Shop.