

**YAMHILL COUNTY  
ROAD IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

Thursday, April 8, 2021

PUBLIC WORKS SHOP

6:00 PM

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

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**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. Guests included the GFU Senior Design Team members Tyler Slothower, Jake Lyver and Zach Barbarick. Also, Philip Higgins, Marvin Bernards and Marianne Paul.

**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 presented the final visual of their proposed redesign of two county intersections, Mineral Springs @ Gun Club and Willamina Creek @ Tindle Creek. They will submit a written summary before they graduate (attached). Power Point attached. The committee was impressed with the students' work.
- Applicants for the vacant membership seat attended to express their reasons for interest in being a part of RIAC. Marvin Bernards said that while he has no background in roads per se, he wants to get involved in the community and get to know those involved in making decision in the county, whether on RIAC or some other committee. Marianne Paul is a 27-year resident of Yamhill County and also stated she wanted to get more involved in the community by serving on RIAC or some other committee. Philip Higgins is a life-long Yamhill County resident, a GFU alumnus, very active in civic organizations, is interested in economic development relative to roads, and reminded the committee he has applied and interviewed several times to join RIAC.

**Commissioner's Report**

- Commissioner Kulla said the Community Project Funding Request has been withdrawn. He will send the committee his list of constituent transportation location concerns (attached), and expressed his interest in pursuing funds from the American Rescue Plan.

**Director's Report**

- Dewey Corners kiosk on Albertson will be installed soon. The right-of-way survey has been completed and the easement has been signed by the landowner.

- The railroad crossing at Briedwell will be upgraded with concrete stringers obtained for \$29,000 via a sole source cooperative contract with P&W Railroad. If PW had completed the repair by going out for bids, it would have been closer to a \$160,000 expenditure.
- PW sent out letters to residents of Old Sheridan Rd, Latham Rd, Bayley Rd and Peavine to identify locations of milkweed plants which attract Monarch butterflies. Signs will be erected next week in hopes of encouraging residents not to spray or mow.
- The collaborative native plant landscaping at the Public Works building was explained to guests. The county was commended for this program which has included inventorying all native and invasive plants on all county roads over the past few years.
- Discussion of proposing progressive design-build contracts for bridge repair in an effort to expedite the design and build process. It would consist of an engineer and contractor team chosen by RFP based on value engineering (not price). Then proposing a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) at 90% design which eliminates most change orders. This approach has not previously been tried by Public Works, and Director Lago is discussing with County Counsel that the first potential utilization might be with the Deer Creek Park bridge project.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Dust Abatement: The \$200K originally set aside for a dust abatement program (which, after cost and mileage research, was determined to be minimal compared to potential need) will have to be utilized to rebuild the sub-base, and repave, Albertson Rd this fiscal year. Director Lago is interested in employing full depth reclamation (FDR), which also hasn't been done in Yamhill County before. This requires a GeoTech engineering analysis via a core sample to determine subbase and soil properties of the area prior to commencing work. Then a certain depth of asphalt, gravel, and dirt if ground/tilled, cement is added, and retiled, then graded or rolled, followed by paving the same day, or next, before the concrete is set. This process can be cost-saving and produce a more durable road.

### **New Business**

### **Additional Items**

### **Next Month Proposed Agenda**

Revisit priority list from 2020  
 Roadside vegetation update  
 Railroad repair update  
 Weekly work task example  
 Selection of new committee member

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. on motion by Adam Zabinski; seconded, carried. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. May 13, 2021 in the Public Works building unless notified otherwise.