

**YAMHILL COUNTY  
ROAD IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

Thursday, September 9, 2021

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	Dave Hanson Rocky Losli Jeff Brown	Mark Lago, Director Casey Kulla, Commissioner
Michal Wert Adam Zabinski	Tony Roos	Catherine Lindberg, Recording Secretary

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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. Guests Philip Higgins, Susan Aldrich-Markham and new Public Works Vegetation Manager, Andrea Vallejo, attended.

**Approval of July Minutes**

Postponed due to lack of quorum.

**Sheriff's Report**

None. Director sent email to Sheriff.

**Commissioner's Report**

- Commissioner Kulla stated that the COVID pandemic is “raging” in the county.

**Director's Report**

- 20 miles of chip seal and 11.4 miles of overlay, with shoulders and striping, have been completed. The overlays came in at \$100K below budget, even though paving was performed at night (increasing cost) to avoid congestion caused by concurrent ODOT paving in the area. Albertson will be scheduled for full depth reclamation due to need for base repairs and will probably end up being 1-2% over budget.
- The department added DeJong to this year's chip seal list (a \$29K change order increase) since there was leftover rock. This action expedited the road from next year's list.
- The Director and Engineering Manager met with Kittleson today to plan the virtual open house for the North Valley Rd improvement.
- The department has received lots of positive feedback regarding the Athey ditching performed this summer. To continue this progress, a 2018 Athey/Leeboy has been purchased and will be transported from PA.
- A bucket truck and chipper has been ordered so the department can clear overhanging tree branches up to 18 ft.
- Steve Kindel, 20-year vegetation manager coordinator, is retiring in October. Andrea Vallejo, who has been a roadside vegetation intern for two years and has extensive GIS experience, was chosen after interviews to fill that position.

- Meadow Lake, which was on the 2023 list for improvement, will be overlaid this year in collaboration with the City of Carlton's water line installation project. Public Works asked the Board of Commissioners to approve an IGA with Carlton to pave the entire road, instead of the one lane Carlton had planned to pave. The Department will save \$160K by doing it now in conjunction with the repair Carlton is doing.
- Meeting of the Habitat Conservation Implementation Committee. See attached Minutes.
- Informal quotes were solicited from three engineering groups to draft the Mercury TMDL plan for Yamhill County. Two firms responded. The lowest proposal will cost \$70K. The department will be able to direct-appoint the proposer for the plan, which must be submitted by September of 2022.
- Two solar powered 'Your speed is' signs have been ordered. The first location will be on Bell Rd where there have been complaints of speeding since it was paved. The Director is contemplating asking ODOT for a speed study with the objective of lowering the speed limit on Bell, Albertson, Bald Peak and North Valley.

### **New Business**

- See attached GIS Roadside Vegetation Inventory PowerPoint slides of presentation by Andrea Vallejo and Susan Aldrich-Markham.

### **Additional Items**

- None.

### **Next Month Proposed Agenda**

Nothing proposed.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on motion by Michal Wert, seconded, carried. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. November 10, 2021 in the Public Works building unless notified otherwise of a Zoom meeting.