

Morrow County Road Committee Minutes

November 27, 2017

Call to order 10:05 a.m. in the morning at the Bartholomew Building, 101 Court St, Heppner, OR 97836

Attending: Burke O'Brien, Director; Sandi Pointer, PW Management Assistant; Matt Scrivner, Assistant Road Master; Jerry Myers, Road Comm. Member; Joe McElligott, Road Comm. Member; Greg Barron, Road Committee Member; Melissa Lindsay, MC Commissioner; Don Russell, MC Commissioner; Cam Sweeney, Road Comm. Member; Frank Osmin; Road Comm. Member, Aaron Palmquist; John Vandenberg, Road Comm. Member; Carla McLane, MC Planning Director; Kim Cutsforth, Interim County Administrator; Darrell Green, County Administrator; Kate Knop, MC Finance Director and Ralph Morter.

O'Brien welcomes everyone, five members are present. Introductions around the room.

Review of the May 1, 2017 minutes. Joe McElligott Moves to approve the meeting minutes, Frank Osmin seconds the motion and motion stands, unanimous approval.

Mr. O'Brien informs all he will be retiring at the end of the week, Explains that the Road Committee has been a very valuable thing for the County. Keeping in mind the Transportation plan and following recommendation set forth from committee, working with the budget committee and Road Department. Matt Scrivner Assistant Road Master had been awarded the position of Director/Road Master. Informing all currently looking for Assistant Road Master's replacement.

Mr. Obrien mentions to all the purpose of the meeting, work completed on the 2017/2018 budget year project list. Matt Scrivner gives all a handout (**included**) which gives the breakdown of what was done, Wilson/ Laurel intersection rebuild, Pole line road paver patching, Lone-Gooseberry paver patching, Ella Road paver patch, Baker Lane blade patching, Lexington yard / Tom Street work, Misc. Paver and blade patching projects took place, which included Baseline, Brenner Canyon, Liberty school, Social Ridge, 8th street, Irrigon and little butter creek road. Morrow County crew members put out 9,098 tons of asphalt so far for the year. With the continued page is the TSP (Transportation System Plan) listing of the projects listed for the year and can see the projects have been completed, still will continue to finish in the spring of 2018. Explaining the request for contractors to do some work, contracting with Pioneer Construction doing the roads. Division, Patterson Ferry, West Main and Various Irrigon roads the County with the Contractor put out a total of 21,000 tons of mix to get these projects completed. Referring to the handout the projects are getting completed as directed. A lot of this will determine what winter brings, Mr. Scrivner mentions. Discussion on different troubled areas to be aware of. Scrivner gives a little comparison from last year at 14,000 tons he claims this of the 21,000 tons it was a busy year. Continued discussion for the 2018 year is the lone-Boardman paving 5.9 miles, Homestead 5 miles and various paver patching for chip seals.

Joe McElligott asks about the traffic that has picked up on Homestead, speed and traffic on Pole line section discussion on solutions took place. Cam Sweeney asks about which portion of Kunze is being worked on referring from the TSP 2019 year, Scrivner mentions it is the west end some minor things need to be completed. On the Projected 2019 list of projects Patterson Ferry, Columbia and Wilson will be on these for Chip seal work.

Jerry Meyer mentions the work done on the Pine City Little butter creek bridge that they did a nice job, he was happy it was done.

Mr. Obrien discusses that is funding is available that they will continue on down the plan and get the needed projects completed.

Discussion continued about culvert work which Crum Rd., Strawberry Ln. and various roads that have drainage and intersection issues. Mr. Scrivner explains some of these projects along with signage issues and what needs to take place for a safe roadway.

Mr. Obrien Introduction to updating the Bylaws for the Morrow County road Committee, Mr. Obrien wants to take this to the Board of Commissioners and wanted to get the input of the Road Committee before doing so, a draft was passed out and all overlooked, all agreed to continue with this direction with the correction on **Coordination with Morrow County Planning Department:** Carla Mclane Planning Director wished to change a few items. To be read as. 1. Land use requirements shall be coordinated with the planning Dept. The Road Committee shall also function only in an advisory capacity for recommendations forwarded to the Planning Commission. Clarification on the Staffing section #4, a spokesperson will be appointed, Mr. O'Brien mentions that Brian Thompson was instrumental at a previous meeting to go forth to the budget committee, so he would stay as spokesman for now. Discussion on the alternates and getting those on board, Mrs. Pointer explained after adoption of the Bylaws, putting out the advertisement requesting alternates for the particular areas and also including the current appointment replacing this expired appointments. With correction being made all Road Committee members agree to present this draft to the BOC for adoption.

Greg Barren Moves to approve the Draft bylaws to be taken to the BOC and Cam Sweeney seconds the motion the motion stands with corrections from planning dept. with unanimous approval.

Setting up another meeting for a possible date end of April Mr. Scrivner already knows what needs to be requested with the five year plan. Kate Knop mentions a long range meeting February 10, 2018 that will include the SIP (strategic Investment plant) moneys that goes to the County. This would be beneficial if a member could be present for this, Cam Sweeney was requested to attend this if possible. Mrs. Pointer will send out a reminder to all Road Committee members when a date and time is reached.

Mr. Russell mentions about the funding package of the State's transportation package, Changes a little how smaller (Less population, more miles of road Co) Counties. Morrow County benefits greatly with these funds. The new formula smaller Counties almost get twice as much from the vehicle registration fees and gas tax. Explaining can't use the property tax on roads restricted by State legislation. Mr. Russell claims, Mr. O'Brien was very instrumental in getting this formula changed and it worked out. Mr. Scrivner mentions that the County has been fortunate to have the SIP dollars help with some of the road system. It is much appreciated. Mr. O'Brien mentions it has been 18 years to get this legislation changed in the favor of the smaller Counties. Getting the formula redistributed to the Counties that need it most. Mr. O'Brien mentions that all County commissioners had been very instrumental in completing this task. Discussion continued on funding and availability.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for April 24, 2018 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned 11:10 a.m.