

Road Advisory meeting

August 4, 2021

Meeting was opened at 2:05

Minutes from July 7th were approved. Ed Allen approved Steve Hull 2nd

Unanimous approval

Jeff McFadden gave a construction update. Zena Creek bridge is complete. Old State Highway repaving will begin on August 30th. Granite Construction will complete

W. Lakefork construction is scheduled to be started

West mtn Rd had 1 mile improved

It was recommended to put an ad in the paper about all projects that have been completed this year. Also that all road work be updated on the Rd Department website

Jeff stated Johnson Creek was to get bladed on 8/5/21

Jeff gave a report on traffic numbers. There have been 18000 vehicles at the fishing bridge per week. This averages 2571 per day

He stated the S bridge needs to be replaced and straightened after numerous accidents. The approximate costs are \$6 million.

He let the board know that Black Hawk 5 subdivision is upgrading a section of road to their new phase of the development.

It was asked if the P&Z department has a road checklist for review before approval. No they do not. Jeff is to review all plats before approval to look for needed upgrades to existing roads.

Patches on Farm to Market Rd will be completed the week of 8/9/21 if Jeff can find some asphalt to patch with. There are currently no plants functioning in the Valley. He has to go to Boise for material.

2022 priorities are: Heinrich Ln, Spring Valley, Farm to Market chip seal and Lake Shore rebuild.

The 2022 budget was discussed. The Rd Advisory board will make a recommendation to the Commissioners to take foregone and give a portion to the Rd Department to stabilize their general funding.

FRTA rds were discussed. **Currently 290 miles are FRTA**

Will Perry was on a remote call. Funding opportunities were discussed with the Forest Service. Will stated that if FRTA was turned back to the USFS they would only get graded every other year at best. All FRTA roads go to the blue line for funding so the County receives approximately \$2200 per mile. Other sources of USFS funding are the Nez Perce tribe funds, Bonneville funding, FLIT grants, Federal

Lands Transfer Program. These are for major roads such as the Southfork and Goose Creek Rd. FLAP grants are also available.

The East Fork dust abatement program has been delayed due to forest fires. They will be using Calcium Chloride which is best for the environment. ITD is using slat now instead of Mag chloride.

Other funding resources were:

THE RAC group that has just formed
Good Neighbor authority, Stewardship funds and the Great American Outdoor Act.

Secure Rural Schools (SRS) funding for Valley County 3 yr extension based on the 2017 level

It was recommended that Jeff place traffic counters on Lick Creek, Johnson Creek, Southfork and E. Fork Rds to check for backcountry activity.

OK Gravel has been maintaining the Stibnite Rd at \$620/mile.

Kirby asked for a cost benefit analysis on contracting for back country roads.

An MOU was discussed for joint funding opportunities on back country roads that are served by Valley, Idaho and Forest service rds.

Ed Allen stated that high back country use in the forest is increasing and s/b funded by forest service resources. Will Perry stated that USFS has a flat budget with no increases for road maintenance. BEAR funding to mitigate fire impacts is only good for 1 year.

It was discussed to create a UTV/OHV/Bike sticker fee to increase funding opportunities to build and maintain Forest service trails and roads.

Ed asked to separate the focus of the road department between the back country roads and the valley floor. He recommended the back country be contracted and that an MOU establish a minimum level of service of 3 "touches" per year. Discussion was held on whether voters would approve.

Action items were discussed:

Paul is to take previous recommendations to the commissioners
OHV legislation. Who should work on this legislation
Revise forest service agreements for road maintenance as a joint powers type agreement

Explore if FS BAER funding can be extended beyond current limitations for excessive road repair needs

Ed moved to adjourn

Kirby 2nd

Meeting adjourned at 5:07

