

**Valley County Road Advisory Board
Valley County Commissioners Chambers
Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2022**

Members present - Kirby Robertson, Paul Hefner, Gary Swain, Lorraine Munn

Nonmembers included – Jeff McFadden, Valley County Road & Bridge Director, Brian Oakey, Valley County Chief Deputy Prosecutor, David Gallepoli, City of McCall Resident, Joe Pietri, City of McCall Resident.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Hefner at 2:15 pm.

Approval of meeting minutes: Kirby Robertson made a motion to approve November 10, 2021, meeting Minutes, Lorraine Munn 2nd, motion carried by unanimous approval.

Ed Allan has resigned it was agreed his replacement should be from the South end of the Valley. We will put the word out we need a volunteer from that area. Ed Allan leaves the Vice Chairman position vacant. Lorinne Munn nominated Kirby Robertson for the Vice Chairman position, Paul Hefner second the motion. Vote was unanimous for Kirby.

Road Updates: Gary Swain was concerned that no roads were plowed between January 6 to January 20th. He was particularly concerned about Farm to Market and East Roseberry. The road is getting very narrow. Jeff explained he was down 4 guys for a month. Then there were also equipment breakdowns. He has no part time plow guys except for himself and his assistant. Jeff also said he has had no calls about any problems with the road conditions. He said he really needs to hear if there are problems. He has been getting compliments. Jeff has been instructed by the Commissioners to not leave the office so he cannot check on road conditions or on the work his crew is doing. The Road Advisory Board is recommending the Commissioners allow Jeff to go into the field.

We had 2 visitors from McCall who spoke to us about their concerns. David Gallepoli has submitted a 6-page building moratorium to the Commissioners. He is concerned about Tamarack and Black Hawk expansions. He feels there needs to be more than a 182-day halt in development to review the issues. Migration trends are unpredictable and need to be addressed. He feels the development is proceeding too fast and perhaps development fees or user fees could help slow down the development and help pay for the impact on the area.

80 percent of the development will be short term residents and rentals so the use goes well beyond what normal use would be. Kirby mentioned we don't have money from taxes for road maintenance some of the funding comes from the federal government for maintenance of

FERTA roads. We don't want taxes to fund roads since it punishes the full-time residents who live here. Gary suggested David needs to bring his concerns up to planning and zoning.

David stated his letters to planning and zoning and Commissioners go unanswered. It was suggested he appear in person to the meetings. Joe Pietri also from McCall and speaking for a friend was concerned that Pearson and S. Sampson Roads are very narrow and need to be widened. Especially since a contractor in the area parks his equipment on the road and this is impeding the route.

The Unfunded Priorities List was brought up. Farm to Market Rd is in the forefront of needing to be widened. Only maintenance is allowed now. Right of Ways need to be purchased. It was questioned what we should do about the Unfunded Priorities List. The board decided the list was informational for us to realize how much work on the roads is needed out there.

Sherry forwarded us an email wanting us to discuss Impact Fees whether they could fund road expansion Right of Way purchases such as those needed on Farm to Market Road. Jeff explained farmers ditches run right up to the road and Right of Way purchases need to be made for bike lanes and road expansion. It won't be easy to get or afford the Right of Ways needed. Kirby is very familiar with Impact Fees. He says there is a lot of litigation surrounding them. Valley County would have to have the staffing and place to administer asking for Impact Fees. There are matching dollar and level of service requirements per Title 67 chapter 62. Galena Engineering has put out studies on Impact Fees they seemed to be the only ones in town doing the studies, these studies were inaccurate and caused problems. Brian Oakey who was observing our meeting volunteered his information on the subject. He said a lot of the problems with the studies is they are based on assumptions about the base budget and growth patterns. If the growth projection is off by a large percentage, it causes big problems. Another problem for example the county must spend the money in 8 years or give the money back. Then the developer must sue the county to get the money back. Other counties are considering all services impacted by growth such as waste removal, the Sheriff's Department and medical not just road construction and maintenance in relation to Impact Fees. Kirby did say Nampa had success with Impact Fees it needs to be figured out what they've done right. Gary said he thinks conditions of approval for developers would be a better way to go. The consensus of the Board was that we don't recommend them outright because of the problems involved and our lack of expertise on the subject.

Jeff stated the inventory asset program was getting ok'd by the Commissioners. He has been keeping closer track on what is happening with the equipment with the GPS trackers. In the PR department it was mentioned McKenzie Kramer could be reporting on what is happening with Grants. What we are getting, where it is coming from, and where it is going. The information should be going out to those who don't actively search out what is going on with the road department.

It was agreed we will continue to meet every other month for 2 hours unless the agenda calls for 3 hours. Our next meeting will be April 6th.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.