YAMHILL COUNTY
ROAD IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Thursday, January 11, 2024
PUBLIC WORKS CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Adam Zabinski, Chair
Michal Wert, Vice Chair
Tony Roos
Ryan Webb
Chip Mayes
Jeff Brown

MEMBERS ABSENT
Dave Hanson
Bruce Hubbard

STAFF PRESENT
Mark Lago, Director
Janet Henderson, Secretary
Brian Young, Emergency Mgmt.

Opening of Regular Meeting
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Adam Zabinski.

Roll Call
Members were present as noted above. Casey Kulla and Phil Higgins, Cycle Yamhill County, attended as guests and presenters.

Approval of Minutes
Minutes for December 14, 2023, were accepted as circulated.

Sheriff’s Report
Brian presented crash data and deputy reports:
- There are still non-crashes, and crashes where OSP only responded are still showing on the report. They will continue to work on narrowing it down further.
- Kreider Rd/ 99W had 2 crashes on one day, one in the morning and one in the evening.
- A new initiative from the State of Oregon will have ODOT installing signs on all bridges throughout the state for weight restrictions on emergency vehicles. Fire Departments won’t cross if over the weight limit. There will not be ratings on private bridges, and they won’t have these new signs.

Commissioner’s Report
- None

Director’s Report
- In preparation for the upcoming snow/ice event this weekend, the road crew will put deicer down on Friday and will be working extra hours and shifts. The road crew will be working around the clock, Friday, and Saturday, 6:00am-6:00pm/ 6:00pm-6:00am. Two mechanics, Mike Reed and Frank Ramirez will work Saturday, 6:00am-6:00pm. The remainder of the mechanics will be on-call Friday and Saturday. There are on-call personnel for Sunday coverage, if needed.

New Business
- Cycle Oregon and Panther Creek Trail Project was presented by Casey Kulla and Phil Higgins who are advocates for outdoor activities and what it could bring to the county. The thought is to get visitors to spend money in local business and to increase outdoor activities for our residents. They are hoping that the county would be onboard and be a support in the future. They are hoping to get
permission to put signage or kiosks in the county right-of-way showing native plants, culture, and history. The liability the county could potentially have if signs were put up within the right-of-way was discussed. Safety concerns during hunting season were brought up. Casey Kulla said the trails could be closed during the hunting season for extra safety measures.

• Tony Roos offered to have a person from Kittelson & Associates discuss updating the TSP (TGM Grant Program), what to include in it, and timing. Mark discussed how much money has been set aside for bike projects and when it needs to be spent; it can be accumulated for ten years so we need to spend it within the next 3 years.”
• Michal Wert brought up doing a bike study to potentially add funding from the TSP for bike paths.
• Michal Wert asked for comments to be emailed to her regarding the Annual Report so it can be presented to the board. Mark will talk to Ken Huffer about it.

Next Month Proposed Agenda
• TSP (TGM Grant Program).
• Gravel Road maintenance and paving criteria; CRIP Program.
• Criteria and methodology to turn county roads over to local authority.

Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 7:45p.m. on a motion by Zabiniski, seconded by Michal, carried. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Thursday February 8, 2024, in the Public Works building.