

**HIGHWAY ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
August 17, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reb Williams, Joan Lucia-Treese, Ed Dills, Joseph Ennis, Jim Mesite, Tom Vierzba, Larry Tobias, Cheryl Everitt, Donald Martinez, Brian Galpin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jane Dillon, Jean Meinzer

OTHERS PRESENT: Daryl Glenn (EPC Commissioner), Scot Cuthbertson (EPC DPW), Jennifer Irvine (EPC DPW), Troy Wiitala (EPC DPW), Ellen Heaverlo (EPC DPW), Caroline Joy (EPC OEM)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

1. ABSENCES

Jane Dillon and Jean Meinzer were absent.

MOTION (Ms. Lucia-Treese/Mr. Vierzba) to excuse absence of Ms. Dillon and Ms. Meinzer. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. MEETING MINUTES

MOTION (Mr. Dills/Ms. Everitt) to approve minutes of the July 20, 2016 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. COMMISSIONER/CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Mr. Tobias briefed on a meeting he attended yesterday hosted by CDOT. They have started a planning process for Hwy 24 from Powers Blvd to Ramah. There will be another meeting in Peyton on Aug 23rd from 5 pm to 7 pm at the Career Technical Education facility on 18220 Main St.
- Ms. Everitt extended her thanks to Mr. Dionne (DPW Customer Service Supervisor) for taking care of a pothole complaint on Baptist Road that was actually Century Link's responsibility. The pothole was fixed the next day. Also the Hodgen Road detour is going very well. Bar X Road is being graded every day and there is also a Sheriff's Deputy presence to discourage people from speeding.

- Mr. Williams briefed everyone that Commissioner Waller, District 2, is the new liaison commissioner for the Highway Advisory Commission, taking over former Commissioner Lathen's duties.
- Mr. Williams informed the other commissioners that Ms. Heaverlo will not be here for next month's meeting and introduced Ms. Caroline Joy (EPC OEM) who will facilitate the meeting in September.

4. STAFF REPORTS

A. ADMINISTRATION

Scot Cuthbertson (Deputy Director, Department of Public Works)

- Briefed commission on the purchase of brighter lighting for our mowers as there seemed to be a concern in the community regarding their visibility. These will be installed as the mowers are coming in for service rather than taking them out of service.
- The telematics system (Zonar) has been installed on the heavy fleet vehicles and a month worth of data has been collected. It has been received well by the crews, and it will allow us to streamline a lot of our processes, and become more efficient. Mr. Vierzba asked if this system is cellular based. Mr. Cuthbertson stated that it is cellular/web based. Mr. Williams asked Mr. Cuthbertson if contact is ever lost with the equipment operating in the county during adverse weather. Mr. Cuthbertson explained that contact is lost during storms sometimes as well as in some areas of the county that do not have radio or cellular coverage. However those areas are very small.
- There will be an Open House event in lieu of the annual Worksession-On-Wheels on Oct 3rd at the Akers facility. A more comprehensive agenda will be emailed out soon.
- Employees attended a 'Verbal Judo' class to better prepare them to deal with hostile citizens on the road as well as in the office.

B. ENGINEERING DIVISION

Jennifer Irvine (County Engineer)

- Ms. Irvine gave more in-depth briefing on CDOT's Planning and Environmental Linkages Study on Hwy 24 between Powers Blvd and the Town of Ramah. CDOT is also starting another such study for I-25 from Monument to C470 in Denver. This study is expected to take 18 – 24 months.
- An update was given on the Marksheffel Road project. There have been some delays due to the recent rains. Dennis Barron, the project manager, is meeting with the contractor, and the office is working on a press release. So far there have not been a lot of citizens' comments in regards to the detour.
- Ms. Irvine informed staff that she will not be able to attend next month's meeting as she will be attending a 10 County conference. However, Mr. Clack will present the commission with the overlay program and how we choose the roads.

- The paving contract is 95% complete for this year, to include Herring Road as was promised. Herring Road had a lot of extra traffic due to it being used as a detour during the Black Forest Culvert project.
- The concrete contract has been finished within budget and on time. Cost was approximately \$1.9 million.
- Mr. Williams had questions about the budget which were answered by Ms. Irvine.
- Mr. Mesite asked if the work on the portion of Marksheffel Road between Peterson AFB and Colorado Center was still on schedule. Ms. Irvine explained that due to the heavy rains in the recent weeks the work has been a little delayed but should open by early October.

Copies of the presentations are attached to the minutes

C. HIGHWAY DIVISION

Troy Wiitala (Highway Manager)

- 9.5 miles of chip sealing have been completed in July. Most of that was done in residential areas which take a little longer than on an open road.
- Dust abatement work is at 53 out of 57 roads.
- Almost 1 mile of graveling was done during the months of July and about 75% of the mowing has been done.
- Bridge Deck Replacement: the bridge deck on the east side of Herring Road has been completed; the bridge on the west side has its new decking and the first lift of asphalt will be put on the decking tomorrow. The goal is to paint it early next week and open it up to traffic late next week.
- Ms. Everitt had questions regarding the customer service request numbers for crack sealing. Mr. Wiitala explained that crack sealing work is usually done once the weather is cooler in mid-October. She also had questions regarding the tree trimming. Mr. Wiitala explained that once the mowing has been done, the tree trimming will start as the same crew is doing that work. Also looking at possibly hiring some seasonal workers to get this done faster.
- The department has received 2 new graders and 1 more is on the way. The mastic machine that is used for the heavier crack sealing material arrived this week.
- Mr. Wiitala presented Zonar setup photos as it looks on/in the heavy vehicles. There will be a demonstration of its operability during DPW's Open House event.
- Photos of prototype vehicles with the new green color as well as the new graphics were shown to the commission.
- Mr. Galpin inquired as to any recent 'road rage' incidents with citizens. Mr. Wiitala informed him that there haven't been any for some time now. There are still comments that are directed to our vehicles operators but none of the 'road rage' kind.
- Mr. Tobias complimented one of our graders that worked on Bar X Road for being kind enough to pull over and let him and some other traffic pass to alleviate some of the traffic issues.

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5. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 9:29 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Heaverlo
Office Manager – Department of Public Works