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Weekly Report to Commissioners

Community Concerns

Culvert Installation/Replacement Requests:

- Jade, requesting north side field access culvert between 140 & 150 Roads, 100 yards west of waterway.
 - Met with resident on May 26, preferred location has been flagged and installation will be performed before harvest.
- 120 Road, South of Fir, requesting 2 farm access culverts, ¼ mile & ½ mile south of Fir.
 - Site Visit with Property Owner held on May 27. Need to return when road dries to complete scope of work.
- Diamond Road near Farm Residence 175, requesting extension, or redirection of a large diameter culvert.
 - Investigating
- 220 Road, between Marble and Nickle Roads, culvert beneath blacktop collapsing.
 - Compared cost and effectiveness of a liner and determined that we will proceed with excavation, replacement, and asphalt patch. Construction schedule as not been determined yet.
- Shady Road between 130 and 140 roads, farm access culvert requested.
 - Investigating
- Fir Road, east of Residence at 2641, possible culvert collapsing.
 - Ditch work needed to re-route drainage out of field. Corrective action will be taken by October 2021.

Other Drainage Issues:

- Granite Road, between 70 & 80 Roads, water running over road, ditch cleaning needed.
 - Not an all-weather road and bridge is closed. Work will be performed in June as weather permits.
- Marsh Trail and 20 Road, ditch cleaning needed after fire response and fish and game access.
 - Not an all-weather road, need has been confirmed with a site visit and work will be performed as soon as conditions allow.
- King Road, East of bridge K-7.2, Ditch Cleaning needed, no sense of urgency expressed.
 - Not an all-weather road, scheduled as soon as conditions allow.
- Jade Road and 150 Roads, west side of intersection, potentially dangerous situation/possible washout.
 - No washout observed. Evidently there was some damage to the road surface by a piece of farm equipment that crossed the road. The road surface has been repaired and the person who reported the situation is satisfied.

- 150 Road, North of Marble Road, first culvert; water flows over road.
 - Road in this area needs to be built up, Corrective action will be taken by the end of summer 2022.
- 40 Road ½ mile north of Fir, resident has drainage concerns and would like a site visit.
 - Need to confirm appointment.
- Republic County Historical Museum has some drainage concerns and would like a site visit.
 - Site Visit conducted. Museum would like a 6.5 x 9 ft x 6” slab of concrete (5,000 lbs.) relocated from a fuel station on the property to the site of a historic jail cage, leveled and cage lowered on top of it. Museum would also like a drainage swale and small diameter culvert installed between parking lot and driveway to outdoor exhibits. Administrator recommends that we proceed if there are no objections from the Commissioners.

Road Surface Concerns:

- 170 Road near residence 1549; 23x23 & 10x23 inch potholes.
 - Asphalt patches in concrete roadway are spalling. Potholes are very shallow. Area will be cut out and a concrete patch installed before winter.
- Bridge F5.35, Republic River at Republic on Fir; 2-inch overlay has broken up creating unsafe road conditions.
 - Material dislodged has been removed and potholes filled temporarily. Failure of 2-inch overlay noted and driving surface will be reground and a thicker 6-inch overlay will be installed. Contractor is scheduled to be on site June 2-3, weather permitting.
- Lincoln Road, first driveway west of 130 Road on the North Side.
 - Landowner noted that recent road reshaping project covered the outlet of driveway culvert and shaved off the all-weather surface aggregate the owner had installed. Corrective action was taken on May 25. Property Owner stopped by the shop to express appreciation for timely response.

Requests for Gravel:

- Young Road, extend gravel past residence to farm structures.
 - Delivery of gravel and road improvements were made on May 25.
- Shady Road, extend gravel from 120 Road West 400 feet for all weather access to Grain Storage.
 - Met with property owner on May 27 to scope the work that needs to be accomplished. Immediate need is gravel however other road and drainage improvements are needed as well. Estimate will be prepared for reimbursement of materials for the owner’s review.

Bridge Concerns:

- Bridge 22-V.6 on 220 Road has a bent guardrail.
 - Investigated and determined to be Bridge D-23.02 instead; Damage is minimal, and a repair is not necessary at this time.

Weed Control Concerns:

None

Solid Waste Concerns:

None

Transportation Concerns:

None

Department Reports on Non-Routine Activities

Roads and Bridges

- Metal brackets were welded to columns for the fastening of wood girts to form end and back walls of the Shop Addition.
- An overhaul of the transmission for Road Grader G-2 is needed for the Grader to be returned to service. A not-to exceed quote of \$30,000 has been received from Foley Equipment in Concordia, KS. They are the nearest authorized Caterpillar Shop. The Administrator's recommendation is to proceed.
- 2 competitive bids have been received for the purchase of (12) 18"x 30', (10) 18"x 40' & (7) 24" x 30' 14-gauge aluminized steel culverts. J&J Drainage from Hutchison, KS is the apparent low bidder at \$26,781. Delivery of material is expected in 4-6 weeks.
- KDOT's Economic Development Program has denied our request for Cost Share Funding of the 260th Road Resurfacing Project. They made no specific comments on the eligibility or worthiness of our project but commented that they received 117 applications and were not able to fund them all.
- Two applications for employment have been received for Driver, Grader/Equipment Operators. Interviews are scheduled for June 3.



Solid Waste

- The Republic County Landfill was OPEN Saturday, May 29, from 9am to Noon. The regular schedule has the landfill closed on holiday weekends, but these additional hours were offered to help with spring cleaning.
- 6 truckloads of asphalt millings were delivered to the landfill and spread with the dozer to improve driving surfaces.

Transportation

- Bus (BU-2) was delivered to Wichita on May 27 to have the lift fixed. Repairs were made and the Bus has been returned to service.
- Equipment Inspection Scheduled for 6/29/21

Weed Control.

- Spraying around Guard rails is being performed throughout the County's road system.

Upcoming Events

- Bidding and Construction of Off System Bridge K-7.2
 - Final set of Design Documents will be presented for Commissioner Approval once they are received from the Engineer. Engineer is waiting for final comments from the State Department of Transportation.
 - State Department of Transportation Cost Sharing Agreement 144-21 is ready for Commissioner Approval. These will be presented with the Final Design Documents once they are received.