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## Weekly Report to Commissioners

### Community Concerns

#### Culvert Installation/Replacement Requests:

- Zeal Road, ¼ mile east of 260 Road on the south side; 30ft field access driveway requested.
- 926 King, driveway culvert needs replacing; *a quote has been provided for an additional 10 ft of pipe; waiting for a notice to proceed.*
- Zeal Road ¾ mile east of 220 Road; the property owner is concerned that a culvert under the road is undersized for the watershed. *Investigating*
- Nickel Road .3 mile east of 150 Road on the north side, a 30ft driveway is requested for a 10-acre parcel. *It is a second driveway; the cost of culvert material has been quoted for reimbursement by the property owner; waiting for a notice to proceed.*
- Lincoln Road 1/8 mile west of 90 Road on the north side; a 20ft field access culvert needs replaced with a 30ft culvert and ditch cleaning needs to occur to keep runoff from crossing the road.
  - 2 culverts under the road ¼ mile west of 90 Road are completely silted in. The farmer is planning waterway improvements in the ½ section south of the road and would like some sort of erosion control (possibly rip-rap retention steps on the south side of the road) to be installed in the right of way. *Property Owner has proceeded with waterway improvements. Culverts have been cleared by the property owner. Types of erosion control are being discussed for the ditches; property owner is concerned about types of riprap that might be used.*
- Valley Road .5 mile west of 130 Road; a culvert is needed under the road. *Investigating*
- 20 Road .25 mile north of Nickel Road, east side; a field access culvert needs cleared or replaced.

#### Other Concerns:

- 902 Elm Road, property owner has requested side trimming of trees in the right-of-way in both directions from the residence to improve visibility.
- The drainage ditch on Nickel west of 190 road on the north side is eroding significantly and needs some riprap 150-200ft apart to trap some of the soil and slow the water down. *Completed*
- Marble re-grade ½ mile west of 90 road is too narrow. *Shoulders will be wheel packed at three to one slope and 24ft driving width verified upon completion.*
- 260 Road .25 mile south of Hickory; a hole has opened up behind the backwall of a box culvert because the stream has scoured below the wall between the piles. This has been temporarily filled and will be excavated and sheet piles will be installed below the scour depth.
- 100 Road ¼ mile north of Jade Road; ditch cleaning and a road lift are necessary to prevent water from ponding on the road.

- A half section east of 100 Road between Shady and Timber Roads is being improved and the Farmer has requested that we clear our right-of-way of brush and trees after they clear the fence. **90% Completed; we will return soon now that we have permission to drop some trees on the fence if necessary.**
- Talmo Lane 0 – ½ mile south of Timber Road; right-of-way clearing of brush and trees is requested on both sides of the road.
- The owners of Premium Feeders and Nesika Energy are requesting improvements to 70 Road south of US 36 Highway for dust control.
  - a. *A geotechnical study is being conducted by Consultant Terracon to specify a paving thickness based on soil strengths for one or more of the alternatives. Drilling for this study has been completed. Nearly 4 inches of asphalt millings (16 truckloads) were laid down near the entrance to Nesika Energy for 1/10 of a mile south to reduce the amount of dust during harvest this year. The amount applied accomplished more than dust control; it bonded into a hard surface. This could be part of a long-term solution, or it could become a problem.*
- Pawnee Museum Signs on 90 and Fir Roads need to be replaced. *The Museum approved material quotes and orders have been placed; labor and equipment will be provided by the County.*
- 30 Road south of Bridge 3-D.7 and north of Elm Road, ditch cleaning is needed and a road lift.
  - a. *Investigating*

## Department Reports on Non-Routine Activities

### Roads and Bridges

- Paving occurred on 220 Road between US36 and Nickel Road where a culvert had been replaced weeks ago.
- District operators continued to work farm access roads and mowing commenced now that the two John Deere tractors have been returned to service. Three mowers were running most of the week.
- Work continues on a Capital Plan for Facilities and Paved Infrastructure.
- PENDING ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY CONCERNS

### Bridge and Culverts Division Project List (in order of priority)

1. Rock Road, ¼ mile west of 290 Road. A wood box culvert will be replaced with a 60ft x 40ft culvert. ***The property owner has requested that we delay this project until October when cattle will be moved from the adjacent pasture.***
  - a. Corner post for fence damaged by grader needs replaced when equipment is mobilized for this project.
2. 130 Road 1/10-mile north of Elm Road. Erosion has undermined a box culvert abutment and some repairs are necessary before it can be backfilled.
3. Jade Road .4 mile east of 90 Road; a box culvert under the road needs to be rebuilt or replaced with a tube.
4. Nickel Road at 30 Road on the west side of the intersection; a concrete box culvert is collapsing below the road surface. This will be replaced with a low profile “squash pipe.”
5. Xavier Road, just west of residence 1090 has a culvert under the road that is filled with earth and needs replaced. **Completed**
6. 40 Road ½ mile south of Fir, a watershed is growing out of our right-of-way.

7. Oak Road west of 20 Road beginning at the Railroad crossing; waterway on the north side is eroding the base of the road and then meanders out of the right-of-way eroding a field. *Improvements will have to wait until after harvest.*
8. 760 290 Road, repair/replacement of a box culvert in their driveway that was constructed by the county when the road was straightened to approach Bridge 29-S.48.

### **Roads and Driveways Division Project List (in order of priority)**

1. Queen Road, west of 20 Road, tree removal, ditch cleaning and driveway upgrades needed for the first ½ mile. *40 ft driveway installed; some ditch cleaning still needed*
2. 30 Road improvements to restore the crown in the roadway between Highway 36 and Fir Road. *The first mile north of US36 has been completed.*
3. Valley Road .1 mile east of 130 Road on the north side; a broken concrete tile culvert needs replaced with a new steel culvert. Other drainage concerns may need to be addressed.
4. Fir Road, east of Residence at 2641, Ditch work needed to re-route drainage out of field and a damaged culvert replaced.
5. Elm Road ¼ mile east of 180 Road; *mulching of overgrowth on the south side of the road is completed; ditch cleaning will be performed, and rip rap will be installed to minimize scour at the inlet and outfall of the culvert under the road.*
6. 111 140 Road, resident is requesting that a driveway be widened to 40 ft. to improve access with agricultural equipment. *Completed*
7. 70 Road .3 mile north of Fir Road on the west side; ditch cleaning and a new culvert are needed under a driveway to stop storm water from scouring the road and flooding a feed storage yard.
8. Cut and patch 4-6ft of Concrete at 170 Road near residence 1549 (*Primary Road; Currently 23x23 & 10x23 inch potholes where previous asphalt patch has failed*).

## Upcoming Events

- The sealing of 90 Road between Scandia and Fir will begin on September 12.
- Hot asphalt spot patching on Fir approaches to the Republic River Bridge
- Vacations of Right-of-Ways are proposed for 3 road spurs adjacent to Highway 81 that were abandoned after improvements to the Highway many years ago.