

**HIGHWAY ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 21, 2016**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jim Mesite, Jane Dillon,

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Scot Cuthbertson (EPC DPW), Jennifer Irvine (EPC DPW), Troy Wiitala (EPC DPW), Caroline Joy (EPC OEM), Don McAllister (EPC DPW), Robert Evans (EPC DPW), Rusty Hatfield (Citizen), Darren Horstmeier (Schriever AFB), Tim Robers (City of Colorado Springs), Susan Davies (Trails And Open Spaces), Ben Kley (Eastern Plains Chamber), Judy Von Ahlefeldt (Citizen)

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

- Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

**2. MOTION (Mr. Dills/Ms. Lucia-Treese) to excuse absence of Mr. Mesite. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION (Mr. Dills/Ms. Lucia-Treese) to approve minutes of the August 17, 2016 meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. COMMISSIONER/CITIZEN COMMENTS**

- Mr. Rusty Hatfield, resident of Milne Rd in El Paso County presented an issue regarding the maintenance of the road. He asked the commissioners for assistance to get it upgraded to conform to the volume of traffic as per traffic count. Mr. Hatfield provided copies of emails and photos of the road conditions that spans a 3 month time period. Mr. Martinez asked Mr. Hatfield if the road conditions were weather related. Mr. Hatfield is of the opinion that the road conditions are traffic related. Mr. Williams asked Mr. Hatfield if he had an ADT (Average Daily Trip) count. Mr. Hatfield stated that two traffic counts were done by DPW during the last four years. Mr. Galpin asked Mr. Hatfield if there have been any accidents in the past. Mr. Hatfield said that there have been two roll-over accidents in the recent past due to excessive speed but he believes that the road conditions are partially to blame. He also stated that he represents the Hanover School district on this issue as this road is used as a major school bus route.

## **5. STAFF REPORTS**

### **A. ADMINISTRATION**

Scot Cuthbertson (Deputy Director, Department of Public Works)

- The Highway and Fleet Divisions are in the process of preparing for the upcoming snow removal season.
- Mr. Cuthbertson reminded the commissioners that DPW is hosting an Open House as well as the Entry Level Maintenance Worker Graduation on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10 AM – 1 PM at the Akers location.
- In response to Mr. Hatfield's concerns regarding Milne Rd, Mr. Cuthbertson stated that Milne Rd is not slated to be paved, and regrets if there was a misunderstanding when he and Mr. Hatfield communicated during the last couple months. Milne Rd is graded at the same intervals as all other gravel roads in the county.

### **B. ENGINEERING DIVISION**

John Clack (Construction Services Manager)

- Mr. Clack gave an in-depth briefing on El Paso County's Pavement Management Program. Mr. Martinez asked about the installation of solar panels in roads as they have done in other parts of the country. Mr. Clack stated that this has not been looked into at this time.  
The development of Public Improvement Districts (PIDs) and Local Improvement Districts (LIDs) was discussed. Mr. Clack also explained the process that takes place before a road can be paved and the cost associated with it.

### **C. HIGHWAY DIVISION**

Troy Wiitala (Highway Manager)

- Mr. Wiitala gave an update on using the mastic asphalt machine to seal wide cracks in the asphalt. So far it is working very well.

## **6. MAJOR TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS PLAN (MTCP) WORK SESSION**

Todd Frisbie (FHU), Jamie Alvarez (GBSM), Cate Swank (GBSM), Angela Woolcott (GBSM)

- Work Session Purpose:
  - Provide an overview and broader context of the project
  - Summarize community input to-date
  - Discuss and collect feedback on draft report materials
  - Outline next steps between now and project completion

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 11:08 AM.

*Copies of the presentations are attached to the minutes*

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Joy  
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