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Weekly Report to Commissioners

Department Reports on Non-Routine Activities

Roads and Bridges

- A sand seal is being scheduled for Diamond Road; the paved portion of the county road through the City of Narka. This will be our first sealing project for the year. We will begin staging aggregate there as soon as they have been screened at the material source in Scandia. Narka will be reimbursing the County for aggregate and oil to seal 2 city streets while we have equipment staged there. Labor, equipment and fuel costs will be donated by the County.
- Asphalt repairs have been made to 10 Road northwest of Republic & 220 Road between US36 and Munden. Fir Road has now been repaired and employees finished the week in Norway repairing Mainstreet in that unincorporated community. We will be working in weeks to come on 90 Road north of Scandia, 100 Road south of Scandia and 260 Road south of Cuba.
- Road Supervisors traveled to Russel County to observe a recycled overlay project to consider how the relatively new process is being used there compared to the success we have observed in Ellsworth County. The finished product is much rougher. Oil application rates seem to be more than we observed before but the finished product is not as smooth and is losing many of its fine material in brooming which is exactly the opposite of what we expected. These concerns are being shared with material providers as we consider the best approach for a successful program in Republic County.
- The recycling trailer that we ordered for the City of Belleville may take as long as we originally predicted. The supplier keeps pushing the completion date a few more days each week.

Noxious Weeds

Under the Kansas Noxious Weed Law (K.S.A. 2-1314 et seq.), any person who owns or supervises land in Kansas has a legal duty to control and eradicate all plants declared noxious weeds on that land.

Notices of Violations and spraying will achieve very little this summer due to many factors, however all options are being exercised. **We have all been taken by surprise by what most likely was in rosette form last fall, less visible than the flowers on mature plants that are obvious now.**

Summer spraying is uncomfortable around cattle, crops and pollinators, but there are some great examples being set as property owners use mechanical means to remove the heads or at least get them to the ground to minimize propagation beyond their property during the next few months. **Aggressive fall treating his being planned and we implore property owners to do what they can now.**

Community Concerns

ID	Description	Notes/Progress/Resolution	Status
Administration			
132	170 Road .0-.8 mile south of US-36; road & drainage improvements are needed.	Investigating solutions and impacts on adjacent properties	Open
45	Norway Lane; drainage improvements are needed.	KDOT is preparing a scope of work to improve KS-148 that passes through the community of Norway. This should significantly Improve drainage in the area. We have requested an update from the Area Engineer with KDOT	Open
Construction			
136	Queen Road .75 mile east of 30 Road on the north side; the Ditch needs cleaned of Brush and trees for .25 mile to 40 Road.		Open
137	150 Road .17 mile north of US-36, on the west side of the road; a driveway needs improved.	Extend culvert 10ft on the south side, regrade to remove eyebrow at the entrance.	Open
138	Fir Road .67 mile east of 220 Road; a culvert under the road needs replaced.	A 36"x40' CMP needs replaced	Open
139	180 Road and Marble Road intersection; a sight obstruction was reported on the NW corner of the intersection.	Investigating	Open
153	Elm Road .51 miles east of 230 Road; A crossroad culvert needs replaced.	A 36"x40' CMP is rusted out and needs replaced.	Open
155	King Road .25 miles east of 190 Road on the north side; Culvert is plugged with corn stalks.	Investigating	Open
156	Shady Road .25 miles west of 290 Road on the south side; Landowner requesting trees and brush be removed for new fence installation.	Landowner requested the county wait until mid-July to perform the work. All trees and old fence will be pushed into a pile on the landowners' property, and he will take care of it.	Open
157	Cedar Road .29 miles west of 240 Road; Crossroad culvert needs replaced.	North end of the Crossroad culvert is crushed, and the bottom is rusted out. Replace with 48"x40' CMP	Open
159	230 Road .5 miles south of Queen Road; Possible damaged crossroad culvert.	Investigating	Open
161	Queen Road .2 miles west of 220 Road; a Crossroad culvert needs replaced.	Culvert is rusted out and need replaced with a 36"x40' CMP	Open
162	Granite Road .25 miles east of 130 Road a crossroad culvert is reported to be damaged.	Investigating	Open
163	Fir Road .15 miles west of 240 Road; a Box Culvert needs replaced.	Investigating prices on a Train Car.	Open
164	Birch Road .37 miles west of 100 Road; Landowner has requested crossroad culvert be replaced.	Investigating	Open
165	30 Road .25 miles south of Granite Road on the west side; Landowner requesting Trees and Brush be removed from right of way to improve line of sight.	Investigating	Open
52	70 Road between US36 and Queen Road; Drainage improvements are needed on both sides of the Road	60% Completed overall. Drainage improvements will continue after harvest.	Open
Maintenance			
146	160 Road .75 miles north of Diamond Road on the west side; Ditch needs cleaned.	Landowner requesting the ditch be cleaned for .25 miles to install new fence.	Open
154	Lincoln Road .4 miles east of 170 Road on the north side; Landowner is requesting ditch be cleaned.	(Investigating) Landowner states excess dirt or silt can be wasted in his field after harvest	Open

Community Concerns, *continued*

ID	Description	Notes/Progress/Resolution	Status
160	20 Road .75 mile north of US. 36 hwy on the east side of the road; Landowner requesting ditch be cleaned out.	Investigating	Open
50	30 Road improvements are needed to restore the crown in the roadway between Highway 36 and Fir Road.	4 miles have been completed.	Open
53	60 Road between Elm and Ash Roads needs the shoulders pulled and fortified with rock and econo-base then finished with gravel.	2 miles have been completed.	Open

Upcoming Events

1. Annual Report on High Banks Wind Energy/NextEra Agreement compliance issues.
2. Right-of-Way vacations for a portion of Seapo Trail in Section 21 of Grant Township and for the SW corner of Section 35 in Liberty Township (old Marble/US81 intersection ROW) are being prepared for Commission consideration.