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Weekly Report to Commissioners

Department Reports on Non-Routine Activities

Roads and Bridges

- 4-7 inches of rain in recent weeks have delayed most earthwork projects. Over 50 concerns have been expressed in the last week about culverts and bridges plugged with debris, washed out, or scoured road surfaces that need repairs. Most are being repaired within hours or days. Only those that we cannot get to within a matter of days are recorded for this report.
- The Department assisted Consulting Engineers and the Kansas Department of Transportation in the load-testing of four bridges in Republic County.

  This data will be used to improve computer modeling of these types of structures and should result in higher posted load limits that are more reasonable for agricultural use.

Transportation

- Bus Drivers received continuing education training at OCCK in Concordia on defensive driving and passenger securement.

Solid Waste

- An inspection of the County's Construction Debris Landfill by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment resulted in a violation being issued for not disposing of a pile of railroad ties that have been stored at the landfill for more than a decade. The county must submit a plan for correcting the violation by the 13th of June.

Noxious Weeds

- Thistles are in abundance this year. 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. Some property owners are receiving verbal warnings for noncompliance. Please contact The County's Weed Supervisor, David Ball for more information, advice on how to eradicate noxious weeds on your property or receive a voucher for 25% off the retail price of chemical purchases for the eradication of noxious weeds. Mobile:785-955-7023 weeds@republiccounty.org

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.	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
148	Birch Road.25 miles east of 110 Road on the north side; Landowner requesting plugged culvert be replaced.	New 18"x30' CMP needed	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.	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
158	Elm Road .41 miles east of 190 Road on the southside; Landowner requesting a new driveway.	New 40' Dry plug needs installed on the south side.	Open
159	230 Road .5 miles south of Queen Road; Possible damaged crossroad culvert.	Investigating	New
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
149	Queen Road .1 mile west of 130 Road on the north and south side; ditch cleaning requested.	Investigating	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	Open
160	20 Road .75 mile north of US. 36 hwy on the east side of the road; Landowner requesting ditch be cleaned out.	Investigating	New
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.		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.