
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

A meeting of the Regional Transportation Commission was held on May 9th, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. at the White Pine County Library.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Wayne Cameron, Chairman
Jim Alworth, City of Ely
Richard Howe, WPC Commission

ALSO PRESENT:

Janette Trask, City of Ely
BJ Almberg, Basin Engineering
Lindsey Jacobson, Recording Secretary
Steve Baer, NDOT
Mike Cracraft, City Public Works

ALSO PRESENT: (PUBLIC)

Wayne Cameron called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

***COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (3-Minute Time Limit):** - There were no public comments.

***DISCUSSION- UPDATES FROM NDOT:** - Wayne Cameron asked if there were any changes in the downtown plan, Steve Baer said that the plan is still in motion for spring of 2024, and the estimate of the project will be around 41 million. Steve also told the board about another major project for 2024 from Loves to Majors junction on Highway 93 and a few minor projects, Like an ADA project to fix the curb ramps on the side streets so they are in compliance. Jim Alworth asked Steve if they have a pothole hotline, so that the city does not take the brunt. Jim also said that he knows NDOT is busy, but he has not seen anyone working, especially the stretch from NDOT's office up to the first intersection. Steve told Jim that there are trying to obtain a pothole patcher, similar to what the city has. Steve said that maybe they can work something out with the city, since it's such a continuous stretch, they would like to use a machine. Steve said that they've pretty much got everything that they can handle with cold mix. Steve said that he understands it is an issue and they are aware of them, he also mentioned maybe doing a skin patch in that area to repair it. Wayne Cameron asked if NDOT had a chipping project south of Lund going on, Steve said yes and it starts on May 22nd, 2023. Steve also mentioned another chipping project after the fiscal year starts is from the north edge of McGill to the Cherry Creek turn. BJ Almberg asked Steve if NDOT planned on chip sealing in North Spring Valley, Steve said no not in this fiscal year. BJ

said that he had seen some equipment out that way and was curious, Steve said they might be pothole patching but he is not sure what is happening out there.

***DISCUSSION- UPDATES FROM COUNTY:** - Lindsey Jacobson mentioned that the county has rented a crusher and a track hoe excavator and is crushing up some material and screening it. Jim Alworth asked what TORO was doing out at the shop. Lindsey explained that they are there fixing the concrete in the shop where they had a lift failure. Lindsey explained that they had taken the lift out and TORO is in there reinforcing and leveling where the lift will be so that there is not another failure in the future.

Richard Howe gave an update to the board about the City/County having an agreement with the county authorizing the use of up to 5 employees and equipment up until August 31st to help the city with their pothole patching and repairs, and from September 1st to the end of the season the city will help the county with whatever they need. Wayne Cameron asked if the county will still keep up with their roads and Richard said yes, they will continue to work their roads normally.

Wayne Cameron asked about washouts. Lindsey Jacobson said that the county is handling washouts as they can and when they pop up. Wayne also mentioned 3rd Street up in Ruth, Wayne said that on the North side, the road is really starting to crack. Lindsey mentioned that she went to Ruth yesterday and had checked on some roads and put a cone in a hole caused by a piece of equipment that was not the county's doing. Wayne also mentioned that JCR is tramping dirt all the way from the park to Juniper and 3rd Street, Wayne said it would have saved the road a bit more if JCR would have just went across the street.

***DISCUSSION- UPDATES FROM CITY:** - Mike Cracraft told the board that the city is still working on patching potholes as they can. Janette Trask told the board that the street sweeper that the city had budgeted in the public transit will not be received before the end of the fiscal year. Janette said that the city is going to increase the city's public transit budget by \$360,000.00. Janette said she has been in contact with Kathy Workman, the county's finance director, with handling all of it and just wanted to make the board aware.

BJ Alberg wanted to add to the agreement that the city and county have put in place that they want to do a scrub seal and a double chip overlay on a few roads on the cities list. BJ has been coordinating with Martin Troutt to get costs put together, and BJ said it looks like they're looking at the end of June when the services can come together and make that happen. Wayne Cameron asked if any of the RTC equipment can do the scrub seal, BJ told him no and that the oil distributor would provide a distributor truck with the scrub seal box attachment for a demo since that is what the RTC is going to want to purchase next.

BJ added the he and Mike Cracraft walked last year's RTC project and got a letter put together, sent it to Mike to make sure he was comfortable with it. BJ also said that two employees from Basin Engineering also walked the project. BJ said that based on that letter, they will finalize it and it will go out to the contractor for the year warranty.

***DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE APPROVAL: - TO AWARD THE RTC MURRY STREET PAVING PROJECT 2023 CONTRACT:** - BJ Alberg explained that they received one offer, from Reck Brothers LLC, in the amount of \$563,842.20. BJ explained that they had \$516,028.00 in this year's budget to do that. BJ explained based on the information he got from Kathy Workman, that there is \$473,718.00 that is still in contract services. BJ pointed out that is over the budgeted amount for this fiscal year, so BJ's question was to make the remaining balance of the project available for next year's budget since the project will rollover into next fiscal year. BJ explained to the board that he has been working with NDOT recently on some grants, NDOT has been coming in with a 20% contingencies put out to their budgets because of price escalations that are going on. Jim Alworth asked BJ if Basin Engineering had included escalation into their preparation of their bid due to inflation, BJ explained that

they did but it was a year ago that they did that, and things have just continued to climb. Jim asked where the biggest number of escalation was between Basins numbers and the bid, BJ said that the over excavation material and concrete were some of the bigger exaltation costs. Jim asked BJ what stretch of Murray Street this phase is covering, BJ said it will go from where it ended last time all the way to Dickerson. Richard Howe asked BJ when the project will begin, BJ told Richard once the contract is awarded, the contractor would have 10 days to get their bonds and contracts in place, so they could potential get the go ahead to start by the end of this month, and the project is to be completed in Mid-September. Richard Howe asked where the project would start, BJ told Richard that it's up to the contractor how they proceed, but BJ's anticipation would be that they start from where the project left off and work their way south. Jim Alworth asked BJ what the liquidated damages cost is per day, BJ said he believes that it is around \$1500.00 per day, but he is not sure since he does not have the paper in front of him.

Richard Howe motioned to accept the Reck Brothers LLC bid at \$563,842.20. Jim Alworth seconded the motion. Wayne Cameron authorized the chairman to sign, with the laws and languages of the \$1500.00 a day liquidation cost. The motion was approved 3-0.

***APPROVAL OF RTC MINUTES (3.27.23)** – Jim Alworth and Wayne Cameron found some spelling errors.

Jim Alworth motioned to approve the minutes with the corrections. Richard Howe seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0.

***COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (3-Minute Time Limit):-** There were no public comments.

Jim Alworth motioned to adjourn. Richard Howe seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 am.