

MEETING MINUTES
CHARLOTTE RANCHETTES STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 21, 2013 – Regular Meeting
3:30 p.m. – Public Works Conference Room

Attendees: Doug Buuck, David Choken, Nigel Morris, Praire Piercefield, and Chuck Rinehart

County staff: Tim Free, Dawn Harrison, and Sandy Wright

Guests: Sign in sheet attached

Meeting called to order at 3:37 p.m. with a roll of members that determined a quorum present.

The minutes for March 20, 2013 were unanimously approved as amended.

Business:

- Financial Reports – Reports were distributed for review and questions. Ms. Rohmer-Free from the Finance Department explained the reports and answered questions.
- Vegetation Grinding – Mr. Free explained that the current contract is for sheering only. The contractor will be in this area in 2-3 months. There was discussion regarding adding grinding. When the new contract goes out to bid in October it can be written to include sheering and grinding. There was discussion to stop the sheering and wait for the new contract to get both sheering and grinding. Mr. Morris made a motion to abandon the sheering for this fiscal year and wait for the new contractor after October 1, 2013. Mr. Choken seconded the motion. There was further discussion regarding the current condition of the area. Mr. Buuck stated the area could not wait until the winter; there are areas that are so overgrown that they present a safety issues. Mr. Morris amended his original motion to abandon the sheering by the current contractor and allocate the funds to M&O to flail mow only the areas in immediate need; motion was seconded by Mr. Choken and passed unanimously. The Committee agreed to meet with Mr. Free next week to re-evaluate their areas and create a list of locations requiring immediate attention. All funding left over will be put towards next year's sheering and grinding by the new contractor in hopes of covering a larger area.
- Grove Blvd. Drainage – There was discussion regarding the drainage problem. The owner has agreed to allow County staff to install a culvert and re-sod. MSBU funds cannot be spent on private property. Gewant is the only street that was not address by the County for pipe issues. The Committee requested M&O to assess the area and provide an estimate of costs to resolve the drainage issue on Gewant.
- Leah Drainage – Mr. Morris stated the work is almost complete and M&O has done a great job.
- Committee member comments:
 1. 9060 Grove – The area is in good shape and there is nothing to be done.
 2. Popular between Strauss & Sweden needs to be graded – This will be added to the flail mowing list.

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- Road Status –
 1. There is a wash out located at the drainage pipe on Austrian & Bermont Rd.
 2. There are four pot holes on Leah that need to be patched.
 3. Road side ridges – Mr. Free stated that the roads need to be boxed out and re-installed. There is not enough funding available in the budget for this work.
- Public Comments – None at this time.

There will be a special field meeting on May 28, 2013 that will convene at Mr. Buuck's residence at 6405 Austrian Blvd. at 1:00 p.m. This meeting will be specifically to review the flail mowing locations noted by each of the members and to create a list to give to M&O.

Next regular meeting date is Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at 3:30p.m., in the Public Works Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Submitted by:

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