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Lockwood Pedestrian Safety District Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes recorded and submitted by Carlotta Hecker, Advisory Board Secretary

May 6, 2020 7pm—via video call

Attendees: Brandy Dangerfield, Nic Talmark, Woody Woods, Tobin Navasio, Church Strum, Carlotta Hecker, Elyse Monat, absent Tyler, Lockwood Resource Officer.

The meeting was opened at 7 pm. There were no comments from the audience about anything that was not on the agenda.

Chuck Strum, Engineer gave an update on progress or lack of progress on the Piccolo street. Apparently there continues to be an issue of who owns what on Mr. Hannon's right of way. At this time there has been no progress on surveying until the County Attorneys indicate there is resolution. Until the survey is done we will not know where the sidewalk will be placed, how wide it will be and when we can proceed. Chuck will keep the Board up to date on the project.

An update on the Becraft project was given, it nears completion and a date is to be set for the walk through to make sure everything has been done. Woody will notify the Board of the date and if interested we can join the walk through. We were told there were some change orders but MDT has not shared what they are but as the request for payment comes in we should then be informed of the costs to the project from change orders.

It was noticed there was a fence damaged due to the side walk project and this had to have occurred during construction. MDT will need to address this issue with the Contractor, Riverstone Construction, although the Construction Co. should be aware of the damage.

Yellowstone County Electric was not able to move the two poles out of the center of the sidewalk due to utilities on either side of the present power poles. The placement of the power poles may create an issue with snow cleaning of the side walk and only one side may have the snow pushed off. Woody will contact Tim at the County to make sure some of the Board does the walk through and this issue is again brought up.

If more funds are needed for the sidewalk project due to change orders Woody will keep us updated.

Nic brought up making a dedication of the side walk once it is completed. This may have to wait until Covid 19 and restriction being lifted to allow a gathering to take place. Chuck will move forward on the signage and get it installed and Nic will speak with Mr. Freese about the dedication of the sidewalk.

Woody has a sign in his garage he would like to get installed so he can get the sign out of the garage. It was discussed if this needs to go through MDT but that could take up to 6 months to finalize completion of this project. Previous signs have been placed and there is a spot for this one already so Woody said he could just get it installed.

The meeting on the 27th of April, 2020 was discussed. Apparently some homeowners are concerned that now that some of them have to back over the sidewalk to back into Becraft may be an issue.

Following a group discussion there may need to be some education to the folks along Becraft but nothing really changes. The home owners had to watch before as they backed out of their driveway even though there was no side walk they will need to again watch to see no one is walking by when they back out. Both homeowners and pedestrians need to follow safety rules and watch out for cars backing out so everyone is safe.

The new sidewalk may have increased people in the area because now it is easier to walk along the road safely on the sidewalk so there indeed are more walkers and bike riders. This has always been a problem as Nic pointed out since Lockwood was built and now, we are adding improvements. Chuck has spoken to Tim Miller and a traffic study might



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need to be done, this will be paid for by the County not LSPD. This is a road issue so MDT or County will need to do this, and Chuck Strum will keep us update on this.

Chuck Strum reported Titan Machine has not done anything about the water storage issue on the lot they rent along Old Hardin Road, the Virus has slowed this issue down and hopefully as State opens back up this can once again be pursued. The water either from snow or rain will damage the sidewalk and it is the property owners' issue. Chuck will keep working on this.

Woody gave an update on the TEDD, there has been a little movement, the City now wants to tie the annexation of this property to water rights. Should Lockwood Water need to get some water rights from the City to provide water to the TEDD area, the City then wants property owners to sign that says they give up their right to fight annexation. This does not seem likely but at least there is some conversation.

There is construction work going on the 5-mile road construction piece at present. The Bridge across the Yellowstone will also start this year and the Johnson Interchange should occur in 2023 however it could be moved up depending on the progress of the other projects. It is noted there is money for the Johnson Lane Interchange set aside so as time allows this can proceed.

Elyse said we should look at the counts this year versus last year, walking has increased significantly. A counter midway down Becraft probably close to the signage will show a difference the sidewalk will make.

There was some discussion about a zone change on Old Hardin Road, one subdivision enlarge their lot size which allowed them to avoid having to put in sidewalks and gutters. The present re-zone changes that are going on will not be done probably till the end of the year. This is something we want to keep current on, as property is developed sidewalks need to be put in which take the responsibility of Lockwood tax payers from having to pay for those sidewalks.

Our next meeting is June 3" and will do it using Zoom. Respectfully submitted:

Carlotta Hecker

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