

# **TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES**

155 F Road Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470



## **AGENDA MEMO**

**Agenda Item #**

**TO: Town Council of Town of Loxahatchee Groves**

**FROM: Richard Gallant, E.I., Public Works Director**

**DATE: June 4, 2024**

**SUBJECT: Road and Drainage Update**

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### **Background:**

The following items are an update to the road and drainage systems in the Town:

- IFB# 2024-01 Town FY24 Road Improvement Program was awarded at the April 2, 2024 Council Meeting.
  - The preconstruction meeting was held with the successful bidder on May 22, 2024 at Town Hall.
  - During that meeting, the project start date was discussed and the target to begin their contracted work is July 2024.
- The Public Works Department is in the process of laying 7,764 tons of base rock to prepare for the FY24 Paving Project. Our crews have been and continue to place the base rock and properly shape the roads.
- The Public Works Department has removed the 90 trees from the five different roads approved in previous council meetings and continue to refurbish and correct the drainage swales or to remove an unsafe condition on the following roads: Gruber LN., East Citrus Rd, 6<sup>th</sup> Court, Global Trail, and Casey Road. Casey Road, Gruber Lane, and Global Trail have had the excessive invasive overgrowth removed and have moved to 161<sup>st</sup> Terr. Public Works crews are removing the prohibited invasive non-native vegetation from the west side of 161<sup>st</sup> Terr. after multiple complaints regarding flooding on properties due to blocked swales.
- Royal Auction Group sold the equipment below and provided the Town with a check for \$61,500.00 which will be applied to the purchase of the 2025 dump truck.
  - 2000 Sterling L9500 Dump Truck
  - 2004 John Deere Combination loader/excavator

- The Public Works Department has removed the equipment below in May to be sold at auction with the proceeds being applied to the purchase of the 2025 dump truck approved in April:
  - 2014 Ledwell/Freightliner LW4000 WT Water Truck
  - 2010 Gradall XL5100
  - 2013 John Deere 6105M Tractor
- The Public Works Director has sent the purchase order to South Port Truck in Tampa, Florida to continue the process of procuring the 2025 12-Yard 8.8L Freightliner or approved equal through the Florida Department of Financial Services Contract 25101600-21-STC.
- The Public Works team is still diligently removing tires that are illegally dumped around the Town. We are still utilizing the contract with Coastal to empty the 30-yard dumpster about once a month that was full of tires. The epidemic of illegal tire disposal has risen in the past few months.
- The Public Works staff has, at least once a week, removed all the illegal temporary yard signs. The largest concentration is located at Southern Blvd and B Rd., and throughout the Okeechobee corridor. Since the February council meeting, the Public Works Director alone has removed about 100 signs throughout the town.
- The Public Works Department is still working on catching up on previous work conducted in the 2022 and 2023 fiscal years. This includes all the permits for the paving projects as well as the culverts that have previously been installed.
- To correct this, moving forward all of our invitation to bid documents along with contracts for work will require the contractor to compile and complete these documents.
- The Public Works Director has recently identified two additional culverts that need to be replaced, preferably prior to FY25. They are located at F Rd. and 12<sup>th</sup> Pl. N. and at F Rd. and Collecting Canal Rd.
  - It is our intent to utilize a portion of the state allocation to complete this work.
  - The Public Works Director has obtained pricing for this work and is bringing forward the 12<sup>th</sup> Place N and F Rd. replacement at the June council meeting.
  - Due to the cost, the replacement located at F Rd and Collecting Canal Rd. will have to go out to bid.
- Public Works staff are currently reviewing damaged guardrails throughout the Town.
  - It is the department's intention to utilize the Southeast Highway and Guardrail and Attenuators, LLC piggyback contract approved by council in February 2023, Resolution 2023-14.
  - Once the list is compiled, the guardrails that pose the highest risk to life and safety will be considered first.
- The Public Works Director requested the contractor for PBSC relocate their fence out of the A road Canal easement. They moved it the next day and staff removed the debris from the canal at the gate. The Public Works Director evaluated the structure and determined significant work will be required to correct issues with the entrance culvert to the gate assembly.
- Public Works staff has been clearing the canal easements and roadside(s) from debris and overgrowth. Public Works staff have cleared all the canal easements on A Rd., B Rd., and C Rd. They will continue to clear canal easements as we move forward.

The Public Works Mowing crew is currently working on mowing back all tree overgrowth on Bunny Ln., 11<sup>th</sup> Terr., 12<sup>th</sup> Pl N., Snail Trail, and 24<sup>th</sup> Cir N. as well as cutting back all sight triangles.

- The Public Works Director, who also serves as the Emergency Management Director, is compiling information to update our Emergency Management Plan and further develop our continuity of operation plan. During the process, we will work closely with CERT to enhance their abilities as well as educate our staff in working with them. The Public Works Director is working on enhancing our wireless capabilities utilizing the existing system the Town currently owns as well as enhancing our amateur radio capabilities in both the Public Works facilities as well as Town Hall.