

CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER - AGENDA ITEM DATA SHEET

Agenda Item: Director of Public Works Monthly Report

Presented by: DPW Jasen Glasbrenner

Meeting Date: Public Works Committee on 04-23-2026

April Operations Summary

Airport

- Airport Master Plan and Runway Crack Repair project progressing.
- Hangar inspections underway to meet FAA/BOA requirements (City complete; ~64% private complete).
- Attended Airport Sponsor Workshop with DOT/FAA (long-term planning and funding).

Buildings & Grounds

- Continued facility maintenance (patching, painting, ceiling tiles).
- Significant flooding at Aquatic Center pumphouse required emergency repairs; Utilities assisted. Opening remains on schedule.

Cemetery

- Two cremations, four full burials, and four lots sold.
- GIS coordination with SWWRPC ongoing; system active but requires data refinement.

Forestry

- Arbor Day event held April 22; Successful event alongside DNR, Brewer Public Library, Parks & Rec. and Richland County 4-H.
- Ongoing tree trimming and one removal completed.

Streets

- Continued patching as weather permits.
- April yard waste collection wrapping up. Ongoing issues with leaves, brush, and yard waste; SOP updates and stricter usage rules forthcoming.
- Staffing challenges over the past month due to injury and vacancy; new hire (Robb Shop) started 4/20/26.
- Completed Chestnut St. property work.
- Completed brush removal at dump site.
- Property owner sidewalk repair at 174 S. Central Ave has been completed.

DPW Notes

- Completed manhole repair at Main & Seminary.
- Multiple infrastructure impacts from recent flooding, including transverse drain failure (est. \$79,500; temporary repair ~\$7K–\$9K), roadway washouts (Tower Hill, Miner Hill/CTH N), Stewart St. erosion, W. Hazeltine flooding, and loss of kayak landing. The 4th St. house demo was also impacted.
- Softball field dugout donation installation scheduled for April 25 (Knights of Columbus)
- Budget Update: Streets Truck and Equipment Repair is trending higher than ideal. Costs reflect necessary work to maintain safe, reliable operations and address years of deferred maintenance, now achievable with ADPW support. Staff continue to prioritize in-house repairs and training to reduce long-term external costs. While still within budget, emergency expenditures remain a possibility.