

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Bridge Projects:

County Bridge Match Program – This program addresses the Structurally Deficient Bridges across Nebraska and provides funding of 55% or a maximum of \$150,000.00 per structure to remove, repair, or replace. Dawes County submitted three projects for the first year and all were approved. The three projects call for the bridges to be removed and replaced with corrugated metal pipes having steel head and wing walls. The state match for the three projects is estimated at \$79,500.00. The additional funds to complete the projects will come from the Federal Funds Purchase Program (FFPP). If you would like more information on the criteria and selection process and the additional funding the links are:

<http://dot.nebraska.gov/projects/tia/bridge-match/>

<http://dot.nebraska.gov/business-center/lpa/projects/programs/ffpp/>

- 1) Lemmon Bridge will have a 96” culvert installed.
- 2) Egan Bridge South will be replaced with twin 84” culverts.
- 3) Egan Bridge North will be replaced with twin 84” culverts.

The second year submission is for the removal of the Redfern Bridge and replacing it with a concrete box culvert. The announcement of the selected projects will be on January 12, 2018.

We have gone to bid and awarded the contract to Fuller Construction of Chadron, Nebraska for the replacement of the Knueppel Bridge on Deadhorse Road. The project has a proposed start date of March 1, 2018 at a bid price of \$91,052.50. Most of the cost for this project will come from the (FFPP).

Gravel Projects:

The end of the gravel hauling season has about ended for the year. We have a few projects we are going to make every attempt to complete as weather allows.

- 1) Galey Road – South one-half mile from the intersection of Arner and Galey Roads to connect with gravel haul previously this year.
- 2) Eleson Road – One-half mile north and one-mile south of the intersection with Norman Road.

We will start hauling and stockpiling crushed limestone from South Dakota to be placed on Slim Buttes Road beginning at the intersection of Highway 20 then running north.

There are projects on the 2017 One and Six Year Road Plan that need to be completed and some may need their priority changed. We will be seeking public input for the 2018 One and Six Year Road Plan and would appreciate hearing your comments and concerns. My contact information is on this website along with the Commissioners contact information. The tab for Road Comments/Concerns will go directly to my email.