2025 MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Since taking over as maintenance chair last September it's been a challenging year personally. As everyone should know our hired maintenance employee resigned in late June. Brian Pearson should be appreciated for his years of service including many late night, early morning emergencies along with many hours volunteering in different capacities.

Subsequent to his departure a group of members has answered the call. Andy Sullivan deserves so much credit and appreciation for organizing this group. Andy and Dan Owens have spent countless hours on the roads and our roads are in great shape. They have mostly used their own equipment and have repaired and maintained the clubs equipment. Others involved in repairs and maintenance of the tractor and backhoe are George Kooistra and Garry Little. A large group of volunteers has handled mowing and anything else that is asked of them like spraying weeds on roads, heavy spraying for the thistle outbreak behind the wildflowers and other tasks I'm sure I've forgotten. The volunteers who have stepped up in no particular order are:

Shelby Puckett
Jim Cody
George Kooistra
Rick Streiff
Joe Newlin
Eric Fabert
Ed Hugill
Dan Reed
Michelle Fallon
John Curtis

I'm hoping I haven't forgotten to list anyone and if I have forgive me.

Currently we are awaiting delivery of a replacement part for the tractor to continue use of the brush hog to mow the weirs. The Board is discussing using some of the remaining budget of the maintenance salary to purchase a road plane, pallet skids and grapples for the John Deere. These items have been needed for quite some time. We have gotten by without them up till now due to Andy and Dan's generosity in using their own equipment.

We are still trying to get backhoe up and running enough to figure out what needs to be repaired or replaced with the hydraulics.

The Board will be discussing the future of the maintenance position. It is my belief and hope that we will have better equipped any future maintenance employee and will better coordinate with the volunteers, current and future. By the way some of these volunteers have already responded to at least one tree emergency and had the road cleared within an hour of it being reported. We will have to discuss further emergencies and snow plowing in the short term.
John W. Curtis