

With the rain and snow this month, the guys will be getting their roads back into shape. We have over 600 miles of roads in District 3 and about two thirds of them are gravel. It will take some time to get over all of them, but they all will be graded.

We are still working on getting the funding for 112th Street. I have met with ODOT Commissioner Brad Burgess and Brent Copeland, Plant Manager of Goodyear. We are ready to request Industrial Access Program funds from ODOT. The first step of the request process was completed at the Commissioner's Board Meeting held on February 13

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when the board approved a resolution allowing me to submit the 112

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proposal to ODOT.

I was invited to meet with the Pecan Valley Homeowner's Association for their annual meeting. Their concerns include traffic using the right turn only lane on to Pecan Valley Drive and into the Lawton Christian School as a passing lane, the dead pine trees that line Cache Road and whose responsibility it is to remove them, 112th Street and I told them we were going to redo Pecan Valley Drive and a part of Valley Ridge in their subdivision. I appreciate being invited to these meetings as it gives me a chance to hear concerns of folks that live in the Western District.

We rebuilt the bridge on Crater Creek Road 1½ miles north of State Highway 39. While we had the equipment there the guys cleared the trees out of the bar ditches to allow better drainage along the road and under the bridge.

At the request from a local resident, we cleaned out the bar ditches on Goldenrod Way. A drainage problem was created by some previous work in the area.

A company from Kansas City, MO annually inspects our fracture critical bridges (truss bridges). We received the inspection report on 4 of our 5 bridges in District 3. All the bridges were given an overall rating of "Satisfactory Condition" with some minor maintenance that we will need to do to protect the bridges. The remaining bridge has been inspected but the write up has not been completed. All indications are that it will receive a "satisfactory" rating as well.

The Comanche Nation had a tire and battery recycling program at the Cahoma building. We took advantage of the opportunity to get rid of our old tires. We want to thank them for doing this kind of recycling program for the area.

We are still concerned about the narrowing of Post Oak Road. Road Forman Kenny Kinder met with an expert with the road oil company to see if there is any way we can repair Post Oak without a complete redo, which would cost approximately \$30,000 per mile for materials alone. But we found out there was no fix and we will have to redo, at least two to three miles of it to properly prepare the roadbed before putting on the chip and oil. That part of Post Oak Road will be put on our list for a redo, and if the weather allows, it will be early fall before we will be able to finish it.

Oklahoma Department of Transportation told me that someone had hit the Paint Road overpass on US 62 and caused enough damage that the north bound lane on Paint is closed. They informed me today that they will be letting a contract in April to repair the overpass.

Lee Blvd status: We are still in the utilities phase. The contractor for AT&T notified me they had started putting in their new lines. Instead of moving lines, they abandon old lines and put in new ones.

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