



PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

Reporting Period:

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Administration

We continue to provide for the community with the protocols implemented to protect the crew and community members from Covid-19. Been a big push on procuring and ordering items we have on the CARES funding list to use up the funding before the deadline. Travel guidelines are taking a toll on some progress as some crew members must travel for critical needs. The time gone plus the two-week mandatory quarantine time once returning to the island makes for a lot of lost time. It creates a domino effect moving crew members around to fill the voids when needed. One trip turns into about a twelfth of their work year, that is a huge amount of time. All the departments are working on getting their budgets turned in for next year, hard to believe it is that time already. We are working on providing a list of projects with more detail in a program called Monday. It will help keep track of where each project is at or what stage it is in.

Maintenance and Operation Division

Facility Maintenance Crew is busy with materials showing up all at once. The carpenters bay is jammed packed with materials and supplies for all rehabs of houses, offices, outbuildings, as well as supplies for other departments. They have completed the EMS office, Covid-19 laundry room, 162D tub replacement, performed work on 163B rehab, Civic Center, well house #4 and #3, office furniture, helping other departments, street poles, streetlights, off-loading the freighter, moving a container from the dock to the fuel farm, and inventory. They continue to cross things off the forever growing list.

We are currently not excepting residential work orders.

Motor Pool Division

The guys are working on adding the new vehicles to the list and ordering maintenance items for the remainder of the year. They chased down a short on the 160 grader that was giving a high-pressure code in the transmission that would cause the computer to go into limp mode and eventually shut it down. Glad it was an electrical issue and not a mechanical failure that could have been costly. Hats off to them for chasing down the short.

Motor Pool is closed to the public and currently not accepting any work orders.



Bulk Fuel Utility

They been providing their service to the community and more fishing vessels lately. Removed and replaced the deteriorated container at the fuel farm with one they had located at the south dock.

Electric Utility

The Streetlights have been replaced at this time to close out that grant requirement. They started work on replacing some of the old cement streetlight poles with new fiberglass poles. Poles have been put together and have one installed on Ellerman Heights Road. They have added some lights and made some upgrades at the landfill. Wired in the laundry room, performed electrical work during water well pump house rehabs, order for 13 stainless steel transformers has been placed to replace old rusted transformers. Researched and procured smart meter systems and it looks like we will work on something in house before proceeding with a system at this time.

Water/Sewer Utility

They have sent samples out on a charter flight, coliform PFOA and PFOS and nitrates been tested and passed, unfortunately the annual TTHM and HAA5 water samples were damaged during shipping and could not be tested. Jerry with Analytical will let us know if and when we can try to send test samples again since we have missed the deadline.

Refuse Utility

Still working with the vendor on shipping logistics before placing an order on the refuse carts. Looking into shipping costs for sending out aluminum recyclables to see if it is something we want to pursue currently. Current cardboard prices are low and would not make it worthwhile to process and send out. We are asking customers to not over stuff garbage bags and not fill cardboard boxes with trash to help prevent any mishaps to prevent the spread on Covid-19.