

SECTION: TRANSPORTATION

SUBJECT: ROADSIDE SEEDING AND MAINTENANCE

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Roadside Seeding and Maintenance

It is the policy of the County of Warner No. 5 to conduct a road side grass seeding program, as required, to promote the stability of side slopes.

Guidelines

1. After the Public Works Department has their yearly road improvement program approved by Council, the Public Works Superintendent will notify the Ag Fieldman of the year's construction schedule with an approximate time line when seeding of the road side slopes may commence. The Public Works Department is responsible for the following:
 - a. where possible, ensure the side slopes are of a degree that they can be maintained by County equipment,
 - b. the side slopes are top dressed with a layer of top soil to the extent that it is available,
 - c. the side slopes are left in a pre seeding condition
2. The Agricultural Service Board Department, under the direction of the Ag Fieldman will be responsible for the following:
 - a. have available the appropriate certified forage seed for the soil conditions for all new and upgraded County roads,
 - b. native grass seed must be used adjacent to any native grass lands or pastures,
 - c. conducting the necessary final soil preparation requirements prior to seeding the grass,
 - d. Ag Fieldman is responsible for the scheduling of the seeding and how it will be conducted. Methods of planting the grass seed may include utilizing the following methods:
 - i. direct seeding type of drill (such as a Haybuster),
 - ii. hydro seeding equipment, and
 - iii. broadcasting methods by hand or mechanical spreaders
 - e. Ag Fieldman, with the assistance of the Bylaw Officer, will negotiate the seeding requirements with the owner of private lands.
 - f. the costs of seeding all roadsides will be the responsibility of the Ag Service Board Department and should be accounted for within their operating budget, unless otherwise directed by Council.
3. Grass should be planted from the top shoulder to the property line unless other arrangements have been made with the adjacent landowner. Regardless of the arrangements, grass will be seeded no less than three (3) feet from the toe of the road.
4. Adjacent landowners shall not cultivate any closer than three (3) feet from the toe of the road. This will assist in maintaining the integrity of the road's side slopes.