

Daineal Malone is new Linn County engineer

ALBANY — New Linn County Engineer Daineal Malone has been involved in the planning and execution of numerous road projects — from Courtney Creek Drive near Brownsville to Mill City — during her 14 years with the Linn County Road Department.

“I’m looking forward to the new challenges, although I’m going to have to delegate some of the things I’m used to doing,” Malone said.

Malone, 46, has worked at the Road Department since 2007, after spending two years with Reece and Associates, Inc. in Albany.

Malone grew up in Hermiston and moved to Utah during her freshman year of high school, graduating from Bingham High School in South Jordan, Utah, in 1993. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Oregon State in 2005.

She was hired by Reece and Associates, Inc. as a land development designer in the Fall of '05 and joined the Linn County Road Department two years later.

“I enjoy the people I work with,” Malone said. “We work well together.”

Malone has helped design many of the major Road Department projects over the years including the Brownsville Gateway project, the Old Salem Road sidewalk project, the Quartzville corridor project and the multi-faceted bridge and roadwork underway in Mill City.

The Mill City project includes a \$9.3 mil-



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lion TIGER grant which includes renovating the North Santiam River Bridge, rehabilitation of a—historic pedestrian bridge and Broadway Street road improvements. The project is expected to wrap up in December.

Malone and her husband David, a land surveyor for Benton County, live in Albany. They have a daughter, Aisling, 19, and a son, Aneurin, 16.

Malone enjoys playing golf, is a former belly dancer and enjoyed playing rugby in the late 1990s. She also coached the Linn-Benton Lions Middle School Girls’ rugby team in 2019.

The Road Department employs 69 full-time people and seven to 10 seasonal workers. The department is responsible for 1,139 miles of road and 326 bridges. The main office is in Albany, with satellite facilities near Halsey, Scio and Sweet Home.

Roadwork maintenance is divided into four districts.

“Linn County is a certified local agency,” Roadmaster Wayne Mink said. “That means we are certified to complete state-level contracts, work closely with federal funding and administer our own contracts. Daineal has been instrumental in facilitating that all along.”

Mink said that Malone is a licensed civil engineer and has worked closely with former County Engineer Chuck Knoll on many projects.

“She has the competence and skillset needs for this position,” Mink said of her promotion.

Knoll has retired, but is working part-time until the end of the year completing some high-level projects.

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