

MACHINERY

I feel we should replace the backhoe. The one we have is to the point that it is going to cost more than it is worth to repair. The front axle pivot is extremely worn and will cost a minimum \$4000 to repair. All most every pivot on the hoe is sloppy, and the engine uses coolant.

I would like to see the town upgrade to a Deere 310S line of backhoe. This series of machine would be a huge improvement, and there is a pretty good used inventory out there, it just might take a little while to find one that fits our town.

List of accessories:

Cab

Extend Hoe

Four-wheel drive

Thumb (I strongly suggest, it would greatly increase the versatility)

Ride control

Price range on machines varies depending on hours and extras.

5000 hrs 50 to 60 thousand

500 hrs 90 to 105 Thousand

Gravel reclaimer. I feel this would help tremendously to pull gravel back onto roads and remove ridges on the shoulder, saving money on gravel and helping drainage of roadway.

Tiger \$9,800.

Diamond \$8,827. Delivery \$503

3 point side mower. These come up on auctions once in a while. Would cut our mowing time almost in half each year.