

RROMAC MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2005

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

James Burns
Robert Ewers
Keith Fishback
Eldon Jossi
Adam Mayer
Wendy Mortensen

Staff:

Dave Schamp
Richard Girard
Victoria Saager
Keith Lewis
Greg Clemmons
Stacia Sheelar
Bob Morast
Barry Hennelly

Absent:

Mark Bauer
Don Logan
Joe Rutledge
Gary Virgin

Guests:

Bob Terry

Welcome

Eldon Jossi called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. and started introductions. March minutes were reviewed. Robert Ewers motioned to approve the March minutes and Wendy seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Susbauer Railroad Crossing Project

Susbauer railroad crossing – ODOT wants gates installed. At the end of 2006 we are looking to remove the dip south of the tracks, lift the road 8 - 10 feet, and the railroad would like to raise the tracks some again. There are plans to widen Susbauer near the curve during the summer of 2006 and widen it at the bridge on the Cornelius end.

Scholls Ferry Bridge

The current structure will be left in place during construction of the new bridge in spring of 2006. Philip Harris Bridge should be completed by late November.

Susbauer and Wren Road Intersection (Discussion carried by Barry Hennelly of Capital Project Management)

Waiting for the bids on the flashing light. Greg Clemmons will talk with the property owner about adding rumble strips and also about parking cars in front of the property.

STOP (Seasonal Transportation Operations Permit) Program

Bob Terry, Oregon Association of Nurseries, shared information regarding a program that allows the nursery trucks to travel on county roads with one permit instead of getting a new permit every time they need to use the roads. Several other counties are already participating in this program.

Todd Watkins discussed the county's special transportation permit program including the county's participation in the ODOT coordinated COVP program. He pointed out that inquiries to the county's weigh master did not indicate a clear identification of the county's overall length policy. He said he would research the issue and provide clarification for future reference.

Eldon Jossi said that weight should be considered as well as length.

Gales Creek Speed Limit

The state has agreed to lower the speed on Gales Creek Road near the David Hill intersection. The problem is they have lowered it for an eight-mile stretch. Barry Hennelly discussed plans to change the intersection in the future.

Miscellaneous

Dave Schamp shared that the Best Management Practices have now been approved by NOAA Fisheries and we are now protected by the 4d rule.

Greg Clemmons mentioned that the county is still looking for sites to take dirt.

Adding alternate RROMAC members was discussed. Dave Vanasche and Lars Wahlstrom have expressed interest. Keith Fishback motioned to add them to the committee, Wendy Mortensen seconded the motion, and all were in favor. This will now go before the Board of County Commissioners for appointment.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

Update on the STOP program – Todd Watkins
Wren and Susbauer road update – Bob Morast
Clark Hill and Farmington Road Intersection – Gary Virgin