

RROMAC MEETING MINUTES

August 19, 2004

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

James Burns
Robert Ewers
John Jackson
Eldon Jossi
Wendy Mortensen
Joe Rutledge

Staff:

Dave Schamp
Greg Clemmons
Victoria Saager
Rich Girard
Keith Lewis
Stacia Sheelar

Absent

Mark Bauer
Keith Fishback
Don Logan
Adam Mayer
Dave Vanasche
Gary Virgin

Guests:

Lars Amlie
Fred Cavendish
Mark Bonnett

WELCOME

Eldon Jossi called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. It was moved by Wendy Mortensen and seconded by Robert Ewers to approve the July minutes. All were in favor.

SUSBAUER ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

Greg Clemmons met with Dave Vanasche to review the accident history for Susbauer Road. According to Dave Vanasche, there have been 11 accidents in the last year, 4 of them fatalities. One was a motorcycle running into a train, one was someone running a stop sign, and one was a cyclist drifting into traffic. All three of these were human error. Traffic Engineering will be checking additional information. Currently the County is leaning toward widening the road from Wren to Zion Church with two 12-foot travel lanes with 2-foot shoulders. This would mean widening ditches, moving power poles, and possibly placing buttons in the center of the curve.

CREPS ROAD

Citizens Lars Amlie and Fred Cavendish addressed the committee regarding Creps Road. The residents of Elk Mountain Road have combined their resources and paved Elk Mountain Road. They would like for the County to pave Creps Road, which is a very short piece of gravel road that they must travel to get to their paved road. The committee reviewed the criteria for paving gravel roads and after a very thorough presentation by Mr. Amlie and Mr. Cavendish, came to the conclusion that Creps will remain in its current position on the list of roads to be paved. It was suggested that Greg Clemmons have a meeting with the residents of Elk Mountain Road and Creps Road to discuss the possibility of an LID for Creps Road. Greg will work with the citizens on this issue.

SELL ROAD

Citizen Mark Bonnett from Sell Road addressed the committee regarding Sell Road being used as a detour for Hwy 26 during accidents. Accidents are very common on this portion of roadway. Mr. Bonnett has talked with Ron Kroop from ODOT about this issue and nothing has been done since Sell Road is a County road. There are videos of the walls of traffic using Sell Road during a detour. The dust is terrible during these times also. Dave Schamp will work with the State on the possibility of doing some type of treatment on Sell Road. There are a lot of log trucks that end up using Sell Road, which also tears up the roadway.

VEGETATION OPTIONS

Keith Lewis asked that this agenda item be carried over for next month.

SUBGRADE DRAINAGE

Dave Schamp brought a proposal for RROMAC and the Farm Bureau to set criteria with CH2M Hill on a review and unbiased look at the Wren Road sub-grade drainage study. CH2M Hill is already working with the Port of Portland on the Hillsboro Airport realignment. These sub-grade drainage studies are costly and take about 3 to 5 years to get enough information to evaluate the investment. The contact people for this will be Eldon Jossi of RROMAC and Tad Vanderzanden with the Farm Bureau. Eldon Jossi suggested that someone figure out if the sub-grade drainage was installed correctly on Wren Road. Greg Clemmons said there are many factors that weigh in like soil type and precipitation amounts.

WORK PROGRAM UPDATE

Chip seals and gravel road upgrades are complete. The attached cost sheet on the gravel road upgrades was handed out. Culvert upgrades are being done on Zion Church Road (2 locations) and Lodge Road; bridge repairs on Oleson Road start August 23. Culvert replacements on Gales Creek, Woollen, Norwood (2 culverts), Glencoe and Strassel roads have all been completed. Bridge repair work on Minter Bridge and South Roads are complete. Upcoming bridge projects are scheduled for Minterbridge, Meacham, Vanderschuere, Pongratz, Moutaindale (2), and Glencoe roads.

MISCELLANEOUS

John Jackson complimented the County on the use of the reader boards for the chip seal on Golf Course Road. He felt that they really deterred the traffic.

Victoria thanked the RROMAC members for attending the Volunteer Recognition Event last week. The County appreciates the time and effort that is given from each volunteer.

Rich Girard stated that after a field trip to look at the gravel roads, things are really starting to look good, and the practices are starting to work.

Wendy requested a copy of a letter that was sent to Mr. Neuringer on Strassel Road (attached).

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

Video of Sell Road – Greg Clemmons
Gravel Road Upgrades for 2005 – Committee
Vegetation Options – Keith Lewis