



RROMAC MEETING MINUTES

August 17, 2006

Members:

James Burns
Robert Ewers
Keith Fishback
Ken Moyle
Gary Virgin
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Lars Wahlstrom

Staff:

Dave Schamp
Greg Clemmons
Keith Lewis
Victoria Saager
Stacia Sheelar

Absent:

Eldon Jossi
Don Logan
Wendy Mortensen
Dave Vanasche

Guests:

Dave Sweeney - Stimsons
Denny Hruby

Welcome

Gary Virgin called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. Keith Fishback motioned to approve the July minutes and Bill Ewers seconded the motion. Introductions were made.

Gravel Road Upgrades

Greg Clemmons provided photos of Plumlee Road upgrade, before and after.

The County will move ahead with the reversion of Dick Road. We have received several calls and letters against the reversion, but this road is in bad shape. The road was chipsealed back in 1991 through a co-op and was only guaranteed to last five-seven years. We have maintained the road all of these years. There is only one house on the affected segment and there is little impact to the crops. This road gets about 400 cars per day, which is high, for a gravel road and that has been considered.

Gary Virgin said can't we just leave the road as is and not maintain it instead of reverting it? Greg advised that wet weather would make the road worse.

Bill Ewers suggested that ditching at least be cleaned up.

There are a few roads on the gravel road upgrade list that may be done with LID's.

A special committee was formed to review and re-evaluate the top ten. Committee members will be Keith Fishback, Bill Ewers, Lars Wahlstrom, Gary Virgin, Ken Moyle and Jim Burns. The committee will meet before the next meeting.

Hydroseeding

Keith Lewis discussed the issue of providing a special seed mixture for hydroseeding that will suit each adjoining property if requested. It is very costly to change the seed mixture. If the adjoining farmer wants to plant the ditch, they would have to have a right-of-way permit.

Keith Fishback said he would be very leery allowing people to plant things other than grass seed.

Keith Lewis mentioned that this should probably be handled on a case by case basis. Be proactive with the farmers prior to hydroseeding. Victoria reminded the group that notices are already going out to inform citizens that the hydroseeding is coming. If they have issues they usually call us.

Miscellaneous

Highway 47 at Quince Street will be closed the weekend of September 9 for an ODOT railroad-crossing repair.

Sell Road meeting last Tuesday went well. Highway 26 and Sell Road parallel each other. When there's construction or an accident on Highway 26, Sell Road gets a lot of "detour" traffic. Sell Road is a gravel road. This happens about six times per year. The County, ODOT, and the citizens are working together to find a solution that works for everyone. On the weekends, we are currently using variable message boards to caution traffic to slow down when using Sell Road.

Lars Wahlstrom motioned to make a formal recommendation that a letter from RROMAC to the Board of Commissioners be done to place a higher priority on gravel road upgrades. \$1 million per year as proposed at the prior Board meeting. Bill Ewers seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Ken Moyle suggested that the gas tax be increased to cover the cost of these gravel road upgrades.

Lars questioned why the entire list of gravel road upgrades is not considered a capital project in itself. Ken Moyle agreed that this list should be a capital upgrade.

Jim Burns discussed the issue of bicyclists not obeying the traffic laws. During the bridge repair on Sewell Road, bikes were going around the road-closed barricades.

The issue of sweeping the bike lanes is commonly discussed and as Keith Lewis mentioned, the sweeper is busy sweeping for the chip seals and regular maintenance to keep up with sweeping all of the bike lanes.

Gary Virgin made a comment that we are overconstructing roads and creating more maintenance headaches. We will invite Capital Projects Manager Dan Brown to the next RROMAC meeting.

Keith Fishback motioned to adjourn the meeting. Lars Wahlstrom seconded the motion.

NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

Gravel Road Upgrade Recommendations

Review letter to the Board

Capital Projects Update