



RROMAC MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 2005

Members:

Robert Ewers
Keith Fishback
Don Logan
Gary Virgin
Dave Vanasche
Lars Wahlstrom

Staff:

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

Absent:

Mark Bauer
James Burns
Eldon Jossi
Adam Mayer
Joe Rutledge

Guests:

Steve Harry, ODOT
Karla Keller, ODOT
Ron Kroop, ODOT
Ken Moyle

Welcome

Gary Virgin called the meeting to order. Keith Fishback motioned to approve the November minutes and Bill Ewers seconded the motion. The ODOT staff in attendance was introduced to the committee. Chris Fink with the Sheriff's Office will be attending in the future.

ODOT – Highway 219

ODOT held an open house on December 1 to discuss crash analysis, maps, and projects. Hwy 219 is considered a safety corridor so fines are higher for traffic violations.

Signage at Midway and Laurel areas have improved. ODOT has added chevrons, increased the size of warning signs, installed raised pavement markers, etc. They will use durable striping next summer. At Hwy 219 and Farmington they are trying to stay ahead of sight distance obstructions like vegetation and drainage issues. A consultant for Hwy 219 has completed a sign review. ODOT is using newer, bigger signs.

Bill Ewers reminded ODOT that there's a lot of farm equipment moving down Hwy 219 and they need to be considered as well. ODOT agreed that education for the public is key. Dave Vanasche mentioned that ODOT should work with DMV to update the driver's manual to educate people on farm equipment. Greg Miller pointed out the need for funding to support the education.

Keith Fishback commented that Cornelius Pass should really be an ODOT road.

Ron Kroop stated that the sight distances would be improved on Hwy 219 at both Farmington and Bald Peak. Plans are already in progress.

It was agreed that an ODOT staff representative would attend the RROMAC meeting every two to three months. Karla Keller will contact us.

Gravel Road Upgrades

The Gravel Road Upgrades Subcommittee recommended that Plumlee and Roy Wilkesboro roads be chip sealed. It was also suggested that Mullereile be done as well. Don Logan moved to approve the recommendations and Lars Wahlstrom seconded the motion. All three roads will be done. All were in favor with Keith Fishback abstaining.

Overdimensional Resolution and Order

A Resolution and Order for overdimensional permits will go before the Board on January 17, 2006. The truck trailer, trailer combination has been added and will be effective once the Board signs the R & O. R & O 84-42 will be repealed at the same time.

Keith Fishback thanked Todd Watkins for his work on the R & O and the clear, concise document. Gary Virgin echoed Keith's thoughts and also thanked Keith for his help.

Miscellaneous

We will continue to use the ditching notifications and door hangars for public notice of upcoming maintenance activities.

There will be a Public Works Fair again in 2006. It will be held in May. More information to come.

The committee asked Greg Miller to follow-up on the average daily traffic for Scotch Church Road. It has increased substantially since the Jackson School interchange opened.

The committee questioned the county's use of decorative rock on the outside of the Phillip Harris Bridge and the added expense. The environmental regulations were explained to the committee regarding the wetland area and why it had to be done

Gary Virgin complimented the county on the new light at Clark Hill Road. It is a great improvement.

Keith Fishback commented that the last 18 to 24 months have been a great change with the ideas from RROMAC being received and acted upon by County staff.

Greg Miller announced that Tom Tushner would be joining the County on January 3 as the new Traffic Engineer.

Dave Vanasche said that the flashing lights installed at Wren and Susbauer seemed to have reduced the amount of accidents. There have not been any lately.

Keith Fishback moved to adjourn and Lars Wahlstrom seconded the motion.