



RROMAC MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2006

Members:

James Burns
Robert Ewers
Eldon Jossi
Don Logan
Wendy Mortensen
Ken Moyle
Gary Virgin
Lars Wahlstrom

Staff:

Dave Schamp
Greg Clemmons
Rich Girard
Keith Lewis
Victoria Saager
Janelle Lockbeam
Tom Tushner

Absent:

Keith Fishback
Dave Vanasche

Guests:

Denny Hruby

Welcome

Gary Virgin called the meeting to order. Don Logan moved the January minutes be approved and Eldon Jossi seconded the motion, minutes were approved. Introductions were made.

Gravel Road Upgrades

Roy Wilkesboro, Plumlee and Mullereile roads are approved for upgrades. Ditching has started.

Eastview off of Edy Road near Sherwood looks promising for an LID. Haide Road residents have sent a check to perform a co-op project. Haide Road would not have qualified for an upgrade.

Budget Update

The budget is in the first stages of adoption. Dave doesn't expect any problems getting it through.

Dave passed out a handout of projected revenue through FY 11-12. Revenue will be cut by \$1 million next year because of the loss of State taxes. One of our sources of funding is from MSTIP levies 1, 2 and 3. The third levy will “sunset” at the end of the Cornelius-Schefflin project. The continued revenue will be appropriated by the Board for other capital projects.

Watching the “Safety Net” tax that the President has cut. Other counties rely heavily on this income to fund road maintenance. Washington County does not get any of this safety tax but gas tax could possibly be reallocated to help fund other counties.

In 1984 the County Auditor, Alan Percell did a study of where money comes from and where it goes. He has just completed another that he will share with the public on March 28. Dave has been invited to attend this presentation and suggested that a RROMAC member also attend.

High Water and Landslides

The following list of roads have had some damage due to the recent water events that we have had. Some of the roads listed are being watched.

Strassel - repaired
Dixie Mountain - repaired
Gassner - watching
Hardebeck – repaired last week
Laurelwood – near Seventh Day Adventist facility
Timber Road
Philip Harris Bridge – Check plantings, swales, etc.
Baseline Bridges – Check plantings, swales, etc.
West Shore – multiple locations
Dairy Creek
Creps
Mountain Dale
Carpenter Creek
Helvetia
West Union
Scoggins Creek

Greg is going on a tour of water damage with Federal and State Inspectors today.

Last month 29 of 31 days we had rain. Some roads, Susbauer for example, close when a lot of water goes over them. Citizens get frustrated with these closures and end up moving barricades or driving around them. They are put there for public safety.

Rich Girard and Keith Lewis will be getting together to discuss pothole problems. The weather has been hard on them and now this current cold snap may pop up more.

Denny Hruby mentioned the water pipe project for the City of Tualatin going on right now on Tualatin-Sherwood Road. The trench is going down the middle of the wheel track. He is wondering why the county Right-of-Way process can't work with these

contractors to place the trenches in the middle of the road or off of the road surface. Rich will work on improving this process. Rich says that department heads need to discuss options.

Don Logan suggests more drainage tiles to help drainage. Greg said that some french drains were installed in 1991 on Scoggins Valley Road. Some french drains were also installed on Timber Road in the switchbacks. They all held up through 1996 and this year. There are not many areas that would have benefited from drains with the exception of Dixie Mountain.

Some shoulders will be paved at frequent washout areas to help prevent future shoulder erosion. This has been a success in some areas such as Fernhill Road that had frequent shoulder washouts.

Dave mentioned several fatalities have occurred recently. A committee has formed to look into these accidents to see if anything could improve the area for accident prevention. This committee meets quarterly.

Working with the Sheriff's Office to develop a staging area on 175th Avenue for speed enforcement.

Gary has sent copies of the funding section of Transportation 101 to the Funding Committee members. A representative from Pihl Logging has also joined the subcommittee.

Wendy Mortensen moved to adjourn, James Burns seconded the motion. Adjourned.

MARCH AGENDA

Finance Committee Update

Representative from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)