



RROMAC MEETING MINUTES

July 20, 2006

Members:

James Burns
Robert Ewers
Keith Fishback
Don Logan
Wendy Mortensen
Ken Moyle
Gary Virgin
Lars Wahlstrom
Dave Vanasche

Staff:

Greg Clemmons
Rich Girard
Keith Lewis
Victoria Saager
Stacia Sheelar

Absent:

Eldon Jossi
Dave Vanasche

Guests:

Allan McDonald - ODOT
Steve Harry – ODOT
John Willis – CH2M
Denny Hruby

Welcome

Gary Virgin called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Wendy Mortensen motioned to approve the June minutes and Don Logan seconded the motion.

ODOT STIP 08-11

Allan McDonald and Steve Harry from ODOT talked about ODOT STIP 08-11. List of projects will be sent out in August or September, public meeting will be held in October or November. Oregon Transportation Commission will review in January. Final approval will not happen until September 2007. Environmental assessment for Glencoe Road interchange is also being reviewed.

The project at Highway 219 and Farmington was discussed. Gary Virgin expressed his concern about not addressing the intersection at Bald Peak at the same time. Gary proposed that the committee sign a letter to suggest that RROMAC does not support the Farmington at Hwy 219 project because there is not enough funding to address the Bald Peak intersection as believed necessary. Gary feels they should align both intersections or wait until they have the money to do both. The committee voted 7-1 to continue the project with the funds that are available and address the Bald Peak intersection at a later date. Ken Moyle recommended getting in on the process sooner rather than later.

Keith Fishback discussed the issue of fencing in the right-of-way along Jackson School Road. Questions were raised as to why fencing is on agricultural land. ODOT

explained that this was a limited access area to keep people from entering the highway from the adjacent property and it is standard practice on ODOT highways.

DRAINAGE UPDATE (CH2M HILL)

John Willis of CH2M Hill was introduced. He has been retained to assess the possibility of incorporating sub-drains as standard practice in roads reconstructed by the County. A copy of his proposed scope of work was passed out.

MISCELLANEOUS

Dick Road reversion was discussed. Staff reviewed the gravel road upgrade calculations per Commissioner Duyck's request and Dick Road did not turn out very high. It is number 38 on the list. There's one house and low sensitivity crops.

Dick Road paving was paid for by a previous LID back in 1990. The County has continued to maintain the road and extended the life for several years. Building owners and companies leasing from them are concerned about the reversion.

RROMAC agreed with staff that the County should stay with the recommendation to revert Dick Road. Gary Virgin did however; recommend that the drainage issues be reviewed before the reversion process begins. Don Logan would like us to fix it and not go backwards to reversion. It was also recommended that committee members review the road prior to next month's meeting and that traffic counts be completed.

Keith Fishback mentioned that when we notify property owners of a chip seal, we might want to advise them to drive carefully on the roads and use extra caution until it is completely dry.

Chip seal program is about 35% complete. The rock is not as clean as we have used in the past and oil costs are way up.

Victoria reminded everyone of the website for gravel road information. www.co.washington.or.us/gravelroads .

Joe Younkings talked about the Scholls Bridge. Permit applications were done last November. We are still waiting for the Corps of Engineers to give us a permit. Engineering is reviewing the specs and once the permit is ready, the project will go to bid. Contractors' bids for bridge replacement work this year have been coming in significantly higher than the engineer's estimate. We are adjusting the bid timing for Scholls to see if we can attract more potential bidders and hopefully receive bids that are closer to our budgeted estimate.

NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

Dick Road Update – Greg Clemmons
Hydroseeding – Keith Lewis/Rich Girard
Plumlee Photos – Greg Clemmons