

RROMAC MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2004

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

James Burns
Keith Fishback
Eldon Jossi
Don Logan
Wendy Mortensen
Gary Virgin

Staff:

Greg Clemmons
Victoria Saager
Stacia Sheelar
Rich Girard
Keith Lewis

Absent

Mark Bauer
Robert Ewers
John Jackson
Adam Mayer
Joe Rutledge
Dave Vanasche

Guests:

WELCOME

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

ACCESS PERMITS AND FIELD ACCESS

A draft proposal for agricultural access permits is attached. Everyone agreed that it was important to start dialogue before ditching is done rather than after. It was suggested that the work program be posted on the web site. The question was raised whether or not an existing access would be grandfathered. It should be the property owner's responsibility to contact any lessee they may have on different properties. Don Logan suggested that forested zones have more flexibility with several access locations. James Burns stated that the communication is good between the County and most farmers. Dave Schamp stressed that it is more cost effective for us to know ahead of time if there is an access that needs to be maintained, rather than us taking it out and coming back later to repair or replace it. Keith Fishback feels as though we are headed in the right direction. It was also suggested that the farmers place entry markers to let County crews know which accesses are being used. We will follow up at the next meeting.

PUBLIC AWARENESS

A copy of a postcard mailer is attached. This was the pilot project for notifying the public about upcoming work in their area. The cost of the first postcard was \$256. A copy of the most recent press release was shared and Eldon suggested that it be in the local papers. Keith Fishback

mentioned that the Banks High School digital media students/teacher are going to do a project and create a video to educate the public on farm machinery.

MISCELLANEOUS

Gary Virgin asked about the Harris Bridge. At this point it looks as though there will have to be a long term closure.

Wendy Mortensen asked why the City of North Plains is not taking responsibility for the North Avenue tragedy since they did not require the builder for the subdivision to improve the intersection. Why is this falling on Washington County? Keith Fishback said that half-street improvements should be required.

Dust abatement program is being reviewed. People who wish to do their own application can apply for a one-time permit for \$153.00 and apply the lignin sulfonate themselves.

Wendy Mortensen motioned to adjourn and Keith Fishback seconded the motion.

NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

Agricultural Accesses/Culverts – Keith Lewis

Land Development street improvements as part of the development process – Ross Van Loo

Wren Road – Ditch Maintenance – Keith Lewis