

RROMAC MEETING MINUTES

March 17, 2005

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

James Burns
Eldon Jossi
Robert Ewers
Wendy Mortensen
Gary Virgin
Adam Mayer

Staff:

Dave Schamp
Richard Girard
Victoria Saager
Keith Lewis
Greg Clemmons
Janelle Lockbeam
Bob Morast
Dan Brown

Absent:

Mark Bauer
Joe Rutledge
Keith Fishback
Don Logan

Guests:

Dave Vanasche
Ellen Vanasche
Denny Hruby
Kirk Chamberlain
Steve Lawrse

Welcome

Gary Virgin called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. and started introductions. February minutes were reviewed. Robert Ewers motioned to approve the February minutes and Wendy seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Vadis Road

The condition of Vadis Road was brought up in the February meeting. There is an ongoing right-of-way issue regarding where it actually is. It is the opinion of County Counsel that it is most likely where the road exists based on the fact that the roadway has been there for over 10 years. Owners will be talked to about vacating the right-of-way. Looking at repair and paving Vadis Road from the log yard to Milne Lane during the summer of 2006.

STOP Program (Nursery Permits)

Mark Simmons from Oregon Nurserymans Association contacted Greg Clemmons about implementing STOP in Washington County. Greg doesn't see the need for it, approval at the present time is handled on a case by case basis.

Bob Terry (Fisher Farms Nursery) and David Eshraghi (Eshraghi Nursery) will attend the April 21, 2005 meeting to discuss, along with Mark Simmons.

Susbauer and Wren Intersection

- Bushes have been removed and a retaining wall has been installed on the NW corner of the intersection in an effort to improve sight distance.
- Next year Operations will widen the curve north of the intersection by four feet. After improved, the lanes will be 12' with a 2' shoulder.
- Parking in front of the house on the NW corner can cause a sight distance problem, will mention to the homeowner to please avoid parking there (it has not been a problem for a couple of years).

Bob Morast came to the meeting. The following will be or has been done to the intersection:

- Oversized stop signs have been installed.
- Stop ahead sign flags have been installed.
- Rumble strips will be installed in the wheel path before the stop signs to alert drivers of the stop signs.
- Overhead flashing beacon will be installed.
- Vegetation to be checked periodically for sight distance.

Bob will go visit resident on the NW corner to inform the resident that the rumble strips may cause noise. He will also bring up the parking issue in front of the residence along the road (sight distance problem to the North) at this time.

Two thirds of Susbauer Road now has a 45 mph speed limit. The Northern portion is basic rule. Bob will submit a request for a traffic study to investigate the proper speed. He will contact the state tomorrow to see how this process can be expedited.

Bob Morast will do a speed study on Susbauer Road and come back to the May 2005 committee meeting to make a recommendation. Bob requests that RROMAC assemble a draft letter regarding background information on traffic accidents on this road to accompany his recommendation to the state.

Eldon Jossi asked Bob Morast why 50 mph signs were installed from Forest Grove to Hwy 6 recently. No signs are posted to "end" 45 mph. Bob will have an answer by next meeting. Also wants to know the standard warning sign placement (distance from pavement edge) to accommodate farm machinery in particular. Bob will look at standards and the placement of these signs on Thatcher, Hillside, and Stringtown Roads.

Dave Vanasche mentioned that the Bagley and Leisy intersections at Wren Road have never had stop signs. Eldon Jossi motioned that a study be done to investigate the need for these signs. All were in favor.

Miscellaneous

Dan Brown answered questions about the Farmington Road project between 198th and 209th. He will have Al Girard check the signage for the project to make sure the signs are still posted and replace the ones that are no longer there. Have had problems relocating storm and manholes for CWS, which is delaying final lift.

Bid opening for Philip Harris Bridge is done. High bid was 5 million, low was 3.9 million and estimated was 4.1 million. Hope to have the bridge completed by this coming Thanksgiving. Scholls Ferry Bridge is in the final stages of design. Trying to keep the existing bridge in place while the new bridge is being constructed. Vote on resolution- recommend county leave present bridge in place during construction of new bridge. This was suggested by Wendy Mortensen Eldon Jossi and seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Zion Church and Cornelius-Schefflin roads will be resurfaced this coming summer. Rail Road crossing will be replaced with concrete panels at this time. Shoulders will be widened and will be designed to hold up with heavier loads.

Heavily constructed steel mailboxes are being stolen, possibly for their value at the scrap yard.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

Susbauer and Wren Intersection – Bob Morast
Gales Creek speed limit signs – Bob Morast
Update STOP program – Greg Clemmons
Susbauer Rail Road Crossing Project – Barry Hennelly
Scholls Ferry Bridge – Dave Schamp