

RROMAC MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2004

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

James Burns
Robert Ewers
Keith Fishback
John Jackson
Don Logan
Adam Mayer
Wendy Mortensen
Gary Virgin
Eldon Jossi
Joe Rutledge
Dave Vanasche

Staff:

Greg Clemmons
Victoria Saager
Stacia Sheelar
Rich Girard
Keith Lewis

Absent

Mark Bauer

Guests:

Larry Duyck

WELCOME

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

REVIEW LETTERS

Wendy Mortensen provided copies of draft letters from the RROMAC members to Senator Dukes and various media and agencies. There was discussion concerning Bruce Starr's involvement in the passage of HB2041 which provides the funding for the upgrade projects. It was agreed that the letters could go forward from the citizens of RROMAC to both Senator Dukes and Senator Starr. They will not be on County letterhead. It would be good to list all members and have Eldon Jossi sign as the Chairperson.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

It has been decided that the notification process will be tested on our chip seal program. We will be chip sealing 21 miles of roadway and there will be a lot of prep work done in advance (ditching, shoulder work, vegetation removal, etc.) It was agreed that this would be a good idea and it will be moved forward.

PUBLIC AWARENESS

Public Awareness piece on sharing the road with Farm equipment was printed on April 26, 2004. It was sent to all CPO newsletters, local papers, etc. Another piece was written regarding speeding on gravel roads. This was not picked up by the papers, but will be included in a "story"

about RROMAC and their accomplishments on gravel road upgrades. This should make the piece more appealing to the media. A draft will be available at next month's meeting.

Dave Vanasche thanked Victoria for her hard work on these issues.

GRAVEL ROAD UPGRADES – CANDIDATE REVIEW

Greg Clemmons reviewed the list of gravel road upgrade candidates. It has been decided to postpone the work on Parson Road due to a large timber harvest coming up in the Fall. It was agreed by the committee that Eppers Road will be done this year instead. Parson will be done next year.

- Cedar Canyon – from Killin Rd to Hwy 6
- Eppers – from Maple Lane to Old Highway 47
- Sewell Rd – from Evergreen Rd to Meek Rd
- South Rd – from Gaston end of pavement to 1700' west (Reverted portion)

DUST ABATEMENT SAFETY PROGRAM

Rich Girard clarified with the group that the \$60K for dust abatement is not available until Fiscal Year 2004-2005. We currently have \$20K to use and will use the \$60K next season.

MISCELLANEOUS

A local farmer, Larry Duyck, attended to discuss the removal of a field access on Roy Road and one on Reiling Road. He says the culverts were fine and the crew removed them because they were not functioning correctly. He wants the County to put the culverts back in since they have been there for many years and that's how he gets his equipment into the field. It was discussed that the farmer would still have to have an access permit and the County could possibly waive the permit fee. Rich Girard suggested that the staff come back to RROMAC next month with a proposal on how to deal with these issues.

Larry also brought concerns to the Board regarding our hydroseeding process. The hydroseed is being over sprayed into the grass crops and causing cross pollination problems. The Board agreed that the County needs to come up with a better way to work with the farmers on access issues and the hydroseeding guidelines. It was suggested by Greg Clemmons that the farmer plant the ditch and maintain it. Larry Duyck's response was to round-up the ditch. This does not address the erosion and sediment control standards. Keith Lewis will look into the hydroseeding issues and follow-up with RROMAC.

NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

Access Permits/Culverts/Ditching
Public Awareness – Gravel Road Issues