



**RROMAC MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 17, 2005**

Members:

James Burns  
Robert Ewers  
Keith Fishback  
Eldon Jossi  
Don Logan  
Wendy Mortensen  
Gary Virgin  
Lars Wahlstorm  
Dave Vanasche

Staff:

Dave Schamp  
Greg Clemmons  
Rich Girard  
Todd Watkins  
Keith Lewis  
Victoria Saager  
Stacia Sheelar  
Andy Duyck

Absent:

Mark Bauer  
Adam Mayer  
Joe Rutledge

Guests:

Ken Moyle

**Welcome**

Gary Virgin called the meeting to order. Don Logan motioned that the October minutes be approved and Wendy Mortensen seconded the motion. Dave Vanasche would like to go on record and say that there is no evidence that the farm chemicals used near Leisy Road are causing the culvert to rust.

**Gravel Road Upgrades**

The Gravel Road Upgrades Subcommittee will meet in the next couple of weeks to discuss the priority list. Seavey Road has more crops (vineyards) than it had before. Evers and Roy-Wilkesboro roads need to be revisited. Will be looking at Dober and Plumlee roads tomorrow. At the September meeting we thought there would be \$110,000 for upgrades and there is now \$140,000.

**Gravel Road Funding Committee**

Additional sources of funding are needed. A subcommittee has been formed to address this issue. The subcommittee members are Lars Wahlstrom, Gary Virgin, and Don Logan. Andy Duyck is willing to carry forward any recommendations that RROMAC comes up with. If there is a funding issue that requires a public vote, there has to be a reasonable chance that it will pass before Andy will bring it to the Board. We have to be aware of competing measures regarding public safety, library levies, etc. If RROMAC's proposal comes forward, all funding measures must be reviewed and

compared with other items on the ballot. Andy assured the committee that the Board is sympathetic to the rural road needs.

Dave Vanasche suggested engaging Bruce Starr to consider a regional tax increase. It was mentioned that the rural population tends to vote no on tax measures and the rural roads need the money.

Gary Virgin would like the committee to continue to explore funding options.

### **Over dimensional Resolution and Order (R & O)**

Currently updating 1984 documents. Working with a subcommittee to rewrite the R & O for over dimensional permits. Talked with other counties and our R & O is close to the mark. The new R & O will change the allowable length to 53 feet. It is currently 48 feet.

We are a little behind schedule, but everything is moving along. We have simplified the list of truck configurations. Eldon Jossi suggested that we make sure we include the list from the state layouts.

The R & O will go to the Board of County Commissioners on January 17, 2006.

### **Miscellaneous**

Additional rumble strips have been added to Clark Hill Road and a brighter flasher has been ordered for the stop ahead sign.

Gary Virgin mentioned that a flashing red on the stop sign would be helpful.

By the December RROMAC meeting there should be an announcement of Bob Morast's replacement as the Traffic Engineer.

Dave Schamp requested farm equipment for the Phillip Harris Bridge Grand Opening. Bill Ewers will follow up. The grand opening will be on November 23 at 3:00 p.m.

Gary Virgin would like to thank Washington County for getting the project done on time.

Dave Vanasche said that the Susbauer and Wren road intersection improvements seem to be making a difference.

Wendy Mortensen motioned to adjourn the meeting and Eldon Jossi seconded the motion.

### **NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA**

ODOT – Hwy 219

Gravel Road Upgrades

Over dimensional R & O

Committee Appointments