



RROMAC MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 2006

Members:

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

Staff:

Dave Schamp
Greg Clemmons
Keith Lewis
Victoria Saager
Stacia Sheelar
Robert Rivera
Don Millet
Tom Tushner

Absent:

Dave Vanasche

Guests:

Denny Hruby

Welcome

Gary Virgin called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. Keith Fishback motioned to approve the September minutes and Wendy Mortensen seconded the motion. Introductions were made.

Gravel Road Upgrade Funding

Approximately two miles of gravel road upgrades will cost \$140-\$150K. LID and co-op chip seal costs are being reviewed. The 2007 budget was submitted and approved in the first round.

Discussions were held with Hal Ballard from the Bicycle Coalition and they do not like chip sealed roads. Greg Clemmons will set up a meeting with Hal and Gregg Leion to tour the County and discuss the chip seal program. Ken Moyle will hold the letter to the Board until they hear from Hal Ballard. Bicycle traffic has increased on chip sealed roads. Dave Schamp says we need to educate people about the new chip seal methodology. Wendy said we need to target recreational bicyclists. Keith Fishback suggested we decrease the rock size used.

Greg Clemmons reminded RROMAC that we are competing with many other counties for the bicycling community support. It was suggested that RROMAC solicit support from the Farm Bureau as well. Possibly the Board of Tourism.

Wendy Mortensen suggested we take a very positive approach with the Board and thank them for the current funding.

Gravel Road Grading

Don Millet reported each gravel road is scheduled to be graded four times per year. Some get six and some get two dependent upon the usage. We have carbide teeth on all the graders. The grader in Area 1 is also using the rubber tire roller for compaction. Using a two shot dust oil on gravel roads makes a big difference. It would also help if people drove slower.

Miscellaneous

Tom Tushner handed out a media release regarding the intersection of Helvetia and West Union. (see attached). The county will be making changes to the traffic pattern immediately.

Greg Clemmons has asked Land Development to place conditions on permits. Heavy construction traffic over our chip seals is causing damage to the roadways. The County would like to assess those damages to the haulers. Greg will follow up with Land Development. Wendy has asked to be notified of Land Developments response.

Victoria gave an update on the CDBG application for chip seal of Sell and Turk roads. Application submitted last week. Application referred to RROMAC's support.

Victoria also distributed a brochure, published by the Farm Bureau, about Rural Road Safety, which is referred to and linked to the weekly road update. Update goes to the media, staff, other jurisdictions, and others who have subscribed. Send Victoria an email to subscribe. Victoria_saager@co.washington.or.us

Dave Vanasche, Don Logan, and Gary Virgin met with John Willis, Drainage Consultant. They discussed inadequate drainage and tiling issues on Wren Road.

Wendy Mortensen motioned to adjourn the meeting and Bill Ewers seconded the motion.

Next Month

Draft of Drainage Findings – John Willis
Update MSTIP 170th and Farmington
Update Grading Permits – Clemmons
Review Funding Letter