



RROMAC MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2006

Members:

James Burns
Robert Ewers
Keith Fishback
Don Logan
Wendy Mortensen
Ken Moyle
Lars Wahlstrom

Staff:

Dave Schamp
Greg Clemmons
Keith Lewis
Victoria Saager
Stacia Sheelar
Dan Brown - CPM

Absent:

Eldon Jossi
Gary Virgin
Dave Vanasche

Guests:

Welcome

Wendy Mortensen called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. Jim Burns motioned to approve the August minutes and Lars Wahlstrom seconded the motion. Introductions were made.

Gravel Road Upgrade Committee

A committee was formed and met on August 31 to tour Raynard, Seavey, and Mullerleile roads. The crop value in the spreadsheet was questioned so our Inspector, Robert Rivera attempted to evaluate the list with the Oregon State University extension service, Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Natural Resource Conservation Service, but new data is not available. Everyone agreed that the crop sensitivity formula that is being used should stand.

Jim Burns suggested that reverted roads be moved to the top of the Gravel Road Upgrade list.

Ken Moyle motioned to leave the list as is and Bill Ewers seconded the motion. Wendy Mortensen motioned to upgrade Raynard, Seavey and Mullerleile. Ken Moyle seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Letter to the Board

RROMAC is preparing a letter to the Board of County Commissioners. The letter was reviewed and recommendations were made on changes to the letter. The Committee will meet with the Board at a worksession. Dave Schamp will talk with Commissioner

Duyck about the best way for RROMAC to approach the Board. Ken Moyle and Lars Wahlstrom are working on the letter in Gary Virgin's absence.

Wendy Mortensen asked Dan Brown if this list should be on the Capital Improvement List as one capital project. Dan said it doesn't fit into the MSTIP plan as it is today. Financing, connectivity and urban growth are the issues right now. Dan agreed that the rural issue has to be a part of the equation for any levy proposed. In Dan's opinion, gravel road upgrades are truly a capital improvement.

Don Logan mentioned a \$20 million bond measure to upgrade gravel roads and bike paths. Dan Brown said the measure should cover several areas, gravel roads, trails, bike paths, etc.

Lars Wahlstrom volunteered to go to the Board. Lars and Ken together will take the draft letter to Commissioner Duyck.

Capital Projects Update

Dan Brown, Capital Projects Division Manager, gave an update on current projects. Susbauer Bridge upgrade is moving forward. Beams were placed last week. Portland Western Railroad is working on the railroad crossing and looking at possibly lowering the grade.

Timber/Vernonia Bridge is going well. Greener Bridge will be done next spring. River Road Bridge starting early. CPM is making sure that all criteria are met.

Miscellaneous

Keith Fishback discussed the economic impact that he has realized due to dust. He loses about \$9-11K per 100 feet of road frontage due to dust. This information should be included in the letter to the Board of Commissioners.

Through the Local Improvement District process some likely gravel road upgrades for next year are Jacktown, Daniel, Pumpkin Ridge Drive and Sell Road with the Community Development Block Grant.

Gibson Road is still being discussed. The County is working with the quarry prior to their reopening on the condition of the road.

Pihl Road, the middle portion was paved. There is a Measure 37 claim that has created a potentially large development on the upper portion of Pihl Road, which is gravel.

Keith Lewis asked for any RROMAC volunteers to sit on interview panels coming up for several positions within Operations and Maintenance.

Next Month

Impacts of larger projects on gravel roads
New ordinance for dumping