

GRAVEL ROAD SUBCOMITTEE MINUTES for 7/3/19

Attendees: Brian, Dan, Lars, Ken, Gary

Agenda:

1. Review material provided by Brian and Sam at 6/13/19 meeting
2. Refine Gravel Road Rating criteria

Discussion:

The group reviewed the Gravel Road Rating criteria and decided to modify it by removing the “Failed Road” category and adding another by pushing the former number 3 category to number 4 and changing some of the visible features to introduce additional granularity. We also agreed to add a weighted average column to allow poorer sections of roads to have more impact on the overall average road rating. Brian will create Rev. 1 of the Rating system and have management review it to get their feedback on this revision. If approved, Brian will provide copies of the Gravel Road Rating and Assessment Report (Rev.1) to RROMAC members at the 7/11/19 meeting. If not approved, the subcommittee will work on incorporating the management feedback into Rev.2 at the next meeting.

We were not able to start on the “Gravel Road Upgrade Priorities” criteria except to agree that Gravel Road Ratings would definitely be included. We also decided to change the name of the matrix to “Gravel Road Service Priorities” since upgrading to paved surfaces is prohibitively expensive. Our emphasis will be on determining which roads need to have increased service attention based on whatever criteria we come up with.

We also agreed that the expanded surface stabilization program is designed to identify road segments that require extra maintenance attention and/or have safety issues. Although dust suppression will be a side benefit, it is not the primary objective. However, dust control may well be considered as part of the service priorities criteria if it impacts agricultural yields. Brian will attempt to rate all 218 miles of gravel roads in the County by the end of the summer by utilizing his 2 summer interns and any other manpower he can apply to it.

Next Meeting:

1. Finalize the Gravel Road Rating criteria and methodology
2. Select the criteria that will be used for determining Gravel Road Service Priorities.
3. The date and time will be arranged by LUT staff.

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