



**RROMAC MEETING MINUTES**

**January 21, 2010**

Members:

James Burns  
Robert Ewers  
Eldon Jossi  
Wendy Mortensen  
Ken Moyle  
Gary Virgin  
Lars Wahlstrom  
Dave Vanasche

Staff:

Dave Schamp  
Greg Clemmons  
Keith Lewis  
Victoria Saager  
Stacia Sheelar  
Gary Stockhoff  
Tom Tushner  
Todd Watkins

Absent:

Keith Fishback  
Matt Pihl

Guests:

Cliff Rutan  
Doug Riedweg  
Jim Hough  
Denny Hruby

**Welcome**

Bill Ewers called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. Wendy Mortensen motioned to approved the minutes and Lars Wahlstrom seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Stringtown Road – Janet Oatney**

Environmental Services staff provided the results of a recent analysis of the Stringtown Road / Prickett Creek repetitive flooding issue. The flooding is a symptom of a multitude of problems within this stream, i.e. increased sources of sediments, gradient of the stream, diminished stream length and flow capacity within the channel which results in the channel "filling up" with these materials, flooding onto the roadway and adjacent lands, and inconvenience to the residents and agricultural producers in this area. Past efforts at channel dredging have been expensive (\$60K each) and ineffective. The County evaluated risks, costs, and benefits of four alternative treatments and determined closing the road during flooding is the safest and most cost effective method of protecting the traveling public on Stringtown Road. For further information regarding this situation, or copies of the reports, please contact Janet Oatney at 503-846-7652.

**Budget Update**

Dave Schamp discussed the upcoming budget and provided a handout to the group showing the budget and the actual expenditures for the last three fiscal years and the State Highway Fund Revenue Forecast. Dave will provide more information as it becomes available.

## **CPM Update**

Federal Stimulus projects - urban and rural overlay bids open today, video detection bid will be in March and the bridge guardrail replacement bid will be in February. The Cornelius-Schefflin Bridge will be open by the end of January. Cornelius Pass open house included over 100 attendees. The plan is to close this road for nine months or less. MSTIP, ARRA projects are understaffed. Internal County divisions are sharing staffing resources. We had 58 employees in 2002 and now have only 37.

## **Traffic Update**

Tom Tushner shared that a study has been done of the Corey Road and Old Pumpkin Ridge Drive intersection per the residents request at the RROMAC meeting. A stop sign will be added to Corey Road to improve safety. Solar powered school zone flashers, flashing yellow arrows and illuminated signs are being installed throughout the County with the federal stimulus funding. Countdown pedestrian head (“walk/Don’t Walk” signals) project and preemption is underway.

## **Bike Paths**

Jim Hough, City Manager and Public Works Director for the City of Banks attended to solicit RROMAC’s support for scenic bikeway designations in Washington County. Jim provided maps and information regarding a proposed scenic bikeway path and requested a letter of support from RROMAC. Gary Virgin said he would be hard pressed to support this type of general activity because it is just too dangerous. Dave Vanasche agreed with Gary. Jim Burns expressed his concerns about litter left behind by cyclists. Dave Vanasche suggested a route be used that is off of the roadway. Wendy Mortensen suggested that dedicated bike paths may be supported if they were off of the main roads. Ken Moyle stated that RROMAC would not support formal designation of scenic bike routes.

## **Miscellaneous**

Dave Vanasche has been named the President of the Farm Bureau for the next year. Dave asked for RROMAC’s endorsement of an Agriculture and Natural Resources Coalition Proposed Reserve Area Map.

Gary Virgin motioned that RROMAC advise the Board of County Commissioners that the Agriculture and Natural Resources Coalition Map be endorsed by RROMAC for purposes of rural and urban reserves. Wendy Mortensen seconded the motion. Four were in favor, two opposed, Dave Vanasche abstained. Motion carried.

Wendy Mortensen motioned to adjourn and Lars Wahlstrom seconded the motion.

## **Next Month’s Agenda**

ODOT Update – David Kim/Ron Kroop

Traffic Update – Tom Tushner

CPM Update – RROMAC

Gravel Road Upgrades – Greg Clemmons

Work Program – Todd Watkins/Dave Schultz