



RROMAC MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2009

Members:

Robert Ewers
Keith Fishback
Eldon Jossi
Ken Moyle
Matt Pihl
Gary Virgin
Lars Wahlstrom
Dave Vanasche

Staff:

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

Absent:

James Burns
Wendy Mortensen

Guests:

David Kim – ODOT
Cal Nakao
Denny Hruby
Doug Riedweg

Welcome

Bill Ewers called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. Matt Pihl motioned to approve the July and September meeting minutes. Both were approved with one change to the September minutes. The first paragraph under welcome should say, there was not a quorum; therefore the minutes for the July meeting will be reviewed at the *October* meeting.

Gravel Road Upgrades 2010

The 2010 gravel road upgrade program was discussed. Chalmers Lane is at the top, but there was some question if that was the correct road to chip seal at this time. Commissioner Duyck had requested the next road on the list be done in lieu of Chalmers Lane. Greg would like recommendations from the committee. Dave Vanasche would like to see the house count on Bagley Road rechecked. Gary Virgin motioned to pave Chalmers Lane. There was not a second to the motion. The committee agreed to form a sub-committee to take a field trip and look at the top candidates on the list. The following members agreed to go on the field trip: Lars Wahlstrom, Ken Moyle, Bill Ewers, Keith Fishback, and Matt Pihl. They will bring a decision back to the November meeting.

Two LID's were done this past summer on Parmele and Whitmore roads. Cappoen and Harrsion/Hahn roads are also being considered. Greg also sent Community Development Block Grant information to the residents of Gibson Road.

2010 Road Fund Paving Candidates

Todd Watkins discussed possible candidates for paving in 2010.

Purdin Road	Hwy 47 to Thatcher Road
Jackson School Road	West Union to Mason Hill Road
Johnson Street	178 th to Cornelius Pass Road
198 th Avenue	TV Hwy to Rock Road
Gaston Road	Spring Hill to Minterbridge Road
Laurelwood Road	Spring Hill to Parmele Road

It was suggested that a representative from Albina Fuel come to the next meeting and explain how asphalt is produced. The County will extend an invitation to them prior to the next meeting.

ODOT Update

David Kim from ODOT attended the meeting to discuss current and pending ODOT projects. David provided a handout (see attached) with a list of projects. Eldon Jossi and Dave Vanasche said the State Park off Hwy 26 should have been required to enhance the right-of-way to reduce congestion getting back on to the highway. Dave Vanasche asked about Purdin/Verboort and Hwy 47 intersection safety. ODOT is waiting on the City of Forest Grove to resolve some planning issues.

David discussed the Dennis Edwards Tunnel on Hwy 26. The tunnel has a historic portal which cannot be changed. The average daily traffic through the tunnel is 6900. There are issues with vertical clearance that create an impediment to freight going to and from the coast. Looking at the possibility of lowering the right-of-way. It is possible there will be a detour anywhere from two to nine months, but there are many uncertainties. There have been discussions about a detour route on Timber Road, but that will not work in the winter months. They should have a decision by March 2010. Gary Virgin says, "Do it right the first time, don't nickel and dime projects." David will return to RROMAC in January to share more information.

Quality Assurance

Greg Clemmons discussed quality assurance. Greg will have a draft available at the next meeting that will include visual inspection, cost/quantities/rate analysis, and a comparison of county/contractor quality of past chip seals.

Membership Review

Stacia discussed several member terms that will expire on December 1, 2009. Keith Fishback, Eldon Jossi, and Wendy Mortensen all have terms ending. We also have two current openings due to the resignations of Hal Ballard and Lanny Garland. Keith Fishback has declined the opportunity to reapply for the committee. Applications are currently being accepted for anyone who may be interested in applying.

Miscellaneous

Cal Nakao, Guest, asked how you can find out the width of the right-of-way. Dave Schamp told him it varied depending on the road, but the Survey Division would be the best place to start. They can be reached at 503-846-8723.

Denny Hrubby, Guest, says Clark Hill and Scholls Ferry intersection has a stop bar that is back too far.

There was short discussion on farm equipment using the roadway. Bill Ewers asked if there were any laws that require slow moving farm vehicles to pull off the road. Dave Vanasche said that when they pull off it makes it very difficult to get back on the road.

Tom Tushner gave a brief update on Traffic. Roy Rogers Road crash volume has increased at the Baggenstos Farm area and is being reviewed. Laurelwood Road is also being reviewed.

Gary Stockhoff shared that the River Road Bridge would reopen Tuesday afternoon. Lars Wahlstrom shared with Gary that the design for the 209th Bridge was very good.

Keith Fishback motioned to adjourn and Matt Pihl seconded the motion.