



WASHINGTON COUNTY OREGON

RROMAC MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2009

Members:

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

Staff:

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

Absent:

Dave Vanasche

Guests:

Cal Nakao
Denny Hruby
John Clausen
Greg and Julie Clausen
Dave Zellman, Albina Fuel

Welcome

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

Quality Assurance

Greg Clemmons shared a draft handout on the Chip Seal Program Review. Cost was significantly more for the chip seals done by contractor. Maintenance requirements were less on County chip seals. Recent cost differences may be due to the recent acquisition of a new (used) chip spreader. The current stockpile is degrading and not maintaining cleanliness so the county will have to monitor this for future quality. Greg will have a final report at the December meeting.

Gravel Road Upgrades for 2010

Several members of the committee joined County staff on a field trip to review the top candidates on the gravel road upgrade list. The committee recommended that Chalmers Lane be done next year. May want to look at the historical maintenance cost on some of the roads and factor that into the priority list.

John, Greg and Julie Clausen from Old Pumpkin Ridge Road were guests. They would like the Traffic group to look into a possible safety issue at Corey and Old Pumpkin Ridge. Tom Tushner will follow up. They would also like to have RROMAC reconsider paving their road with the gravel road upgrade funding.

Lars Wahlstrom motioned to pave Chalmers Lane in 2010. Matt Pihl seconded the motion and all were in favor. Keith Fishback reminded everyone that RROMAC worked very hard to establish the list and it should be followed.

Recognition

The RROMAC Chair, Bill Ewers, recognized Don Millet, Surface Supervisor, for his outstanding work on the gravel road system during his time at Washington County. Don retired on November 27, 2009. He shared that the roads have never been as good as they are today and that is thanks to Don and his crew. Don gave the credit to his operators and their expertise and thanked the committee.

Albina Fuel

Dave Zellman, Albina Fuel shared the difference between liquid and emulsified asphalt. Emulsified is environmentally friendly, and liquid has been “outlawed”. The dynamics of the material have been changed over the last ten years. Dave discussed several of the differences between the two substances and the cost savings recognized by using the emulsified. Dave complimented the county’s road system and equipment operators.

Recreation and Bike Maps

This was moved to the January agenda.

Traffic Update

Warning signs on Roy Rogers Road at Baggenstos are being put up.

CPM Update

Federal stimulus projects are still moving along. There are currently two bid openings.

Miscellaneous

Wendy Mortensen asked for RROMAC to be advised of any new funds and the plans to spend them. May need to use gravel road upgrade funding to maintain newly chip sealed roads.

Gary Virgin and Bill Ewers said the County should pull out landscaping and use the money for roads instead of trimming and such. Gary asked why we are planting so much vegetation that we can’t afford to maintain.

Lars Wahlstrom shared that Rutan Construction would be closing business.

Next Month's Agenda

Gravel Road Upgrades
Quality Assurance Final Report
Review Correspondence
Meeting Time Change
Traffic Update
CPM Update

Recreation and Bike Maps – January Agenda