



**RROMAC MEETING MINUTES**

**December 17, 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  
Tiffany Bonin

Absent:

Dave Vanasche

Guests:

Denny Hruby  
John Clausen  
Doug Riedweg  
Pete Grossen  
Greg Clausen

**Welcome**

Bill Ewers called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. Wendy Mortensen and Lars Wahlstrom asked that the November minutes be amended to reflect the following: Under Miscellaneous the first paragraph should say, "Staff said there may be a need to use gravel road upgrade funding to maintain newly chip sealed roads." Also, in the third paragraph, under the same section, it should read as follows: "Lars Wahlstrom shared that Rutan Construction would be closing business and retiring." Wendy Mortensen motioned to approve the November meeting minutes as amended and Keith Fishback seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Quality Assurance**

Greg Clemmons discussed the Chip Seal Summary Report (handout) and previous quality assurance reports. The County's chip seal work is still the envy of other counties, but there are opportunities for improvement. The County will assign an inspector to the chip seal program and they will monitor the work, rock quality, etc. The shoulder prep work could also use some improvement.

Keith Fishback asked if we are lacking in quality assurance and is there cost added by having an inspector assigned to the project. Greg said, "Yes, but we don't want to become complacent."

Matt Pihl noted that private contractor cost data is ten years old and asked about a disparity between County and private costs. Greg clarified that County overhead costs were included.

RROMAC requested newer data and a cost per mile. Greg will bring back a more recent cost comparison.

Bill Ewers traveled the chip seals and they all looked to be holding up quite well.

### **Gravel Road Upgrades for 2010**

Greg Clemmons discussed the gravel road upgrades for 2010. Chalmers Road is the RROMAC approved candidate for 2010. There are a few roads being considered for LIDs. There were guests attending from Old Pumpkin Ridge Road. Guest, Greg Clausen, shared several emails from residents in the area. There was some concern expressed by the residents about whether an organic hops crop was factored in to the priority ranking. The residents also asked for clarification on the criteria for the list. They feel it has changed and asked for a new traffic count and for the County to take another look at the crops and houses on the road.

A subcommittee of RROMAC members recently traveled several of the roads listed at the top of the Gravel Road Upgrade list and continue to support Chalmers as the 2010 chip seal candidate.

Keith Fishback shared with the guests that this matrix was developed to create a fair process with limited funding. Bill Ewers drove Old Pumpkin Ridge yesterday and said the road was in good shape and Corey Road is in much worse condition.

Guest, Pete Grossen shared his concern about his hay crop and has requested that any dust abatement be done at a different time. Guest, Doug Riedweg, reminded Mr. Grossen that the residents pay for and decide the timing of the dust abatement treatment.

Eldon Jossi encouraged staff to get the new traffic counts done and Greg Clemmons agreed.

Ken Moyle motioned to have the County review the agricultural crops on Old Pumpkin Ridge Road, get new traffic counts, enter the information into the matrix and if there are significant changes, revisit the top ten roads on the list. Wendy Mortensen seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Keith Fishback asked Todd to check on weight restrictions for Old Pumpkin Ridge Road. Todd will follow up.

Wendy Mortensen asked staff if our ditching practices are causing erosion and loss of farmland. Dave Schamp reminded the group that the County uses federally adopted Best Management Practices for the ditching program.

### **Meeting Time Change**

The possibility of changing the meeting time to the afternoon was discussed. Ken Moyle motioned to keep the time as is, Matt Pihl seconded the motion and all were in favor.

### **CPM Update**

Gary Stockhoff reported that Federal stimulus projects are still moving along. There may be a second round of money coming. Will continue to keep the committee in the loop.

### **Traffic Update**

Tom Tushner said the installation of the school zone flashers has started. There is a pre-construction meeting for the yellow flashing arrows project tomorrow. Pedestrian count down heads have been delayed for a month.

Tom also reported on the following items. A recent pedestrian fatality on TV Hwy at 209<sup>th</sup>, night road logs and sign inventory will be done by the Maintenance Night Crew, working on some left turn issues at Roy Rogers and Baggenstos Nursery, the State Speed Control Board has recommended a speed of 50mph for West Union Road and the County recommends 45mph due to accident history.

Tom has initiated a service request for Corey and Old Pumpkin Ridge roads to check on a safety issue per the November RROMAC meeting.

### **Miscellaneous**

Eldon Jossi expressed his concern about the water that runs across and down the middle of Stringtown Road. Dave reminded Eldon that there are environmental issues that tie our hands, but he also agreed to check into the situation and bring the Sr. Environmental Specialist to the next meeting.

Ken Moyle asked if there would be any more money for roads in the future. Dave agreed to bring information to the January meeting.

Matt Pihl asked when traffic arrives from both directions at Corey and Old Pumpkin Ridge roads who has the right-of-way. Tom Tushner will follow up with the Sheriff's Office and report back to the committee.

### **Next Month's Agenda**

Division Updates  
Stringtown Road – Janet Oatney  
Budget Update – Dave Schamp  
City of Banks – Grant Funding for City

### **February Agenda**

ODOT Update – David Kim