



RROMAC MEETING MINUTES

August 16, 2007

Members:

Hal Ballard
Robert Ewers
Wendy Mortensen
Ken Moyle
Gary Virgin

Staff:

Greg Clemmons
Todd Watkins
Victoria Saager
Stacia Sheelar

Absent:

James Burns
Keith Fishback
Eldon Jossi
Don Logan
Lars Wahlstrom
Dave Vanasche

Guests:

Kathy Lehtola – Director LUT

Welcome

Bill Ewers called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. Gary Virgin motioned to approve the July minutes and Wendy Mortensen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Gravel Road Upgrade Model

Several issues were brought up concerning the gravel road upgrades (GRU). Greg is working on making modifications to the traffic component of the model and will send them out for review prior to the next meeting (9/20/07). A major concern which should be considered and addressed is the affect it will have on the roads that are currently high in priority and will drop. There is a possibility that some residents will be concerned. Greg has arranged with the traffic engineering section to have updated counts provided this fall for the selection of next year's GRU candidates. We are also looking for RROMAC volunteers to accompany our driver to re-inventory the crop information on the gravel roads.

Kathy Lehtola recommended that the old spreadsheet and a new spreadsheet be provided for RROMAC's review prior to the next meeting. (Mailing enclosed).

Wendy Mortensen made a motion to ask the County Engineer to take into account the fact that RROMAC does not want road alignments to automatically become straighter when they are upgraded. Each road alignment should be reviewed on a case by case basis. Hal Ballard seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor.

Ken Moyle requested a one page handout about the chip seal process. He feels this would help the residents on a chip sealed road understand that there are multiple steps to the process. Victoria will follow up on this request.

WCCC Presentation

Ken Moyle will give a presentation to the WCCC on October 9 at 12:00 p.m. The purpose of this presentation is to raise visibility of the rural roads, especially gravel roads. Commissioner Duyck will give background on RROMAC.

Kathy Lehtola will be meeting with Planning to discuss the possibility of creating a fact sheet on the statewide economy. Greg Clemmons will follow up with Keith Fishback to see what the dust is costing the nurseries per year.

Bill Ewers expressed his gratitude to Ken Moyle and Gary Virgin for all of their time and effort on this presentation.

Miscellaneous

Greg Clemmons said that the County is losing the battle on bridges. Old Hwy 47, Bridge #1404 was built in 1921 and has a current sufficiency rating of 16.6. Bridges with sufficiency ratings below 50 can compete for federal funding. The bridge is cracked and needs maintenance.

The County's bridge report will be included in the September mailing. It is also online at www.wc-roads.com.

Hal Ballard motioned to adjourn the meeting and Ken Moyle seconded the motion.

Next Month's Agenda

Election of the Vice Chairman
Review of GRU Spreadsheets
Old Hwy 47 Bridge Options
Chip Seal Information