



RROMAC MEETING MINUTES

December 20, 2007

Members:

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

Staff:

Dave Schamp
Greg Clemmons
Keith Lewis
Victoria Saager
Todd Watkins
Stacia Sheelar
Dan Brown

Absent:

Guests:

Matt Pihl
Larry Duyck

Welcome

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

The agenda was modified to accommodate RROMAC's request to speak with the Division Manager for Capital Project Management (CPM), Dan Brown.

Prior to Dan joining the meeting, Bill Ewers read a draft letter from RROMAC to Dan, requesting that CPM include a representative from RROMAC on project advisory committees for road projects in the rural area. Specifically RROMAC is interested in having input into the Cornelius-Schefflin Road project. Bill reported that he and two other RROMAC members had shared with Dan their concerns about curbs being included along this roadway. There was discussion about curbs on rural roadways being a problem for farm equipment. It was moved, seconded, and approved to send this letter to Dan and copy the Board of County Commissioners.

Dan Brown joined the meeting to respond to concerns about the Cornelius-Schefflin Road project. Dave Vanasche expressed concern that he was just made aware of plans to put curbs on this road and he'd heard that the project is ready to go to bid. Dan explained that the design process is a process of iterations and shared that he believes the process is working. He also noted that the design must meet county standards. He shared that the current design is getting bad feedback from the county's Operations and Maintenance Division, so it is being reviewed. After discussion about storm water retention, ditching practices, and drainage, Dan was asked to come to next month's meeting to provide an update on this project and on the Susbauer Road project.

Bill Ewers requested a presentation from CPM any time a project has impacts on a rural road in the County.

While Dan was available Dave Vanasche took the opportunity to share that, in his opinion, the right-of-way acquisition process is not a fair process. He said a property owner who does not have good negotiation skills might not get as good a price. Dave also shared his experience with contractors going beyond the right-of-way and the construction easement onto private property without permission.

Dan Brown agreed to attend the next RROMAC meeting.

Gravel Road Upgrades

Greg Clemmons reported that the county recently contracted to have deflection testing done on some gravel road upgrade candidates. This data will be used in design calculations to determine whether a road requires asphalt paving or whether a less expensive chip seal will work. He will report back on findings in January.

Ken Moyle reported that he attended the last Washington County Coordinating Committee (WCCC) meeting. The WCCC is developing the project list for the Major Streets Transportation Improvement Program levy which will go before voters in November 2008. The current project list includes \$750,000 per year for the gravel road upgrade program. However, the current list is considered a 200 percent list, so the amount included for gravel roads will most likely decrease. Ken suggests that RROMAC continue to attend and have a presence at the WCCC meetings. Bill confirmed that RROMAC will be represented.

Blowing Sideways '07 Storm

Greg displayed photos and discussed the road and bridge damage caused by the "Blowing Sideways" wind and rain storm in early December. About \$4 million damage has been identified so far.

RROMAC Appointments

Recognizing that most RROMAC members choose to continue to serve when their term expires, Dave Schamp asked RROMAC members to consider whether they would like to extend the term from the current two years. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved to change the term of service from two to four years and to stagger the terms so half expire every two years. It was also moved, seconded and approved to simplify the renewal process eliminating the application for reappointments.

South Hillsboro Community Plan

Wink Brooks, Planning Supervisor, Karla Antonini, Urban Planner, Don Odermott, Transportation Planning Engineer, and Steve Harmon, David Evans and Assoc. joined the meeting to discuss the South Hillsboro Community Plan. Handouts included maps and general information regarding the plans.

Keith Fishback motioned to adjourn and Lars Wahlstrom seconded the motion.

Next Month's Agenda

Traffic Engineering Updates

Labrousse Road Vacation

Gravel Road Upgrades

Capital Project Management Updates