



RROMAC MEETING MINUTES

September 20, 2007

Members:

Hal Ballard
James Burns
Robert Ewers
Keith Fishback
Eldon Jossi
Ken Moyle
Lars Wahlstrom

Don Logan
Wendy Mortensen
Gary Virgin
Dave Vanasche

Staff:

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

Guests:

Kathy Lehtola – Director LUT
Jim Caldwell – Riedweg Road
Lorelei Lewis – Riedweg Road
Doug Riedweg – Riedweg Road
Thad Fisco

Welcome

Bill Ewers called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. Ken Moyle motioned to approve the July minutes and Lars Wahlstrom seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Riley Brewer, 8775 NW Gales Creek Road, was a guest. Mr. Brewer attended to share his concerns on the safety and noise of large trucks using Gales Creek Road. He would like to see large trucks diverted from Gales Creek Road (Highway 8) to Highway 6. Mr. Brewer understands that trucks requiring local access and agricultural trucks would still continue to use the road.

Keith Fishback referred Mr. Brewer to the Sheriff's Office and stated that this sounds more like an enforcement issue since the trucks are using their Jake brakes and driving too fast. Bill Ewers agreed that this was an enforcement issue.

RROMAC unanimously agreed that they would not support any changes to the existing roadway. It was also recommended that Mr. Brewer request that the Weighmaster to assist with enforcement issues.

Vice Chair Election

Hal Ballard volunteered and was nominated to serve as Vice Chair for the committee. Keith Fishback made a motion to appoint Hal Ballard as the Vice Chair and it was seconded by Eldon Jossi. All were in favor.

Gravel Road Upgrade Model

Greg Clemmons presented an updated gravel road upgrade list. As discussed at the last meeting, the only change to the formula is how traffic is weighted. The current (old) formula assumed the traffic volume based on the number of houses. The proposed (updated) formula was actual traffic counts, which account for through traffic. This change recognizes that higher traffic volume increases the maintenance cost of gravel roads. The changes to the model reprioritizes the list. The new method and updated counts put Riedweg Road at the top of the list. There are 47 roads that have updated traffic counts.

Greg asked the committee if they would support the modifications to the model, and it was unanimous that they would support the changes. Commissioner Duyck also supports the modifications per Dave Schamp.

Keith Fishback recommended that the data be updated throughout the year and once a year for reevaluation and selection of the upcoming year's upgrades.

Ken Moyle motioned to endorse the changes to the gravel road upgrade model. Keith Fishback seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Greg Clemmons mentioned several roads with LIDs or potential LIDs: 212th Place north of West Union, Old Pumpkin Ridge, Summit Avenue to name a few.

The county needs RROMAC's help to reevaluate the crop data. Volunteers were Bill Ewers, Keith Fishback, and Lars Wahlstrom.

Keith Fishback shared a handout showing how much money Fishback Nursery has lost due to the dust on their crops (attached).

WCCC Presentation

Andy Duyck will introduce RROMAC at the WCCC meeting on Tuesday, October 9 at 12:00 p.m. at the Beaverton Library.

Kathy Lehtola provided data about the economic impact of the county's agricultural activities.

Old Highway 47

Bridge #1404 on Old Highway 47 needs to either be replaced or closed. HBP program funding is an option. RROMAC agreed that closing the bridge was a good option as long as we talk to the neighbors and check on agricultural impacts.

Miscellaneous

Victoria Saager shared the chip seal information handout and will be distributing it to gravel road upgrade roads, LID meetings, website, etc.

Hal Ballard shared information on a bike ride being held this coming weekend in memory of Tim O'Donnell who was killed on Hwy. 47.

Victoria will be revisiting the news release on sharing the road with farm equipment.

Keith Fishback motioned to adjourn the meeting, Lars Wahlstrom seconded the motion.

Next Month's Agenda

Presentation on cost efficiencies and effectiveness – Dave Schamp

WCCC follow up and recap

Gravel Road Upgrades

LID Presentation

Solicitation of new members