



Roads Advisory Committee (RAC)

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BENTON COUNTY ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC) May 15, 2018

Avery Large Conference Room

360 SW Avery Ave., Corvallis, Oregon

Meeting called to order at 3:04 pm by Chuck Kratch

Members Present: Ken Dryden, Ed Gerding, Keith Hastings, Chuck Kratch, George Long, John Luna and Rick Robinson

Members Absent: Kenny Reynolds

Guests: Jackie Robinson

Staff Present: Laurel Byer, Kathy Goss (Recorder), George Looney, Andrew Monaco and Jim Stouder

- I. Approval of April 17, 2018 Minutes: KDryden moved to accept the April Minutes; EGerding seconded. Motion carried.
- II. Agenda Review
 - Item III should read "Approval of April 2018 RAC Minutes"
 - David Smith from ODOT Rail was unable to attend the meeting.
 - Rick Robinson would like to add an agenda item under New Business – "Committee Protocol"
- III. New Business:
 - Starr Creek Road Extension Project: Andrew Monaco shared a PowerPoint presentation
 - This project will re-establish a mile long section of roadway between Starr Creek Road and Hells Canyon Road. The roadway will provide secondary emergency access and egress for 25 homes on Starr Creek Road and 28 homes on the Hells Canyon Road that currently have only one way in and out.
 - The existing Right-of-Way (ROW) was established in 1916 and is of the age that the improved roadway will not fit in the original ROW using modern roadway design standards. The existing ROW is also located near the creeks making it less desirable. This project uses the existing roadway which is located further away from the creeks. In some cases, the roadway is being moved further to the west to provide a larger buffer between the roadway and the creek.
 - The majority of the construction costs will come from the BLM (85%); the County has received Title II funding for this project and is also applying for an additional \$7,000 towards this project.
 - Culvert design is complete; applications and draft maps are complete. County staff is working with property owners to acquire right-of-way and temporary construction easements.
 - A lengthy discussion of why, costs and benefits of construction followed.

IV. Old Business

- Engineering Monthly Activity Report: LByer reviewed the report.
- Agency Reports: LByer reviewed the report.
- Gary Stockhoff, the New Public Works Director's first day is June 4th, but will be out of the office the following two weeks. CKratch recommended rescheduling June's meeting to the 26th, so Gary will be available to attend.

V. New Business:

- Committee Protocol:
 - RRobinson reminded members to treat one another and staff members with respect. It's okay to disagree, but it needs to be done respectfully.
 - CKratch stated each member has been appointed by the Commissioners and has the right to their opinion, but be polite. If a member wants to add something to the agenda, please send him an email in advance.
- GLooney indicated the County has not yet received any of the new gas tax money.
- Road Department Update: JStouder
 - Prep work on Tum Tum is done and ready to move forward.
 - Priest Rd. was paved today from Hwy. 20 to the first curve. He is very concerned about vehicles not slowing down during the construction phase.
 - Started working on the parking lot at Avery today. The project includes prepping and repaving so the water will drain properly.
 - Dust Control: The County will be trying a new product from Arizona called Gorilla Snot. The goal is to apply it this week in the County yard. May put a layer on top of the other products. It may take longer (2-3 hours) to set than the current products; however it should be more elastic and flex more.
 - Erik Remington is the new Road Foreman starting on June 4th. He is replacing Steve Blanton who is retiring at the end of the month.
 - Two new maintenance workers will be on board in early June. They are also replacing retirees.
 - A new Lead Position will be filled by the end of June.

- V. **Next Meeting: June 26, 2018.** Topics will be ODOT Bridge and TSP (postponed until July to coincide with Board and Planning Commission presentations)

VI. Adjournment at 4:47 pm.