



RISC  
Roberts hwy 212 Improvement & Safety Committee

*Committed to advocating for the Roberts community's needs and requests for a safe, functional and aesthetic result from MDT's Hwy 212 re-construction improvements.*

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**Minutes for meeting #18**

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Walk-Through Punch List

- There were 6 people (total) in attendance= 2 of 9 RISC committee members: Frank Jarvenpaa, and Sanford Langager, Steve Keebler and Chris DeVries representing Roberts Water & Sewer and Ted Thronson and Shaun Sampson representing MDT

1. Upon receiving our punch list several weeks ago, MDT requested that only two representatives from RISC and the Roberts Water Board be present for the walk-through. Bill Bullock was invited, but did not attend. Roberts Water & Sewer issued their list of concerns for the first time. An hour was to be dedicated to addressing prioritized issues from the lists. Ted quickly offered more time without pressure to go to each location and review in detail. Sanford led the way.

2. Frank stated upfront that we consider the majority of these issues to be the responsibility of the original contractor to address and resolve. MDT agreed with our general characterization. Sanford assertively conveyed his unease and brought all specifics to their attention. MDT appeared to be defensive at times. They were receptive in a positive way concerning the water line/valve/manhole issues and RISC felt that they most likely will seek solutions.

3. MDT was reluctant to reconsider improving aesthetics with the west ditch. When asked if this is as good as it gets, they said yes. They offered to remove some larger rocks. MDT typically only works with the native material that was there initially and does not haul in top soil. Frank suggested that spreading even an inch or two of new topsoil would make an impactful difference and appease the community's frustration. Adding a layer of topsoil was strongly encouraged for the east ditch out of respect for the veteran's display.

- Meeting adjourned and MDT said that they will discuss and review both the RISC list and the Robert's Water list internally and get back to us. We will reach out to them as early as next week, hold them to this commitment for a response and coordination with the Water Board.