



RISC
Roberts hwy 212 Improvement & Safety Committee

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Minutes for meeting #6

Monday, January 13, 2020 at 4:30 PM Roberts
Roberts Fire Hall

- There were 8 people (total) in attendance= 7 of 9 committee members: Michael Gebhardt (Chair), Frank Jarvenpaa, Alex Ator, Dale Marie Muller, Marco Larowe, Sanford Langager, Jon Milligan and Commissioner Bill Bullock

1. Commissioner Bill Bullock began the discussion. He informed the committee that he himself and the other commissioners received our recent letter and are completely up to speed with our concerns and requests. He did not see it necessary for us to get on their agenda for a meeting, but we are welcome to attend an open meeting if we choose. He suggested that the best strategy for us with MDT, at this time, would be to continue pushing the veteran memorial issue first, then address the rest of the list again. Mike informed Bill that MDT recently responded that they are redesigning the East ditch to accommodate the memorial crosses, but it will be a couple of months before they are ready to us.

2. Bill will initiate the speed study with no problem just after the completion of the current MDT contract. The study takes approximately one year for completion. He reassured that even if the study's end result is that the speed should be increased, we are not obliged to change it. He is going to submit a brief press release to Carbon County News this week as a basic "HWY 212 Update" to help the county be informed.

3. Center turning lane concerns were again discussed. Bill predicts that we are most likely going to have to deal with having the center lane because MDT is so reluctant to adjust their existing contract. If so, we will have to revisit excluding the lane at a later date after it has been tested out. We asked Bill to advocate that we want the first test without the turning lane. He agreed.

4. Signage was discussed. Jon would like to see additional crosswalk signs on 212, possibly at every corner through town, for the safety of our local children. With the increase of Amish presence, amish buggy signs continue to be a concern for safety purposes. In regard to acquiring blinking speed signs like Joliet, Bill fully supported that idea. He suggested approaching the Roberts Community Foundation for funding. We would need approval on exact location placement from the state and figure out who would be accountable for their maintenance. These signs would not be able to be installed until after the speed study is completed.

5. Bill emphasized to us to be diligent, but patient. He suggested to document issues that come to our attention presently and throughout the winter with photographs and good notes. Sanford addressed the current safety issue of large potholes by the church on 212 and pools of water already happening in various locations. Bill is willing to do a walk through with MDT and RISC in early spring to address our documented punch list. He assured us that there will be opportunity to address remaining issues after this contract is closed out. MDT will be re-constructing sections of Hwy 212 between Boyd and Red Lodge for years to come. Whether their overall drainage design in Roberts works well or not is yet to be seen.

6. Chris's flyer template was reviewed and discussed. All agreed it was a great and effective layout. Minor edits and additions will be shared with him.

7. Modifying our mission statement is an ongoing discussion. Frank will create a few options combining all the suggestions so far and share through email for all to choose and finalize.

8. The possibility of creating a Facebook page for RISC is an ongoing discussion.

- Target the next community meeting for the end of February.
- Next committee meeting is planned for January 23rd or January 27th, 4:30 pm at the Fire Hall, for followup discussion and action plans. Mike will reach out to see which day works best for everyone.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm