



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 #15

Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 12:30 PM
Roberts Park

- There were 6 people (total) in attendance= 6 of 9 committee members: Michael Gebhardt (Chair), Frank Jarvenpaa, Dale Marie Muller, Sanford Langager, Chris White and Steve Keebler (via speaker phone)

1. We all shared our mutual frustration with the lack of communication with MDT and feelings that we have exhausted all of our resources at this point. Once RISC decided to reach out to the press and successfully publish articles in the CC News there was an obvious disconnect from Glenn Oppel and all MDT officials. Mike continues to request their proposal for the east ditch redesign, but they are currently hesitant to disclose it to us, even though they agreed to do so on several occasions and share with the community prior to their return.

2. We discussed our gratefulness to our county commissioners for advocating for RISC about the 35 mph speed limit, removal of the center turning lane and the east ditch redesign for our memorials. They wrote a letter to Mike Tooley on March 24th and stated their full support of our key issues. As a result the current speed limit of 35 mph will remain through the end of construction and the duration of the speed study. The memorial redesign will be functional by Memorial Day this spring.

3. Signs and banners were discussed to display along the highway corridor through town. The majority supported this idea as one of our last attempts to attract the local news or The Billings Gazette for additional press coverage. Steve and Dale opposed the signs but were open to the idea if the signs were informative, not slanderous and didn't directly represent RISC. Any property owner along the highway will be welcome to display a sign or banner if they wish. Mike will share a few ideas for the banner slogans and email the group for editing and order asap. Chris will have signs available asap.

- Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm