

Roberts Hwy 212 Improvement and Safety Committee

Minutes for Meeting #4

Thursday, December 12th, 2019 at 6:00 PM
School Library

- There were 7 people (total) in attendance= 7 of 9 committee members: Michael Gebhardt(Chair), Frank Jarvenpaa, Steve Keebler, Sanford Langager, Dale Marie Muller, Chris White and Marco Larowe
- 1. Final edits and additions were given to Dec 3 minutes for posting at post office with the MDT response letter attached. Dale will revise asap and send final draft for approval. Frank will make at least 50 copies for us to hand out when/where we each can.....a few copies for the café, the Lost Village, church and other local venues.
- 2. Mike will ask and add a bit of pressure to MDT to provide any proposed alternatives to RISC by the end of January.
- 3. Brainstormed some possible improvements for the next phase of Hwy 212 construction, e.g. box culvert, Chris suggested a timber walk path above the ditches, Marco suggested curtain/French drains in lieu of ditches, etc
- 4. Agreed to initiate a local survey based on Chris's draft questionnaire.....to be sent out to the committee for final review before printing. This is largely going to be a door to door effort. The intent here is to build community support in black and white that we can give to MDT and/or politician of choice. Dale will check with the post office if we could use 'general delivery' for our address.
- 5. We are giving serious consideration to launching a political campaign of letters to be sent to Helena, Senator Dains, etc. Dale will create a letterhead and send out to committee for approval.
- 6. Frank will draft a letter from RISC for Carbon County commissioners asking them to initiate the speed study so it may commence immediately upon completion of the project this spring. He'll send out to the committee for review and comment.
- 7. Marco Larowe was asked to officially join this committee. He agreed.
- 8. We discussed drafting a letter and requesting approval from the Carbon County commissioner for purchasing additional speed signs on our own, signs that would be the same as the two in Joliet. Ideas for raising funds were mentioned, possibly reaching out to other local boards, residents and the Roberts Foundation.
- 9. We brought up the idea of asking veteran's family members to write personal letters to the senator in reference to expressing their passion for improvement of the memorial crosses.
- 10. Sanford shared that he cleared a ditch above Roberts west side that should significantly reduce the town's exposure to runoff from the west bench.
- Next meeting is planned for Jan 2, 2020 at 6pm in the school library for followup discussion and action plans.