

RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4th Thursday of the month

6:00-9:00 PM

Held on Zoom



Virtual Meeting June 8, 2023

Attendees:

Members Present:

Laura Van Etten, Chair

Anne Davies

Dan Seamans

Elena Shuvalov

Barbara Hoover

Kamran Sadeghi

Jamey Pratt, non-voting

MCDOT Staff Coordinator: Christina Contreras

Tawanda Johnson, Executive Administrative Aide

Guests:

John Stuart, Resident, Emory Church Road

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

Meeting minutes for April were approved with “River Road asbestos encapsulation” correction.

Action Items:

Master Plan Update – County Council

Bill public hearing: 7/11 – RRAC will need to testify about current and/or new membership language.

Discussed Planning Board’s definition of At-Large members. DOT needs to trim the foliage per their responsibility and with more consistency. Committee agreed to the following positions:

1. Support addition of a member who is a representative of the Agricultural Advisory Committee and has been recommended to the Executive by the AAC as recommended by the Planning Board.
2. Support three at-large members to be drawn from other users of rustic roads –adding one member and removing the civic association affiliations.
3. Oppose as inappropriate the language added by Planning staff suggesting specific examples of At-Large members.
4. Support the position that table crop farmers and operators of wineries, breweries, farm stands, recreation, or entertainment event venues should join the Committee as farmer-members, which is appropriate as these venues are Agritourism and are required by law to have farming on their land.
5. Oppose any requirement that farmer members of the Committee must own or lease combines or the similar large equipment as recommended by AAC.

T&E Committee work session on the bill and master plan: 7/17

Council work session/action on the bill and Master Plan: 7/25

Discussion Items:

River Road Asbestos Encapsulation

COMPLETED, Committee approved thank you letter to Director Conklin.

West Willard Road paving issues

Laura to call Frank Kingsley to discuss concerns regarding over-engineering of shoulders.

Stoney Creek Road

find more information on this per DOT website

Harvest International Church senior living facility – Batchellors Forest Road

Number of cars to be using rustic roadway is hard to predict at this time. RRAC will review at a later time.

Holsey Road Designation

Committee voted to remove previous recommendation due to concerns of historic African American community about potential improvements there, and opted to take no position on rustic road designation.

Glen Mill Road and White Ground Road patching by MCDOT – DHS – Pavement Management Section

Committee to hold site visit and review work area and measure.

Chapingo Testimony

Laura to forward email to Jamey for assistance.

Information Items:

- **MCA Ride for the Reserve** – September 24, 2023 – public outreach opportunity. Different lengths to participate in from Family Friendly to the 62-miler.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.