

RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4th Thursday of the month

7:00-9:00 PM



Meeting Notes - Virtual Meeting February 27, 2025

Attendees:

Members:

Sandy Heiler
Mason Hopkins
Barbara Hoover
Aren Johnson
Tom Linthicum
Jamey Pratt, non-voting
Elena Shuvalov
Richard Thoms
Billy Willard

Guests:

Joel Albert
Florence Dwyer, Montgomery County Planning Department
Linda Lewis
Bernie Mihm
Miljanic Family
Keith Patton
Randy Stabler
Kelsey T
John Stuart
Jane Thompson, Member Emeritus
Laura Van Etten, Member Emeritus

MCDOT Staff Coordinator: Chris Van Alstyne

MCDOT Executive Administrative Aide: Tawanda Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Action Items

Approval of Agenda

Committee members approved agenda.

Approval of Minutes from January 20, 2025, Meeting

Committee members approved minutes.

Discussion Items

Revisit Gregg Road Bridge Discussion

The Gregg Road bridge narrow width and guardrails make it too narrow for the agricultural equipment to pass easily. According to Executive Regulations MCDOT has the right to maintain the roads for those that traverse it. Farmers present stated that MCDOT should ask what needs there are prior to planning/maintaining bridges at very early stages of design. Randy Stabler, a farmer who drives combines on Gregg Road, stated that the ideal bridge width for agricultural equipment would be 20 – 25 feet of clear roadway.

Motion passes to table discussion and ask MCDOT how wide we can make the bridge in the current design.

Development applications

No new applications currently.

Discuss line of sight issues on Glen Road

Joel Albert joined the discussion to talk about his concerns regarding Glen Road. MCDOT would need permission to work on MNCPP land, which controls land on both sides of road. Most corrections would be made from grading the roadway which is costly and would require significant grading and environmental impact. Traffic calming measures such as rumble strips and speed humps could be implemented. Mr. Albert inquires why MCDOT has not taken appropriate action to date. Committee votes to request Tom Linthicum and Chris Van Alstyne to compose letter of request for assessment of any needed traffic control improvements.

Discussion of Rustic Road Speeds and Speed Studies

Postpone topic to another meeting.

Discuss Maintenance of River Road Gravel Portion

Linda Lewis, Keith Patton and Bernie Mihm joined the discussion to voice concern about road conditions on the gravel portion of River Road the road and gravel run-off into the culverts. Mason Hopkins spoke about how paving would be more cost-savings than frequently failing to permanently correct the road. There was discussion of too much dust and mud on this portion of River Road due to current road surface. It was pointed out that the road had been completely renovated recently by MCDOT, that the prior asbestos issue had been addressed through encapsulating a small section of gravel, and that 311 service requests can be used to address potholes. A motion was put forward to recommend MCDOT apply asphalt or tar & chip the roadway; the motioned failed.

Schedule for future meetings (number, months)

Schedule sent out to committee members for review and adoption.

Revisit Discussion of Temporary Signs

Postpone topic to another meeting.

Confirm date of next meeting

Next meeting at 7:00 pm on March 27, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.