

# RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month  
7:00 - 9:00 PM

## Meeting Notes – Virtual Meeting March 26, 2026

### Attendees:

#### Members:

Barbara Hoover  
Sandy Heiler  
Glenn Orlin  
Mason Hopkins  
Tom Linthicum

**MCDOT Staff Coordinator:** Chris Van Alstyne

**MCDOT Management and Budget Specialist I:** Tawanda Johnson

**MCDOT Executive Administrative Aide:** Amanda Reb

Jim Maisel, Guest  
Laura Van Etten, Member Emeritus  
Jane Hockersmith, Norton Land Design  
Florence Dwyer, Montgomery Planning  
Bernie Mihm, Guest  
John Stuart, MCDOT

This meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

### Action Items

#### **Approval of Agenda**

The committee approved the agenda as amended.

#### **Approval of Minutes from January 22, 2026, meeting**

The committee approved the minutes.

### Discussion Items

#### **Maisel Property, 14215 Lewisdale Road Admin. Subdivision 620250020**

Jane Hockersmith, on behalf of the property owner, presented the project's plans. The committee voted to approve the plan as submitted.

#### **11701 Prices Distillery Road Preliminary Plan 120260040**

Discussion is deferred to the May meeting.

#### **Discussion of road maintenance letter**

The committee will draft a letter that recommends that the residential and rural roads resurfacing form include residential and rural PCI scores and targets. The committee is requesting that this information

be provided in every subsequent CIP. The committee voted to approve drafting the letter to send to County Council.

**Biennial report – call for volunteers to draft**

Discussion has been moved to the next meeting. An email will be sent to request volunteers.

**21021 Big Woods Rd. Bamboo Clearing**

The general discussion was about removal, banning the sale, and looking into forms of enforcement. The bamboo causes many issues, is invasive, reduces sight distance, and impedes traffic, especially during the storms. DOT is licensed to use, but does not use herbicides. The depot uses mechanical trimming, which is quick and convenient, but the bamboo often comes back worse than it is.

**Discussion of role of Vice Chair position**

The role of the Vice Chair would be to substitute for the Chair when unable to attend. Billy Willard has been nominated for Vice Chair. The committee approved the motion for nomination. Will be confirmed at the May meeting.

**Items for future meetings**

- Discussion of coming up with a unique design for exceptional rustic road signs.
- Having one meeting a year to be in person.
- Appointing of subcommittee to work on regulations. Glen, Barbara, and Laura volunteer.

**Planning updates**

Currently no updates.

**MCDOT updates & Status of Action Items from prior meeting**

Reminder that additional members will need to reapply for their positions according to their term limits by the end of the year. Chris will update members when their term is coming to an end.

**Confirm date of next meeting**

The next meeting date is Thursday, May 28, 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.