



**MINUTES**  
**RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**January 26, 2010**  
**Executive Office Building – Rockville**

**Members:**

Robin Ziek	Leslie Saville - MNCPPC
Fred Lechluder	Sarah Navid - Staff
Eric Spates	
Kevin Foster	
Marc Miller	

**Absent:**

Bob Goldberg

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

**Minutes** – The December 9, 2009 minutes were approved with minor modifications.

**T Mobile Cell Tower Letter** – The draft letter to Hillorie Morrison, consultant to T-Mobile, was reviewed and approved with minor modifications. Cell towers are allowed as a special exception use which allows for extra criteria and scrutiny. The RRAC does not want to impede their installation but simply provide input that will lessen their impact.

**Executive Regulation Letter** – The letter to Arthur Holmes, Director, Department of Transportation, supporting the modification to the Executive Regulation to allow rustic roads identifications signs was approved with minor modification.

**Master Plan of Highways**– Leslie handed out and explained a survey form that RRAC members will use to inventory the rustic roads that currently have no Master Plan description. Each member was assigned a group of roads to drive and describe, by the March meeting. In addition, Leslie and Robin will review an 1865 map of the county to determine whether there are additional old, historic roads in the County that are currently not classified as rustic that should be evaluated for that status.

**Capital Improvement Program** – Sarah reported on the status of the proposed Martinsburg Road and Sugarland Road CIP. The County Executive did not approve the projects going forward in the capital budget. Their estimated rehabilitation lane/mile cost of \$600K came in twice as expensive as the next most expensive road re-construction cost of \$375K. The proposed nine miles of rehabilitation was estimated at approximately \$5 million. The cost was not felt to be justified in this budget climate given that there is a \$1.7 billion backlog in residential re-construction and rehabilitation.

Future efforts should consider reducing the scope of the project, spacing out the request (phasing), getting more community support, working with the Ag groups to tie into farm issues and looking into grants for historic preservation. Leslie pointed out that the project on the historic designated section of Martinsburg Road will need to get approval from the Historic Preservation Commission.

**Other Items** – Kevin will draft some language for landscape features for the Design Guidelines. The goal is to finish the guidelines in conjunction with the Master Plan of Highways.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

**Date Approved:** March 23, 2010