

Minutes of Township Meeting for Riverbend Trail
Public Hearing
March 23, 2015 at Val Hall
7:00 pm

Members present: Robert Wald, Dale Koop, Stacy Lee and Nancy Tofte

Guests: Paul Ihle, Larry & Dianne Seurer, Tom & Kari Schafer, Mike Spears, Jerry Hanson, Lynn Dyer, John Mattson, Gale Schmitz, Jan Nordin, Cory Anderson, John Tofte, Tom Ramsey, Don Johnson, Rory & Helen Anderson, James Stewart, Rod Lahren, Suzanne Pederson

Bob made a motion to open the meeting from the informational meeting on March 3. Dale seconded the motion and it carried.

Bob made a motion to adjourn to a hearing for the Riverbend Trail project. Dale seconded the motion and it carried.

Presentation of project – Mike Flaagen gave a presentation of the Riverbend Trail project using the report that he had prepared.

Nancy explained that on average the Board saved \$26,049.32 over the 23 years it has been paved. This amount was saved because the road did not need to be bladed.

How assessed? Paul Ihle explained that historically a project like this is assessed using some sort of frontage model. If 100% of property owners agreed and would sign a petition, then the cost could be equally assessed to all the property owners.

Several questions were asked concerning chip sealing the road instead of mill and overlay? Mike Flaagen explained that chip sealing hasn't been used in Pennington County for at least fifteen years. He explained that instead the mill and overlay process is used to rehab the existing material and add new material to it, extending the road life.

Dianne Seurer asked how long is the assessment? Last time it was 10 – 12 years.

Resident James Stewart asked a question about the edging or the slop of the road. He also asked how the platted lots would assessed. Paul Ihle believed that the lots were assessed the same as the residential lots.

Driveways – Several residents asked about the possibility of paving their driveways. The township can pass on the information to the residents so they could inquire with the contractor.

Nancy asked for a show of hands who were in favor of the project and all present raised their hand.

Board Discussion – The Board will wait to make a decision about the road project until following the bid opening on Tuesday, March 24.

Bob made a motion to close the hearing. Dale seconded the motion and it carried.

Bob made a motion to reopen the meeting. Dale seconded the motion and it passed.

Bob made a motion to adjourn this meeting. Dale seconded the motion and it carried.

Stacy Lee, Clerk

Board Member