

**MINUTES OF
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
JUNE 30, 2010
7:00 P.M.**

*2nd Floor Conference Room – Warren Green Building
10 Hotel Street
Warrenton, VA 20186*

Members Present: Laurence Mason, Chairman, Peter S. Eltringham, Vice-Chairman, William D. Nace, Sam Poles and Joel Barkman

Members Absent: Jeffrey Walker, David Cubbage, Adrienne Garreau and R. Holder Trumbo

Guests Present: Wayne Arrington, Citizen, Ben Cooper, Fauquier County Farm Bureau, Lieutenant Billy Hitt, Sheriff's Office, Captain Charles Bopp, Sheriff's Office, Deirdre Clark, RRRC

Staff Present: Susan Eddy, Rick Carr and Meredith Meixner

1. Approval of May 5, 2010 and May 26, 2010 Committee Meeting Minutes

ACTION:

On motion made by Bill Nace and seconded by Sam Poles, it was moved to approve the May 5, 2010 and May 26, 2010 minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion of Farm Equipment Road Safety

Mrs. Eddy informed the group that during the June 10, 2010 meeting of the Board of Supervisors, the Board directed the Transportation Committee to create a list of recommendations to address farm equipment road safety. Discussion ensued with the following ideas presented:

- Reduced speeds in agricultural areas;
- Increased signage (VDOT has two tractor signs) also to include identifying blind curves;
- Strobes, rotating amber lights and SMV signs placed properly on farm equipment, including the front to caution on-coming traffic;
- Video cameras on tractors to record offenders;
- Public education for awareness (crossing double yellow line is illegal, what is an SMV emblem, hand signals), booth at County fair, ads in paper, educating high school and all drivers education courses, flyers in DMV renewal packets and tax bills, county employee education (school & government);
- Donate tractor to Sheriff's Office for use;
- Create new signs to identify Agricultural Zones, with new colors;

- Develop a Coordinated Community Response (a sanctioned, endorsed, official response) to include all types of farmers (ex: beef, grain, wineries, dairy, horses, etc.), Farm Bureau, local and state government, businesses and law enforcement to promote awareness and further educate the public and to sustain action;
- Increase enforcement during peak harvesting times;
- Further newspaper involvement – possible bi-weekly articles;
- Signage on farmer’s land that meets county ordinances;
- Update the county entrance signs to include awareness for agricultural vehicles;
- Communicate with Culpeper and surrounding counties to address commuter issues;
- RRRC to distribute flyers at designated commuter lots.

ACTION:

A draft of recommendations will be distributed with the agenda for discussion at the July 28, 2010 Transportation Committee meeting.

3. *Citizens’ Time*

No citizens spoke at this time.

4. *Other Items*

Mr. Mason commented that there will be no meeting in August.

Mrs. Eddy informed the group that VDOT now has a call center in Salem for citizen requests and those related to Fauquier County are being directed to the Warrenton Residency and then to Susan Eddy. Mr. Eltringham suggested that a list of criteria from VDOT should be provided to each citizen prior to contacting Mrs. Eddy. Mrs. Eddy agreed to contact VDOT to discuss further.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 28, 2010.**