

Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
Veterans Memorial Highway Association
Held Monday, April 22nd, 2013
Radisson Hotel and Suites
Vista Room
435 Gregoire Drive
Fort McMurray, Alberta

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Elroy Yakemchuk at 12:05 A.M.

In Attendance:	Elroy Yakemchuk	County of Two Hills
	Ben Elfring	M.D. of Taber
	Robert Richard	Lac La Biche County
	Molly Douglass	County of Newell
	Arnold Hanson	Beaver County
	George Jamieson	County of Minburn
	David Blair	Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo
	Jane Stroud	Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo
	Elaine Sorochan	Town of Two Hills
	Michael Yakielashek	Secretary-Treasurer VMHA

Absent:	Barry Morshita	City of Brooks
	Charles Girard	Town of Hanna

Agenda: Moved By: Elaine Sorochan
That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously:

Minutes: Moved By: Arnold Hanson
That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on March 1st, 2013 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously:

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Moved By: George Jamieson

That the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held on March 1st, 2013 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously:

Accounts

Payable:

The Accounts Payable listing dated April 22nd, 2013 was presented to the Board for approval.

Moved By: Molly Douglass

That the Accounts Payable Listing dated April 22nd, 2013 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously:

Cash Statements:

The Secretary – Treasurer presented the Cash Statements for the months ended February 28th and March 31st, 2013. The cash position of the Association is in the amount of \$14,263.95.

Moved By: Arnold Hanson

That the Cash Statements for the months ended February 28th and March 31st, 2013 be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously:

Operational

Budget:

The Operational Budget Reports were presented to the Board for the months ended February 28th and March 31st, 2013. As of March 31st, 2013 the Association shows a surplus position of \$14,263.95. There are no outstanding liabilities to report at this time.

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Memberships: Moved By: Ben Elfring
That a recommendation be made at the Annual General Meeting that would set a maximum cap for membership dues to be put into place.

Carried Unanimously:

Moved By: Elaine Sorochan
That the Operational Budget report be accepted as information.

Carried Unanimously:

Old Business:

Truck Stop

Rest Area:

The Municipal District of Taber are requesting a letter of support for the establishment of a Roadside Truck Turnout and Rest Area adjacent to Highway 36 near Vauxhall. The M.D. of Taber will be requesting funding from Alberta Transportation for the development.

Moved By: Arnold Hanson
That the Veterans Memorial Highway Association send a letter of support For the proposed roadside truck turnout and rest area proposed by the Municipal District of Taber adjacent to Highway 36 near the Town of Vauxhall.

Carried Unanimously:

REDAs: The Secretary – Treasurer informed the Board that he has contacted all of the Regional Economic Development Associations regarding affiliation or membership. They have all replied that they will discuss the request and reply accordingly.

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Highway 881: Moved By: Robert Richard
That the Veterans Memorial Highway Association send a letter to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and request attendance at their Council Meeting to discuss the membership, maintenance issues and renumbering of Highway 881.

Carried Unanimously:

Keystone Pipeline: Ports to Plains has requested their members for signatures of support for the Keystone XL Pipeline Project. The letter and signatures will be presented to the Department of State to approve the pipeline and grant TransCanada Pipeline the Presidential Permit to proceed.

Moved By: Molly Douglass
That the Veterans Memorial Highway Association sign the letter of support for the Keystone XL Pipeline project for the Ports to Plains Alliance.

Carried Unanimously:

Western Canada Pilot Car Assoc. There has been no further information from the Western Canada Pilot Car Association or Alberta Transportation about a training program for Pilot Car Operators.

The Secretary – Treasurer will contact Alberta Transportation to see whether any progress has been made toward a proper certificate program for Pilot Car Operators.

New Business:
Economic
Development
Strategy:

Arnold Hanson advised that the Association should put aside this matter until such time we hear from the Regional Economic Development Associations. We could possibly look at a strategic plan in conjunction with them.

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Priorities: the Board set some priorities to work on during the next couple of months.

- Letter to the Minister of Transportation regarding Highway 881 maintenance issues and pull out/rest areas.
- Railway Crossings at intersections off Highway 36 being Highway 13, 14 and 16.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held at the County of Newell Administration Offices in conjunction with the South Zone Meeting. The date shall be determined by the Chairman.

Adjournment: Moved By: George Jamieson
That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously:

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary-Treasurer