

Minutes  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Veterans Memorial Highway Association  
Held, Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Flagstaff County Administration Building  
12435 – Township Road 442  
Sedgewick, Alberta

Call to Order: The Secretary – Treasurer called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m.

In Attendance:	Elroy Yakemchuk	County of Two Hills
	Sonny Rajoo	Town of Two Hills
	Arnold Hanson	Beaver County
	Robert Richard	LaLaBiche County
	Ben Elfring	M.D. of Taber
	Molly Douglass	County of Newell
	Travis Ryan	Town of Castor
	Mike Simpson	Town of Vegreville
	Jane Stroud	Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo
	Michael Yakielashek	Secretary – Treasurer

Absent:	Barry Morishita	Town of Brooks
	Phil Meagher	Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo

Chairperson The Secretary – Treasurer called for the nomination of a Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

Moved By: Sonny Rajoo that Barry Morishita be nominated as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Veterans Memorial Highway Association.

Carried Unanimously:

Vice-Chairperson      The Secretary – Treasurer called for the nomination of a Vice – Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

Moved By:      Arnold Hanson that Elroy Yakemchuk be nominated as the Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Veterans Memorial Highway Association.

Carried Unanimously:

The Secretary-Treasurer turned the meeting over Vice-Chairperson Yakemchuk.

Agenda:              Moved By:      Arnold Hanson that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously:

Minutes:              The minutes of the South Zone Meeting and Board of Directors meeting held September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and the Central Zone Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting held January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 were presented to the Board.

Moved By:      Ben Elfring that the minutes of the September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 South Zone Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting and the January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Central Zone Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously:

Financials:

The Secretary – Treasurer presented the Financial Reports which included Accounts Payable Listings dated January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The Cast Statements for months ended September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014. The Operational Budget Controls for the periods September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 and the Operational Budget for the 2013/2014 Financial Year.

The Board discussed increasing the Operational Budget estimates for advertising/promotion from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00 and that an amount of \$2,000.00 be placed in the projects budget. This represents work which the Board would like to do advertising and work on signage and some professional services.

Moved By: Molly Douglass that the Accounts Payable Listings, Cash Statements and Operational Control be accepted as Information and that the 2013/2014 Budget Estimates be Approved with adjustments as outlined by the Board.

Carried Unanimously:

Old Business:

Pilot Car Training:

The Secretary-Treasurer informed the Board that he had discussions about Pilot Car Training with Alberta Motor Transport Association. He found out that the Western Canada Pilot Car Association was still active and were working toward a training certification for pilot car operators. They had been holding meetings since the inaugural meeting which Arnold Hanson had attended. The Secretary-Treasurer is to contact the Western Canada Pilot Car Association and inform them that the Association is very interested in their objectives and that Arnold Hanson is our representative to be informed of all meetings and information.

40 Year Strategy

Plan:

The Board discussed the recently held Alberta Transportation 40 Year Strategy Planning meetings held in the Province. From all reports the membership was very disappointed with the process and the agenda's which Alberta Transportation brought to the meetings. There was very little discussion on the long term plans for actual highway development or improvement for the movement of goods, services and people.

Moved By: Sonny Rajoo that the Board of Directors meet with the Minister of Transportation and the Minister of Energy to discuss issues which need to be addressed for Highway 36, Highway 4 and Highway 881 for long term movement of goods, services and people for north/south travel in the future.

Carried Unanimously:

The Board asked the Secretary – Treasurer to investigate the possibility of meeting with caucus.

Regional Economic

Development Assoc.

The following Board Members will represent the Association to the various Associations for regional economic development.

Palliser Economic Partnership	Molly Douglass
Battle River Alliance for Economic Development	Arnold Hanson
HUB	Elroy Yakemchuk

The Secretary-Treasurer will contact the Economic Development Officer for Wood Buffalo to investigate participation for their region.

Flagstaff County:

The Board instructed the Secretary-Treasurer to write a letter of thanks to Flagstaff County for the use of their facilities for holding our meetings.

Ports to Plains:

When we make arrangements to meet with the Ministers, the Board would also like some time to meet with Dave Doorwood the Provincial Ports to Plains representative to discuss issues.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held in Two Hills on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Adjournment: Moved By: Jane Stroud that the meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously:

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary - Treasurer