

Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
Veterans Memorial Highway Association
Held Friday, February 6th, 2015
Warner Senior Citizen Drop In Centre
107 – 3rd Avenue
Warner, Alberta

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:50 p.m. by Chairman Barry Morishita.

In Attendance: Barry Morishita City of Brooks
Arnold Hanson Beaver County
Ben Elfring M.D. of Taber
Michael Simpson Town of Vegreville
Michael Yakielashek Secretary-Treasurer

Guest: Jack Breun Town of Taber

Agenda: Moved By: Arnold Hanson that the agenda be adopted as presented with the following additions:
Old Business: - Remembrance Day Services
- Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor

Carried Unanimously:

Minutes: Moved By: Ben Elfring that the North Zone District 2 and Board of Directors Meetings held on September 29th, 2014 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously:

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Financials: The Secretary- Treasurer presented the Financial Reports being the Accounts Payable Listing dated January 21st, 2015, the Cash Statements for the months ended September 30th, October 31st, November 30th, December 31st, 2014 and January 31st, 2015 and the Operational Budget Controls for the same months. The Association's financial position is positive with cash assets of \$21,065.36. Most membership fees have been paid. The outstanding memberships will be contacted.

Moved By: Ben Elfring that the Financial Reports be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously:

Request for
Proposals:

The Board reviewed the proposals which were received to do the research and brief preparation for project required on Highway 36 and Highway 881 as proposed by the zones. The two proposals received are as follows:

Pommen Group	\$19,600.00
Siddle and Cole	\$21,140.00

Moved By: Michael Simpson that the proposal submitted by Siddle and Cole be accepted based on prior work experience in the area and other associated work.

Carried Unanimously:

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Ports to Plains

Conference:

Michael Simpson reported on his attendance at the Ports to Plains Conference he attended in October, 2014. He was unable to gather information on a formalized pilot car training program. He discussed the matter with Bob Bezpalka and they felt with industry support one of our local colleges should be interested in developing a program. We need stakeholder support and involvement but it can be done. The Board will talk with local colleges. Apparently Washington State and Oregon State have a program which will be investigated. Michael Simpson felt that we should review our attendance both in numbers attending and substance.

Chin Coulee:

Has been previously discussed at the zone meeting and from information provided by Alberta Transportation it will remain to be seen how fast the necessary improvements are made.

Remembrance Day:

This past November saw the Association participating in the local Remembrance Day Services where possible. The involvement brings the Association recognition and provided an opportunity to discuss our goals and objectives with communities. The Board felt that we should continue to support the local Legions and be part of their November 11th services.

Eastern Alberta

Trade Corridor:

Arnold Hanson reported that the three Regional Economic Development Alliances have partnered together under the Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor. The EATC has been involved in the 50 year transportation Strategy, the promotion of a second 24 hour border crossing, the Canada/Mexico Partnership as well as participating in the Ports to Plains Conference in the trade show and hospitality room. The EATC is holding a two day conference March 4 and 5th, 2015 in Vermilion to present their information gathered for projects and awareness of the corridor. Michael Reeves with Ports to Plains will also be making a presentation. The next Ports to Plains Conference is scheduled for Williston, North Dakota in October. Arnold Hanson encouraged attendance as there will be some interesting information provided and good general discussions.

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Next Meeting: Annual General Meeting will be held April 24th, 2015 at a location to be determined.
The Board of Directors will be meeting with Siddle and Cole to discuss the proposal toward the end of March, 2015.

Adjournment: Moved By: Barry Morishita that the meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously:

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary-Treasurer