

Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
Veterans Memorial Highway Association
held, Friday, December 2nd, 2011
Royal Canadian Legion, Castor Branch #119
4801 – 50th Avenue
Castor, Alberta

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 P.M. by Chairman Barry Morishita.

Board Members	Barry Morishita	City of Brooks
	Charles Girard	Town of Hanna
	Elroy Yakemchuk	County of Two Hills
	George Jamieson	County of Minburn
	Arnold Hanson	Beaver County
Absent:	Sonny Rajoo	Town of Two Hills
	Ben Elfring	M.D. of Taber
	Peter Kirylchuk	Lac La Biche County
Administration:	Michael Yakielashek	Secretary-Treasurer
Agenda:	Moved By: Arnold Hanson	Seconded By: George Jamieson
	That the agenda be adopted as presented.	

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:

Minutes: The Board reviewed the minutes of the September 23rd, 2011 Southern Zone Meeting and the Board of Directors Meeting.

Moved By: Charles Girard Seconded By: Elroy Yakemchuk
That the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting and the Southern Zone Meeting held September 23rd, 2011 be approved as presented,

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:

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Financials: The Board was presented with the following Financial Reports

Accounts Payable Listing Dated December 2, 2011
Cash Statements for months ended September 30th and October 31st,
2011.
Operational Budget Control for the months ended September 30th and
October 31st, 2011.

Moved By: Arnold Hanson Seconded By: Charles Girard
That the Financial Reports as presented by the Secretary – Treasurer
be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:

Old Business:
Ports to Plains
Border Study:

The Board was presented with a draft report prepared by Donna Davis
entitled “Defining the Soft Infrastructure of Border Crossings”. The
Board had a prior opportunity to review the report before the meeting.
The Board felt that the report was lacking as to any economic specifics
to Highway 36, no hard data suggesting possible improvements for the
Highway or community investments for traffic economic opportunities.
The report did not provide the Board with anything to use for future
development. The Board felt that their expectations were not met.
The Secretary – Treasurer was instructed to prepare a response to
Ms. Davis’s requests circulate to the Board and then respond.

RADF
Grant:

The Board discussed whether the Association was in a position to move
Forward on the Rural Areas Development Fund Grant program. The
Associations share for the cost of the project would be in the amount of
\$125,000.00. Would the work under the project be relevant or not.

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Board Member Ben Elfring entered the meeting at 12:55 P.M.

The Board felt rather than try and do the economic study the Association should look at providing materials to the members which outlines the strategic plan and the work being done.

Charles Girard will bring a proposal to the Board which would create the Materials for presenting to members, municipalities and government.

It is imperative that our members are supportive of any grant application which would create a funding contribution which is beyond regular operations of the Association.

Chairman Morishita will continue to dialogue with Fort McMurray who need to be involved.

In order for Board Members to meet with the municipalities and other potential partners (private sector) funding is required to cover expenses. It would be unreasonable to expect Board Member Municipalities to cover the costs.

Moved By: Elroy Yakemchuk Seconded By: Ben Elfring
That the membership fees for 2011/2012 be set at \$0.10 per capita based on the most recent population statistics as reported to Alberta Municipal Affairs and that the Secretary – Treasurer is to make the necessary adjustments to the 2011/2012 budget.

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- Foreign Direct Investment: From information gathered by members who attended the Foreign Direct Investment meetings, the Association will not become involved.
- Zone Meetings: From the Central Zone Meeting held earlier the Secretary-Treasurer was Instructed to investigate legislation and or regulations pertaining to Pilot Cars, so that the matter can be raised with the Minister.
- The next Zone Meeting will be held in the North Zone either on February 10th or 17th, 2011 in Lac La Biche.
- Budget: A budget will be prepared for the next operating year which will include the earlier decision of the Board.
- Board Member: The Secretary – Treasurer was instructed to send a letter to North Zone Director Sonny Rajoo to thank him for his long standing service as a Director and supporter of the Association.
- Adjournment: Moved By: Barry Morishita
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:

The meeting adjourned at 1:33 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary - Treasurer