

**Minutes**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Veterans Memorial Highway Association**  
**held Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011**  
**Alberta Room, County of Paintearth No. 18**  
**Castor, Alberta**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M. by Chairman Barry Morishita.

<b>In Attendance:</b>	<b>Barry Morishita</b>	<b>City of Brooks</b>
	<b>George Jamiesen</b>	<b>County of Minburn</b>
	<b>Arnold Hanson</b>	<b>Beaver County</b>
	<b>Ben Elfring</b>	<b>M. D. of Taber</b>
	<b>Elroy Yakemchuk</b>	<b>County of Two Hills</b>
	<b>Sonny Rajoo</b>	<b>Town of Two Hills</b>
	<b>Molly Douglass</b>	<b>County of Newell</b>

<b>Absent:</b>	<b>Charles Girard</b>	<b>Town of Hanna</b>
	<b>Peter Krylchuk</b>	<b>LacLaBiche County</b>

<b>Administration:</b>	<b>Michael Yakielashek</b>	<b>Secretary-Treasurer</b>
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**Agenda:** Moved BY: Elroy Yakemchuk    Seconded By: Arnold Hanson  
That the Agenda be adopted as presented.

**Carried Unanimously:**

**Minutes:** The Board reviewed the minutes of the May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Regular Board of Directors meeting.

Moved By: George Jamiesen    Seconded By: Ben Elfring  
That the minutes of the May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Regular Board of Directors Meeting be approved as presented.

**Carried Unanimously:**

**Financials:** The Board reviewed the Accounts Payable Listing dated May 6, 2011, the Cash Statements for the months ended April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 and the Operating Budget Control for April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

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**Moved By: Molly Douglass      Seconded By: Elroy Yakemchuk**  
**That the Accounts Payable, Cash Statements and Operating Budget Control Reports be accepted as presented.**

**Carried Unanimously:**

**Letter of Thanks:**      **The Secretary – Treasurer was instructed to write a letter of thanks to the County of Paintearth No. 18 for the use of the meeting room for the Board Meetings.**

**The Board asked Mr. Larry Davidson to join the meeting at 10:14 A.M.**

**Ports to Plains  
Membership:**

**Chairman Morishita asked Mr. Davidson to expand on the benefits which the Association would obtain if it is decided to join the Ports to Plains. Mr. Davidson expanded on the written information received from Ports to Plains. The Ports to Plains is an organization made up of numerous levels of Government, Chambers of Commerce, and Private Industry from Mexico, United States and the Province of Alberta whose mission is to advocate for a robust transportation infrastructure to promote economic security and prosperity throughout North America’s energy and agricultural heartland Mr. Davidson stated that having a presence would help with long term marketing, foster partnerships and opportunities. The Ports to Plains will be holding their next Members Meeting October 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011.**

**Moved By: Elroy Yakemchuk      Seconded By: Sonny Rajoo**  
**That the Veterans Memorial Highway Association take out a Membership with the Ports to Plains Alliance.**

**Carried Unanimously:**

**Ports to Plains  
Economic Study**

**Donna Davis, Associate Professor, Marketing Area from Rawls College of Business at Texas Tech University is conducting a study on the economic Benefits of the Ports to Plains Alliance and the North American Trade Partnership potential. Ms. Davis has agreed to meet with Members of the Board of the Veterans Memorial Highway Association and discuss issues such as cross boarder trading and economic advantages.**

Ms Davis will be in Alberta July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The Board of Directors instructed the Secretary – Treasurer to make the necessary arrangements for a meeting to take place between Ms. Davis and Members of the Board.

**RADF**

**Expression of Interest** The Board of Directors was presented with a draft copy of the application For funding through the Rural Development Fund. Mr. Davidson has been working with RADF staff on the draft and application. Some work still has to be done. Mr. Davidson had to adjust the estimated costs of the project to make it a more sustainable project for the long term. He has changed the timeframe to do the project over a period of two years. The total estimated costs is \$500,000.00. The cost to the Association would be \$125,000.00 some of which can be in-kind contributions. The Board discussed how the Association could fund their contribution. The Board Members will be reviewing the matter of the contribution. Some options were discussed from raising membership fees, to obtaining in-kind contributions or a combination of in-kind and cash.

Chairman Morishita thanked Mr. Davidson for the information he provided and the Board wil get back to him about the RADF application and project. The Board felt that the application should be sent in as soon as possible. Board Members are to contact their municipal counterparts in the Association to gauge how much support the membership would provide for the study.

**Legion Support:** Board Members were to ask their local Legions about support for Point of  
**Point of Interest** Interest signs about veterans to be placed onlong thHighway. There has Been responses from the Legions at Castor and Taber which are in support. Members of the Board will continue to pursue their local legions and the Secretary – Treasurer wil contact NW Command for the Legion and also Alberta Transportation as to what may be involved in such a project.

**Membership:** The Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to come up with a list of possible members made up of communities situated within a 10 kilometre radius east and west of Highway 36.



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**Highway 36**

**Three Year Projects:** The Board was presented with a listing of projects Alberta Transportation has scheduled to be done on Highway 36 or intersecting roads over the three year period 2011 to 2014.

**Next Meeting:** The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 in Taber at the Legion Hall. The Board of Directors will hold their Board Meeting In the morning and a meeting of the Southern Zone will be held in the afternoon.

**Adjournment:** Moved By: George Jamiesen that the meeting be adjourned.

**Carried Unanimously:**

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 P.M.

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**Chairman**

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**Secretary - Treasurer**