

Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
Held Friday, March 18th, 2016
Royal Canadian Legion #165
9317 Huggard Street
Fort McMurray, Alberta

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. By Chairman Arnold Hanson.

In Attendance:	Arnold Hanson	Beaver County
	Sonny Rajoo	Town of Two Hills
	Ben Elfring	MD of Taber
	Jane Stroud	Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo
	Robert Richard	Lac La Biche County
	Michael Simpson	Town of Vegreville
	Michael Yakielashek	Secretary-Treasurer

Agenda: Moved By: Michael Simpson that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously:

Minutes: The minutes for the September 11th, 2015 Central Zone Meeting, the September 1th, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting and the November 20th, 2015 North Zone District 1 Meeting were presented to the Board.

Moved By: Sonny Rajoo that the September 11th, 2015 Central Zone Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously:

Moved By: Robert Richard that the September 1th, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously:

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Moved By: Michael Simpson that the November 20th, 2015 North Zone District 1 Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously:

Financials: The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Cash Statements and Budget Control Reports for the months ended September 30th, 2015, October 31st, 2015, November 30th, 2015, December 31st, 2015, January 31st, 2016 and February 29th, 2016.

Moved By: Michael Simpson that the Cash Statements and Budget Control Reports be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously:

Ports to Plains
Conference:

Ben Elfring reported on his attendance at the Ports to Plains Conference held this past fall in Williston, North Dakota. Ben Elfring stated that it is important that we continue to be involved with the Ports to Plains Alliance to both support their goals in order that we can learn more about the north American transportation system problems. He felt the conference was a good learning experience. It is interesting that in the United States in order to fund infrastructure projects they raise special taxes to pay for the project. It is important that Alberta as a Province continues to discuss trade and transportation with the Americans. This year's conference will be held in San Angelo, Texas.

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- Ministers Meeting: A copy of the letter mailed to Minister Mason requesting a meeting was provided to the Board. In addition the transportation study was also given to the Minister so he understood what the Board would like to talk to him about. The Secretary-Treasurer informed the Board that he has not heard back from the Ministers office about A possible meeting date since the last contact of March 14th, 2016.
- Pilot Car Training: From information gathered to date it appears the Pilot Car Training program will be in operation this year. In checking the website for the Western Canada Pilot Car Association and Alberta Transportation they are finalizing the curriculum.
- Transportation: The Secretary-Treasurer asked the Board whether the Association Should now look at specific projects which were identified in our study of works needed to make Highways 36 and 881 more transportation friendly. Example would be a project like passing lanes. We could hire a consultant to take one of the passing lanes identified and do a cost estimate and construction plan for the project to provide to Alberta Transportation. The Secretary-Treasurer was interested in making sure that the work done on the study was not stand alone. He would like to keep pressing transportation for the important work needed on the highways. The Board asked the Secretary-Treasurer to draft a request for proposals for presentation at the next meeting for further discussion by the Board.
- Moved By: Ben Elfring that the Secretary-Treasurer draft “Terms of Reference” and “Request for Proposals” to have a Construction and cost study for projects identified in our Transportation Study. The Board will identify the exact projects to be undertaken in the study.

Carried Unanimously.

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Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting will be held on June 10th, 2016. The location is tentatively set for Viking at their Legion Hall.

Adjournment: There being no further business Chairman Hanson adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary-Treasurer