

Minutes
North Zone District 2 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 11:05 a.m. By Chairman Arnold Hanson.

Attendance: The list of attendees is attached and forms part of these minutes.

Agenda: Moved By: Sonny Rajoo that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously:

Minutes: Jane Stroud noted that the illumination projects have not been completed and work is still required at Anzac, Conklin and Janvier

Moved By: Ben Elfring that the Association correspond with Alberta Transportation regarding the illumination projects on Highway 881 intersections at Anzac, Conklin and Janvier.

Carried Unanimously:

Presentations: The Secretary-Treasurer had contacted Alberta Transportation, Mammoett and Premay to come to the meeting to discuss projects in the works for Highway 881 as well as what transportation companies have problems with when hauling oversized loads on Highways 36 and 881. Unfortunately they were unable to make the meeting.

Zone Issues:

Winter Maintenance There continues to be problems between LaLaBiche and Conklin with winter maintenance, especially on the long elevation climbs where sanding is not done in a timely manner creating a back log of traffic. Transport trucks do not have any pull out or rest area where they can chain up before attempting the climb on icy roads.

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CBC Radio

Interview: Jane Stroud had an interview with CBC Radio out of Calgary about the problems on Highway 881. She will send everyone the link so we can listen to the interview. During the interviews she expressed the problems with the Highway and her personal experiences of those problems. She also stated that with traffic backed up emergency responders have problems getting to the scene when required.

Overlay: In 2016 Highway 881 from Anzac to Conklin is supposed to have an asphalt overlay project done. This part of the highway is very rough and breaking up. With the highway being narrow this creates safety issues for drivers.

Highway

Recommendations: The Oilsands Community Alliance has been active in making road improvement recommendations for Highway 881. The contact for this organization is Reagan Maculla.

High Load

Consultant: Robert Richard stated that discussing high load corridors with Shaun Hammond of Alberta Transportation, the department is hiring a consultant to review the corridors. Mr. Hammond told Mr. Richard to contact Regional Directors regarding the areas we see as issues with the corridors.

Website: Robert Richard requested the Secretary-Treasurer to try and update the website more frequently to keep the site relevant for the members.

Two Hills: Sonny Rajoo for information stated that tenders for the widening of Highway 36 through Two Hills have been finalized and that the Highway 36 and 45 intersection will be improved.

Chin Coulee: Ben Elfring stated that tenders are being opened on Monday for the repairs needed on Highway 36 at the Chin Coulee to repair the sloughing of the highway. Work to be done this summer hopefully with a mid-May start.

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Eastern Alberta

Trade Corridor: Arnold Hanson reported that he made a presentation at the recently held Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor meeting in Medicine Hat. The Corridor is looking at putting together a Highway 41 Association. Their main objectives will be a lot like our association. There would be an opportunity where we could find common ground to fixing highway infrastructure for the eastern part of the province. At the meeting they also talked about tax funding of some kind to fund these projects.

Regional Directors: A discussion took place to make sure that Regional Directors were invited to all zone meetings to keep the Association up to date on provincial strategic plans and projects in the works.

Remembrance Day: Arnold Hanson asked everyone to make sure that the Association is involved in Remembrance Day Services in our communities. It is Important that the Veterans Memorial Highway Association is seen as a partner with the Legions.

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Secretary-Treasurer