

Minutes
Veteran Memorial Highway Association
General Meeting
Held Friday, January 22nd, 2010
Castor Royal Canadian Legion
4810 – 50th Avenue
Castor, Alberta

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m.

In Attendance: The List of Attendance is attached to these minutes.

Introduction: Chairman Jamieson asked everyone in attendance to give their name and who they represented.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 15th, 2008 General Meeting were presented.

It was noted by Eugene Uganecz that on page 1 in the paragraph about the by-pass that the minutes stated Highway 886 and should be Highway 881.

MOVED BY: Eugene Uganecz that the minutes of the May 15th, 2008 General Meeting be accepted with the change as noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Financial: The Financial Report to the year end August 31st, 2009 was presented to the members. The year ended in a positive position of \$5,192.59. The Association had no outstanding liabilities and the only asset held is cash.

MOVED BY: Roy Ellingson that the Financial Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grant
Application:

On behalf of Activation Analysis the Secretary-Treasurer informed the members that applications for funding to conduct a study for Highway 36 under the Rural Development Fund, and Regional Partnership Initiative, have not been successful to this point, however Activation will still be making proposals to the various departments. One of the problems identified by the Province that Highway 36 is too big an area for the grant to work. The Association feels that all members have to be involved for the project to work properly. Members discussed about contacting all M.L.A.'s who would then know what the Association is about. We have to make Highway 36 the preferred route for traffic instead of any other highway. Highway 36 has safety issues which still need to be addressed and as an Association must continue to press those issues with Alberta Transportation.

MOVED BY: Sonny Rajoo that the Association contact all member municipalities and request letters of support for the Association's grants and objections.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ports
To Plains:

Larry Davidson gave a report to the Association about the work being done through the Ports to Plains organization. The objective is to have an overland route from the Southern states to the Port of Prince Rupert. The 3 objectives of the Ports to Plains objectives for Alberta is:

- 1.) A viable east central Alberta Corridor for the movement of products and attracting investments.
- 2.) Investment in a new corridor.

- 3.) That the organization is sustainable. Presently all of the regional economic development organizations are involved. The Palliser Economic Partnership Organization from Medicine Hat has taken the lead. The Ports to Plains want to mobilize forces to make the corridor possible. Mr. Davidson stated that the Ports to Plains Organization presents an opportunity for the Veteran's Memorial Highway Association. Highway 36 has an advantage over any other highway in East Central Alberta because it is a north/south corridor from the Border to Fort McMurray. It is a high/load corridor and provides the Province with the best opportunity and cost.

At 12:00 noon the membership broke for lunch and resumed the meeting at 12:50 pm.

Association
Profile:

Members discussed how we raise the profile of the Association and develop strategies to provide an effective organization to develop our goals and objectives. Larry Davidson and Jennifer Hauser volunteered to develop a website for the organization with a link to the communities. The site would promote the highway with the benefits of it's use.

Sonny Rajoo is still working on the brochure for the organization.

MOVED BY: Vern Hafso that the Association accept the generous offer by the Paintearth Economic Partnership Society and Flagstaff County to develop a website.

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Legion
Branches:

Roy Ellingson proposed that we contact the Royal Canadian Legion Branches and request their support of the organization to raise the awareness of the Veteran Memorial Highway Association.

Greg
Sheppard:

That a Mission Statement be developed to be used by the Association for our profile and raise the profile goals and objectives of the Association.

Goals/
Strategies:

The members discussed the goals which the Association wants to accomplish and how we develop a strategy to reach these goals. Any goals decided upon must align with Provincial Strategy for transportation.

Election of
Board:

Zone 1
South:

The Secretary called for nominations.

MOVED BY: Sonny Rajoo that Brian deJong from the County of Newell be nominated as a Director for Zone 1.

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Zone 2
Central:

MOVED BY: Gerald Kuefler that Bud James from the Town of Killam be nominated as a Director of Zone 2.

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MOVED BY: Walter Weber that Vern Hafso from Beaver County be nominated as a director for Zone 2.

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MOVED BY: Sonny Rajoo that George Jamieson from the County of Minburn be nominated as a director for Zone 2.

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Zone 3
North:

MOVED BY: Herb Cardinal that Sonny Rajoo from the Town of Two Hills be nominated as a director for Zone 3.

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MOVED BY: Elroy Yakemchuk that Eugene Uganecz from Lac La Biche County be nominated as a director for Zone 3.

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MOVED BY: George Jamieson that Elroy Yakemchuk from the County of Two Hills be nominated as a director for Zone 3.

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There be no further nominations forthcoming all were declared elected.

Adjournment:

MOVED BY: Sonny Rajoo that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY/TREASURER

