

Minutes
Veterans Memorial Highway Association
North Zone District 1 Meeting
Held Friday, November 20th, 2015
County of St. Paul Administration Offices
5015 – 49 Avenue
St. Paul, Alberta

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m.

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

Chairman: Chairman Hanson and Vice-Chairman Yakemchuk were unable to attend due to other commitments and Barry Morishita agreed to chair the meeting.

Introductions: All persons in attendance introduced themselves and which municipal jurisdiction they represented.

Highway 36/881
Project:

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the power point presentation as prepared by Rick Siddle and Roger Cole. This power point presentation will be presented to the Minister of Transportation. Each slide presented was followed with discussion by the members for improvements to the presentation.

Pictures: The members wanted pictures of logging trucks to emphasise that Highways 36 and 881 are not solely an oil and gas industry highway. Another picture requested is to show one of the areas along Highway 881 which we are requesting a passing lane to be built.

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Project Priorities:

It was felt by the members that the presentation should identify one project per district which is very important to the two highways. It was felt that by doing this it would make it easier for Alberta Transportation both financially and planning wise rather than taking all recommendations as a whole. The project should take into account where possible the municipality effected is willing to assist such as rest areas.

Chin Coulee

Ben Elfring brought everyone one up to date about the continuing at the Chin Coulee reservoir. The highway is once again moving and sloughing off. The MD of Taber met with Alberta Transportation and Agriculture to emphasize the importance of doing something major before the highway is lost. Working with the Irrigation District it appears that instead of the 2027 time line it now looks like something may be done within the next 6 to 7 years. Pictures of the cracking and sloughing problem of the highway was distributed to everyone.

M.L.A.

The Board asked that minutes of the meetings be circulated to the Members of the Legislature. The Secretary-Treasurer will make sure that minutes are provided to them.

Alberta Hub

Bob Bezpalko provided information on the report Alberta Hub is doing on transportation referencing Highways 36, 28 and 41. All these highways connect the eastern corridor to the movement of materials north and south. Alberta Hub is also trying to look at manufacturing expanse along the highways especially in the Agri-Food industry to show the regions diversification. This will take investment and support to make this a reality. The type of agriculture products being looked at are all grains, hemp and logging. The project will also provide GDP dollar figures for the Province to realize the amount of value in the area and it's contribution to the provincial economy. The report will be provided to VMHA when completed. One obstacle is that parts of Highway 36 north are not high load corridors. Robert Richard stated that there are low per lines as well as bridge weight restrictions. Maxine Lodness stated that parts of

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Highway 28 have had power lines relocated underground which allows high load traffic to use Highway 28 to get to Highway 36 from 41.

Projects: Jane Stroud stated there are 34 future development projects still scheduled along Highway 881. She will provide a list to the Secretary-Treasurer for distribution.

Adjournment: There being no further discussions or business the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Secretary-Treasurer