

Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
Veterans Memorial Highway Association
held Friday, September 30th, 2016
Brooks Fire Hall
504 Cassels Road East
Brooks, Alberta

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:19 p.m. by Chairman Arnold Hanson.

In Attendance:	Arnold Hanson	Beaver County
	Ben Elfring	MD of Taber
	Bill Prentice	City of Brooks
	Sonny Rajoo	Town of Two Hills
	Wayne Hammergren	County of Newell
	Michael Simpson	Town of Vegreville
	Michael Yakielashek	Secretary – Treasurer

Guests:	Margaret Plumbtree	Town of Vauxhall
	Norman Gerestein	City of Brooks

Agenda: Moved By: Sonny Rajoo that the agenda be received and accepted.

Carried Unanimously:

Minutes: The minutes of the June 10th, 2016 Annual General Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting were presented.

Moved By: Ben Elfring that the Annual General Meeting minutes of June 10th, 2016 be accepted.

Carried Unanimously:

Moved By: Sonny Rajoo that the Board of Directors Meeting minutes of June 10th, 2016 be accepted.

Carried Unanimously:

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Financials:

Accounts Payable: The Accounts Payable Listing dated August 31st, 2016 totalling \$3,054.13 was presented to the Board.

Cash Statements: The monthly Cash Statements for the months ended June 30th, July 31st and August 31st, 2016 were presented to the Board. The Association's financial position at the end of August 31st, 2016 showed \$14,635.73 in the bank. The Secretary-Treasurer advised that invoices for membership will be going out shortly.

Budget Control: The Operating Budget Control for the months ended June 30th, July 31st and August 31st, 2016 were presented to the Board. August 31st, 2016 represents the year end for the Association. The 2015/2016 Operating Year End showed a surplus of \$14,635.73.

Moved By: Wayne Hammergren that the Accounts Payable Listing, Cash Statements and Operation Budget Control reports be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously:

Old Business:

Pamphlet: From previous meetings discussion was held about increasing the profile of the Association. One thought was to develop a pamphlet or some type of promotional material. Bill Prentice felt we have to identify who we would have as the audience. Ben Elfring felt we need to address other organizations such as the American Motor Association and also tourism travellers. Michael Simpson stated he would like to see the Association profile the membership and the advocacy of the highways. Bill Prentice felt that maybe a website outlining the highways, where rest stop areas and pull outs area located and work with the EATC and Yellowhead Associations. The Board will take a better look once we know who we want our audience target to be.

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Projects: The Board still needed to identify the projects from each zone as we prepare to take the Highway 36/881 study forward:

The following projects were identified:

South Zone:	Red Deer River Passing Lane
Central Zone:	Battle River Passing Lane
North Zone District 1	Highway 36 and 881 Interchange study
North Zone District 2	Climbing Lane at Janvier
Whole Association:	Pilot Car Certificate Program

Ports to Plains: Sonny Rajoo thanked the Board for allowing him to represent the Association at the Ports to Plains Conference. From the discussions being held they have a lot of work to do on many highways in the U.S. They take the approach of completing the highway projects in segments as appropriate funding becomes available. Due to the economy all jurisdictions have a problem finding the necessary funds to start and complete projects. There are also a lot of road blocks hampering highway improvements and construction beside financial. Some projects are being delayed or may even be in jeopardy due to environmental issues. In all he felt it was a very good conference. Next year the conference will be held in Lubbock, Texas.

New Business:

South Zone

Meeting: The Board reviewed the discussions from the South Zone Meeting held earlier. The Board was pleased to see that the Chin Coulee parts of Highway 36 are under repair. This will make the highway safer and have a definite impact on traffic flow.

Upcoming

Meeting: The Secretary-Treasurer informed the Board that at the Central Zone Meeting a member of the Alberta Motor Transport Association will be In attendance. We would like to see whether some opportunity exists to collaborate on some common goals and issues.

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Next Meeting: The Central Zone Meeting shall be held in Hanna, Alberta on December 2, 2016 commencing at 11:00 a.m.

Adjournment: Moved By: Ben Elfring that the meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously:

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary-Treasurer