

Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
Veterans Memorial Highway Association
held Friday, September 27th, 2013
County of Newell
Administration Office
183037 Range Road 145
Brooks, Alberta

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:25 p.m. by Chairman Barry Morishita.

In Attendance: Barry Morishita City of Brooks
Ben Elfring M.D. of Taber
George Jamieson County of Minburn
Molly Douglass County of Newell
Arnold Hanson Beaver County
Michael Yakielashek Secretary – Treasurer
Russ Norris Guest, Town of Vuaxhall

Absent: Elroy Yakemchuk County of Two Hills
Elaine Sorchan Town of Two Hills
Charles Girard Town of Hanna
Robert Richard Lac La Biche County

Agenda: Moved By: Arnold Hanson
That the agenda be adopted as presented with the addition of the following items:
1. Legion Contact under Old Business
2. Letter about Pilot Car under New Business

Carried Unanimously:

Minutes: The Board reviewed the minutes of the North Zone-District 2 Meeting and the Board of Directors Meeting held April 22nd, 2013 in Fort McMurray.

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Moved By: Ben Elfring that the minutes of the North Zone – District 2 and Board of Directors Meeting held April 22nd, 2013 in Fort McMurray be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously:

Financials:

Accounts Payable: The Accounts Payable Listing dated September 27th, 2013 was presented to the Board. The total expenditures as documented totalled \$1,846.17.

Cash Statements: The Cash Statements dated April 30th, May 31st, June 30th, July 31st and August 31st, 2013 were presented to the Board. The Association has Cash Assets of \$12,341.18 in the bank with no expenses outstanding.

Operation Budget: The Operational Budget for the months ended April 30th, May 31st, June 30th, July 31st and August 31st, 2013 were presented to the Board. August 31st, 2013 represents the year ending for the Association. For the 2012/2013 year end Revenues totalled \$18,981.45 and expenditures In the amount of \$6,640.27 leaving an unexpended total of \$12,341.18.

Moved By: Molly Douglass
That the Financial Reports of the Association including Accounts Payable, Cash Statements and the Operational Budget Report be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously:

Old Business:
40 Year Strategic
Plan and Pilot/Car
Training:

Alberta Transportation advised the Board the 40 year Transportation Strategic Plan anticipate starting public consultation and stakeholder engagement later this fall. Regarding the pilot/escort training they don't have much of an update on a Certificate Program.

Wood Buffalo
Membership:

The Secretary-Treasurer was asked to contact all member municipal jurisdictions and ask them to bring up the two matters at their respective meetings and conversations with Alberta Transportation during the fall AUMA and AAMD&C conventions.

With the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo experiencing flooding earlier this year, the Board had decided to postpone attending a meeting of their Council and will pursue the matter of membership, renumber Highway 881 after the Municipal Elections.

Ports to Plains:

The Board discussed the Ports to Plains Northern Alliance Working Group held in Wainwright. The Board Members are encouraged to participate in any of the Committees which have been struck.

Easter Alberta
Trade Corrdiro:

Further to a meeting attended by the Secretary – Treasurer with Mr. Rick Siddle and Mr. Roger Cole, the Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor is creating a Three Year Strategic Plan under the direction of the three Regional Economic Development Alliances in Eastern Alberta. The plan is to develop possible governance models, funding options, a first year operational plan and the strategic plan itself. Mr. Siddle and Mr. Cole are looking for the support of the Association and participation.

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Moved By: Arnold Hanson

That the Veterans Memorial Highway Association inform Mr. Siddle that we support the development of a Three Year Strategic Plan initiative and will participate in its' development with the Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor.

Carried Unanimously:

Legion Honorariums: Federated Co-Op Ltd. is proposing to place a retail fuel facility at the intersection of Highways 12 and 36.

Moved By: George Jamieson

That the Secretary – Treasurer contact Federated Co-Op Ltd. and discuss with them the possibility of having a Veterans Memorial placed on the property.

Carried Unanimously:

Logo:

The Board discussed the idea of developing a logo for the Association which would recognize the Veterans and Highway 36 in a respectfull manner.

Moved By: Molly Douglass

That the Chairman try to discuss the matter of the Veteran Honourary Plaques at rest stop areas with Alberta/NW Territory Legion Command.

Carried Unanimously:

New Business:
Economic
Development
Strategy:

The Board discussed the Associations role in economic development along Highway 36. The Board feels that as an Association it is part of it's strategic plan, however with the three regional economic associations and the Easter Alberta Trade Corridor, we are not sure how we would not be doing the same thing. All of our municipal members are also part of the regional economic associations. The Boards feels at this time the Association will not embark on an economic strategy but work with the regional economic associations.

Heavy Load/
Farm Machinery
Incident:

Board Member George Jamieson received a letter from Mr. Ed Lefsrud regarding an incident with a Pilot Car and Heavy Load on Highway 36 which occurred on May 22, 2013. In the incident they were moving seeding equipment and were forced to go partway into the ditch when they heavy load passed them. Their exit to get off Highway 36 was blocked by the pilot car. When the pilot car was contacted they were told the highway belonged to the heavy load with a lot of profane language. The heavy haul trucking company was contacted and the same answer and profanity occurred.

The Board has been concerned about these type of incidents and pilot car training is needed sooner than later. The Board will contact Community Colleges and see what administration and costs are needed to create and top quality program for certification.

Correspondence:

1. Ports to Plains thanking the Association for their Membership.
2. Letters from the Battle River Alliance for Economic Development Palliser Economic Partnership and the North East Alliance Information (Hub) regarding joint memberships.

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Next Meeting: Will be held after the Municipal Elections and depending on the outcomes it may be an Annual Meeting if new officers need to be elected or zone meetings.

Adjournment: Moved By: Barry Morishita
That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously:

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary - Treasurer

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