

BOUNDARY AREA TRANSPORTATION TEAM

MEETING NOTES/MINUTES

March 27, 2019

Voting Members in Attendance: Clint Kimball-Boundary County; John Youngwirth-City of Bonners Ferry; Nancy Lewis-SPOT; John Nelson-City of Moyie Springs; Bill Roberson-ITD.

Non-Voting Members in Attendance: Walt Kirby, Chairman; Renee Nelson, Secretary.

Others in Attendance: Susan Kiebert-LHTAC; Justin Shaw-HMH; Bill Irwin- BCSD101; Wally Cossairt-Boundary County Commissioner; Lisa Ailport-City of Bonners Ferry; David Suhr-DEA; George Eskridge; Daniel Baker-HDR.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kirby at 1:35 pm at the Bonners Ferry Visitor Center.

Chairman Kirby asked for introductions and all present did so. Chairman Kirby proceeded with the meeting.

1. **(MSU Nelson/Youngwirth)** The proposed Minutes from the February 27, 2019 meeting were approved as distributed.

2. **New Business**

Susan Kiebert-LHTAC—updated members the LHTAC Board would be visiting Boundary County this coming August/September. She then asked the City of Bonners Ferry to update members regarding their FLAP (Federal Lands Access Program). Ms. Ailport proceeded:

- City of Bonners Ferry's Transportation Plan public meeting is tonight, March 27th and then the Council will adopt by Resolution.
- Equipment dredge will be working behind the Moyie Dam next month to remove 7,000 cubic feet of debris from behind the dam.
- The city is part of the 8th grade Career Day and Mayor Sims is helping with the event today.
- The City is reapplying with FLAP for their Riverside Road Improvement Project. This is the same project they applied for in 2017 and is a perfect shoe-in with the County's Riverside Road Project to provide connectivity from the City out to the Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge especially for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- The City also applied for the Local Rural Highway Investment Program with their Garden Lane Extension to Fry Street application. They were awarded the project and were 16th out of 51 applications.
- The City is working with a private party regarding an agreement to provide a connector route.
- The City is working along with other utilities to move and place their utilities for the US 95 project's next phase.
- The Gateway Entry Sign by the Visitor Center is being moved and will have lighting installed by May 1, 2019.

Ms. Kiebert then presented George Eskridge to provide a Legislative Update:

- Idaho Transportation Board has filled the District 1 position. Jim Thompson is the new member. Mr. Eskridge then presented a brief overview of Mr. Thompson's background and experience. The District 6 position was filled by Bob Hoff and a brief overview of experience was also presented.

- SB 1126 Strategic Initiatives Programs funding expires in July 2019. Would be extended for 5 years with the same type of split between ITD and local jurisdictions that currently exists is now in General Order Status.
- HB107 for Transportation programs and Bridge Maintenance funding failed on the Senate Floor.
- SB 1201 to move some funding from Highway Distribution Account to Law Enforcement Account and reallocate those funds to local units of government and State Highway Account for transportation-passed both the House/Senate

Bill Roberson-ITD provided an update to last months information for Labrosse Hill to Alderson Lane phase. It is FY22 program year but with FY21 start for construction.

- Pine Island, sidewalks, illumination now in review.
- Posted speed limit at the MP 498 slide area at Naples has received complaints. It was raised to 45 MPH but is being requested higher. Study was done and due to Mountain Meadows intersection and the site distance to see over the guardrail for safety will remain at 45 MPH. Start repair with an August/September time frame.
- June 2019 time line for seal coat issue-warrant seal coat for certain areas including north of Samuels.
- ITD Board Meeting will be in August in District 1. Still in planning stages for when and where.
- Railroad projects are forthcoming for Boundary County, diagnostics on projects in progress.
- US 95 Rock Creek Repair, MP 518 is out for bid.
- Jo Sater, Northern Lights, did great job helping with the Elmira Illumination.
- FY22 Mc Arthur Lake Project, new bridge and roadway realignment.

Mr. Robertson then deferred to **David Suhr, DEA** (David Evans & Associates) for a US 95 update: ITD is providing project updates on their website to keep everyone informed of project status.

- Utility work-1500 ft mainline, laterals and crossings in process.
- Frontier has installed new poles
- City of Bonners Ferry is relocating waterline, electric and moving luminaries back.
- A temporary bypass road on east side is being prepared. Construction on east lane including paving will be completed and then work will shift to the west.
- Traffic light at Alderson Lane will be removed next week.

Mr. Robertson added that the roadway lighting is being reviewed and comparisons with the north portion for shields/dimmers/LED lights.

Renee Nelson, BATT Secretary read the By-Law amendment proposal which would add the Boundary County School District to voting member status.

Chairman Kirby then asked members if there was a motion. (MSU Kimball/Youngwirth) Motion was made, Seconded and was unanimous by all members present. Ms. Nelson said she would update the By-Laws and send a copy to all jurisdictions.

Ms. Nelson then discussed with BATT members the City of Bonners Ferry's request for a letter of Support for their Riverside Road Improvement Project. Chairman Kirby asked for a motion. (MSU Nelson/Kimball) Motion was made, seconded and was unanimous by all members present. Ms. Nelson said a letter of support would be provided to the City.

3. Construction Information – No utilities were present due to construction projects currently in progress.

4. Jurisdictional Updates

City of Bonners Ferry-John Youngwirth informed members he was changing over from winter operations. Getting ready to start projects. Spring conditions had been good so far, no water problems.

City of Moyie Springs-John Nelson informed members changing from winter operations also. Roads were braking up this spring. Elk Road had been good and now was breaking up, he has closed and restricted some roadways to hauling.

Boundary County-Clint Kimball updated members that Boundary County was very pleased to be awarded the Local Strategic Initiatives Project "Tobe Way and Plato Dr Improvement Project."

- Ruby Creek Bridge #2 emergency repair was completed. ITD Bridge department is now analyzing repair with the hope to remove the bridge weight restrictions.
- Dealing with water problems due to the rapid runoff-water on roads, washouts.
- Mudslide on the Westside Road, Parker Creek burn area- 70 cu yards plus of debris.
- Kent's Gulch Rd and District Two Rd experiencing water/mud issues.
- Damage to chip sealed roads is more than normal.
- Tobe Way & Plato Dr Improvement Project-Engineer has started survey and the bid package is being finalized for bid.

He then informed members that May 10, 2019 would be his last day with Boundary County as he has resigned. He mentioned he had a great group of employees. He has really enjoyed working with all those present and on projects. He was staying until May to help through the spring road restrictions and permit process and to help complete the Road & Bridge budget for next year.

Members present expressed their regret that Mr. Kimball was leaving. All jurisdictions present expressed their appreciation for him in all that he had accomplished in the way of projects, his support in working with their jurisdiction, and the time and work that he had put into projects and wished him the best in the future.

SPOT-Nancy Lewis, SPOT Chairman, updated members that the ski season had ended and the Schweitzer bus was no longer running. It had done well other than being hit by a logging truck but all turned out good. SPOT is still negotiating to provide a run to Kootenai River Inn. Ron Smith has been designated the SPOT Representative for Bonners Ferry.

BCSD101-Bill Irwin informed members there is a new School District Superintendent, Jan Bayer, and will be starting June 1, 2019. The M & O levy had passed.

No further updates from jurisdictions were presented.

5. Public Comment

Commissioner Cossairt updated members FATBEAM was coming through to all schools by 2020.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm. (Youngwirth/Nelson).

Respectfully Submitted,

S/Renee Nelson

Renee Nelson, BATT Secretary