

## BOUNDARY AREA TRANSPORTATION TEAM

### MEETING NOTES/MINUTES

May 22, 2019

**Voting Members in Attendance:** Randy Morris-Boundary County; John Nelson-City of Moyie Springs; Don Davis-Kootenai Tribe of Idaho; Bill Irwin, BCSD 101; Bill Roberson-ITD.

**Non-Voting Members in Attendance:** Walt Kirby-Chairman; Renee Nelson-Secretary; Dennis Weed-BEDC.

**Others in Attendance:** Justin Shaw-HMH; Wally Cossairt-Boundary County Commissioner; Lisa Ailport-City of Bonners Ferry; David Suhr-DEA; Stephen Howlett; Marty Martinez

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kirby at 1:30 pm at the Bonners Ferry Visitor Center.

1. **(MSU Nelson/Morris)** The proposed Minutes from the April 24, 2019 meeting were approved as distributed.

2. **New Business**

**Susan Kiebert-LHTAC** –Ms. Kiebert was unable to attend due to another LHTAC duty, so Secretary Nelson read the LHTAC report she was emailed.

- LHTAC Photo Contest deadline is May 3, 2019. First Place: the winner of this year's photo contest will win a \$50 Amazon gift card, be published as the next cover of LHTAC website and used in the FY19 Annual Report. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place photos will be printed, framed and displayed in the LHTAC office with credit to the photographers.
- LHTAC Board Council Meeting & Tour will be in Bonner and Boundary Counties on September 12 & 13. They plan to visit LHTAC projects during this trip and with the help of both BATT & BCATT, we would like to sponsor a gathering (like the ITD Board luncheon) so that the Council Members can meet the locals.
- The ITD Board will be in District 1 on 8-21 & 22 and we are hoping to get the local reps from Bonner and Boundary to address the Board as usual. Because we have a new Board Member from Bonner County, we would like a good showing from District 1 locals. More info later...
- LHTAC will update you on the Strategic Initiatives/Surplus Eliminator funding as the year moves on. The timing of this funding, if appropriated, would be delayed to the next session in January 2020.

**Bill Roberson-ITD** updated members

- New Chairman of the ITD Board is Bill Moad replacing Jerry Whitehead. Past experience includes working for Simplot.
- MP 498 slide repair is planned to start July 15, 2019. Currently water levels are still too high to begin. Reduced speed limit will remain at 45 MPH through the area due to sight distance issues at the Mountain Meadows Rd intersection.
- Rock Creek MP 518 issue has preliminary design almost completed. Hopeful for construction in the fall.
- Mc Arthur Lake Project is still on track for FY22. Late June will be a public hearing.
- US 95 Labrosse to Alderson is FY22 Project-2 yr construction window means FY 21 & 22.
- Alderson Ln signal being removed was discussed. Stop line and right turn arrow markings were discussed as causing confusion to traffic. School bus time was also discussed. Ms. Ailport mentioned that the City's Gardner Ln to Fry St project when completed would help alleviate some of the Alderson Ln congestion.

**David Suhr-DEA** (David Evans & Associates) presented a US 95 current project update:

- Storm drains on south bound lane.

- Challenges with utilities and night work due to utilities not where suppose to be. Frontier is still working on their utilities. Fatbeam also working on fiber optic, although that is not part of the project.
- Far east side pavement is not permanent pavement, just to get traffic through.

**3. Construction Information** – No utilities were present

**4. Jurisdictional Updates**

**City of Bonners Ferry Administrator-Lisa Ailport** informed members that the City is Capital for a Day on May 30th. This will be held at the Fairgrounds from 10:00am to 3:30pm. Many state departments such as DEQ, ITD, Fish & Game, will be present.

- The City has completed their first private right of way agreement-Wilson to Solomon St.
- Thanked the County for helping with a couple loads of the grindings from the US 95 project.

**City Moyie Springs-John Nelson** updated members spring blading was completed.

- Working on water and sewer currently. Sewer bond passed.

**BEDC-Dennis Weed** updated members he had been busy with Sewer Open Houses.

**BCSD101-Bill Irwin** mentioned an issue that had been brought to his attention by Airport Manager Dave Parker. Bus transfer of students at Bus Rd/Industrial Way loop had cars & busses blocking traffic going to the airport. He will be meeting with the School District, Road & Bridge and the Commissioners to find a solution.

**Kootenai Tribe of Idaho-Don Davis** updated members that the Little Bear Road Project was ready for final inspection. This project straightened some curves and improved the road geometry.

**Boundary County-Randy Morris** updated members:

- Brushing on District Five Rd had been completed.
- Madson Rd was having culverts installed prior to the chip sealing.
- Ruby Creek Br#1 repair is waiting for the water level to go down.
- Dust abatement will hopefully start next week.
- C.E. Kramer Co as the contactor on Kootenai Trail-Atkins Project doing great work and is working on 2nd phase of project.

Stephen Howlett asked for an update regarding patching potholes. Mr. Morris explained that the clutch had went out of the dura patch truck. Parts were ordered and hopefully it will be back on the road shortly.

**5. Public Comment**

Stephen Howlett mentioned an area on Moyie River Rd, 2 miles south of Twin Bridges that needs attention. He also made some observations regarding Legislature rules and regulations that need passed and laws that did not pass last session.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm. (Morris/Nelson).

Respectfully Submitted,

*S/Renee Nelson*

Renee Nelson, BATT Secretary