

BOUNDARY AREA TRANSPORTATION TEAM

MEETINGS NOTES/MINUTES

July 27, 2016

Voting Members In Attendance: Clint Kimball-Boundary County, David Sims-City of Bonners Ferry.

Non-Voting Members in Attendance: Commissioner Walt Kirby- Chair, Renee Nelson- Secretary.

Others in Attendance: Susan Kiebert-LHTAC, Dan Coonce-LHTAC, Dianna Ellis-Kootenai NWR, Nancy Mable-Panhandle Area Council, Dennis Weed-BEDC.

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

1. (MSU Kimball/Sims) The Proposed Minutes from June 22, 2016 were approved as distributed.

2. New Business

Nancy Mable-Workforce Transportation Initiative-introduced herself to members and explained she is an Economic Development Specialist working with PAC (Panhandle Area Council) in Northern Idaho. She works with employers and employees to get people to work. She informed members of the Sharetherideidaho.com website that can be used to find commuting options available in the area. Discussion followed regarding possible employers and employees in Boundary County that could benefit from this.

Renee Nelson, BATT Secretary presented to members the amendment to the BATT By-laws. The amendment proposal expands voting membership to include the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. According to the current By-laws, any amendments must be posted 30 days prior to the actual vote. Therefore, at the August 24, 2016 BATT meeting the amendment will be discussed and then voted upon. Any amendment must be approved by a two-thirds majority.

3. Construction Information

There were no utilities present.

4. Jurisdictional Updates

City of Bonners Ferry –David Sims told members that Phase 1 of Hwy 95-Bonners Ferry-has been delayed until 2019. Phase 1 is Alderson Lane to Kootenai River Bridge. Phase 2 will be Alderson Lane to Labrosse Hill Street in 2020. The Augusta Street Project is going good and will be completed before school starts.

Boundary County – Clint Kimball updated members that chip sealing would begin on Monday, August 1, 2016. Paving would also begin on August 1<sup>st</sup> at the Fairgrounds by Interstate Asphalt and Road & Bridge had receive kudos from Interstate for the prep work done at the Fairgrounds. Selection for the Ruby Creek Bridge #2 project Design Engineering Firm is in process. He would be attending the ITD Board Meeting at District 1 tomorrow. Boundary County has just received the bridge inspection report for the Naples Bridge on Deep Creek Loop over the BN Railroad and the sufficiency rating has dropped from 51.1 to 42. Over height log trucks are striking the bridge regularly. The Port of Entry/ISP are working with Boundary County and will be setting up check points on Deep Creek Loop. The first day this was done, there were 50 trucks inspected. 8 were issued citations, 10 were issued warnings, 3 were put out of service. So out of 50 trucks there were 21 violations or 42%.

Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge-Dianna Ellis informed members that that there would be a meeting regarding the Pacific Northwest Trail on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Meeting location is still to be decided and she would keep members updated. The meeting will discuss the proposed route to the Westside.

BEDC (Boundary Economic Development Council)-Dennis Weed explained that committees were working on a new "Bike Trail" to the refuge and would appreciate any input.

5. Public Comment- There was no public comment.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm (MSU Sims/Kimball).

Respectfully Submitted,



Renee Nelson, BATT Secretary