

BOUNDARY AREA TRANSPORTATION TEAM

MEETING NOTES/MINUTES

December 16, 2015

Voting Members in Attendance: Marion Johnson-SPOT; John Youngwirth-City of Bonners Ferry; Clint Kimball-Boundary County; John Nelson-City of Moyie Springs.

Non-Voting Members in Attendance: Commissioner Walt Kirby, Chair; Renee Nelson, Secretary; Doug Evans, Mayor, City of Moyie Springs.

Others in Attendance: Jack Knaggs-Frontier; Christopher Delorto-HDR; Susan Kiebert-LHTAC; Dianna Ellis-Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge; Marvin Fenn-ITD; Don Davis-Kootenai Tribe; Ken Blockhan Jr.-BC Public Library.

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

1. **(MSU Nelson, Youngwirth) The proposed Minutes from November 18, 2015 were approved as distributed.**

2. **New Business**

Marvin Fenn - ITD presented a brief overview of the restructuring in progress at ITD with 2020 being the goal. 2 teams will cover design and administer contracts-Jerry Wilson will be one team and John Perfect will be second team. Marvin also provided information on the newly-passed Transportation Bill, FAST Act. It will help with Idaho's federal funding and expend more to the local jurisdictions. He mentioned he will be attending a meeting for more information regarding this and hopefully will have more information to provide next month.

Current project applications – Clint Kimball, Boundary County, discussed Boundary County's applications for a replacement bridge project under either a Federal-Aid Application or an Idaho Parks and Recreation Application. Bridges under consideration are the Snow Creek Bridge on Lions Den Road and the Skin Creek Bridge on Deer Creek Road. Comments were made that both of the bridges needed replaced and would benefit the safety of county residents as the existing bridges are only single lane bridges with both local and recreational usage. Clint also discussed Boundary County applying for a LHSIP (Local Highway Safety Improvement Program) project to install guardrail on the first ¾ mile of Crossport Road.

No other jurisdictions were applying for these projects.

(MSU Youngwirth/Nelson) BATT formally endorses both bridge projects and the LHSIP project and will supply Boundary County with a formal letter of support to accompany each application.

3. **Construction Information** – Jack Knaggs presented an overview of the CAF TWO project. It is an aggressive plan and is scheduled to start March 16, 2016. The cost will not be known until the engineering is completed. Federal funding is 10% and Frontier is funding the other 90%. It will be 10MG speed with an upgrade to 25MG at the end of 6yrs. Frontier is already working with local jurisdictions regarding utilities as it will be both underground and aerial.

4. **Jurisdictional Updates**

SPOT – Marion Johnson announced that SPOT has 45 regular riders in Bonners Ferry. There have been 1039 boardings to date in Bonners Ferry. SPOT has not been to Moyie Springs yet, but is working on the route

5. **Public Comment** –

Ken Blockhan, Jr. Asked for information on the Bridge at Monks Creek on Highway 95 by Robinson Lake – when will be scheduled for construction. He also asked about HAZMAT response to the Eastport area for emergencies. Members explained that Kootenai County has a HAZMAT team that responds up here. When 911 is called, they know where the resources are and can dispatch. Ken will pass on this information at the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Renee Nelson, BATT Secretary