

## BOUNDARY AREA TRANSPORTATION TEAM

### MEETING NOTES/MINUTES

November 18, 2015

**Voting Members In Attendance:** Marion Johnson- SPOT, John Youngwirth- City of Bonners Ferry, Clint Kimball- Boundary County, Doug Evans- Moyie Springs

**Non-Voting Members in Attendance:** Commissioner Walt Kirby, Chair; Renee Nelson, Secretary, John Nelson- Moyie Springs, David Sims- Boundary EDC, Ken Arthur- Boundary County

**Others In Attendance:** Dan Coonce- LHTAC, Susan Kiebert-LHTAC, Ken Blockham Jr., Matt Hall-HMH, Alex Hall-HMH, Ryan Smith-HDR, Eric Olson-HMH, Wes Miller- HMH

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

1. Chairman Kirby announced that although this was not the first BATT Meeting, it was the first under the new revised organizational structure. This structure was originally instituted by former ITD District Engineer Scott Stokes for the Bonner County Area Transportation Team approximately twenty years ago. As now required for LHTAC funding, applicants must show proof of active involvement in a regional transportation group. BATT has been meeting for many years, but was much more informal and minutes were not kept of the proceedings. This new structure for BATT will provide a more defined membership and operate under bylaws which outline the major role and duties of the group.
2. **(MSU Johnson, Evans) The proposed by-laws were approved as distributed.** Under the terms of the Bylaws, there will be officially designated voting members as well as alternates. Not all of the designee forms were submitted prior to the meeting so the list of voting delegates and alternates will be circulated after this meeting.

### 3. **New Business**

There are two project applications from Boundary County this year- a Transportation Plan funding request from the City of Bonners and a construction project from the City of Moyie Springs for the paving of South Division Road (resubmission). Under the LHTAC rules, these two projects are to be ranked separately by the group in each category.

**(MSU Evans, Youngwirth) BATT formally endorses the funding for both the planning and construction applications submitted by the City of Moyie and the City of Bonners Ferry and will supply each jurisdiction with a formal letter of support to accompany each's LHTAC Application.**

4. The Construction Information agenda item was postponed until the next meeting since Jack Knaggs of Frontier was unable to attend due to the storm activity on the previous night.

## 5. Jurisdictional Updates

**SPOT-** Marion Johnson announced that the ridership for the first six months of operation is approximately 905 rides which is an excellent start for the system. She also announced that service to Moyie Springs will begin in the near future and will include services on Wednesday and Friday of each week. Many of the members applauded this service expansion as a badly needed service for that area.

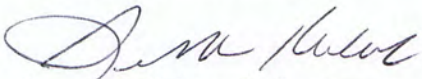
**City of Bonners Ferry-** Eric Olson of HMH Engineers announced that there will be a Public Hearing on the Augusta Street Sidewalk Project tonight from 4-7pm at the City Council Chambers. This project is funded through a grant from ITD under Community Choices. All are invited to attend.

**Boundary County -** Chairman Kirby announced that the Federal Lands Access Program has announced that the Boundary County Application to improve Riverside Road was second in state rankings and will be funded this year. The total amount of the grant is \$3,933,487 and the project will be designed by Western Federal Lands. He applauded the interagency team which submitted this application from Boundary County with special kudos to Renee Nelson.

## 6. Public Comment- None

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 2:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan M. Kiebert, Acting Secretary