

**HIGHWAY ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 17, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tom Vierzba, Cheryl Everitt, Richard Robertson, Daniel Ferguson, Brian Galpin, Jean Meinzer, Jim Mesite, Larry Tobias, Kurt Reno

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ed Houle

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Stan VanderWerf (EPC BoCC), Holly Williams (EPC BoCC), Scot Cuthbertson (EPC DPW), Jennifer Irvine (EPC DPW), Anton Ramage (EPC DPW), Troy Wiitala (EPC DPW), Jana Nemeckova (EPC DPW)

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Everitt called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ABSENCES**

**MOTION (Mr. Robertson/Mr. Tobias)** to excuse Ed Houle's absence. **MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION (Mr. Tobias/Mr. Galpin)** to approve minutes of the February 20, 2019 meeting. **MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. COMMISSIONER/CITIZEN COMMENTS**

- Ms. Everitt welcomed new Associate member Mr. Kurt Reno and congratulated Mr. Brian Galpin for reappointment to the HAC.
- Commissioner Williams informed all that BoCC approved the 2019 Maintenance List for DPW (Department of Public Works).
- Mr. Tobias asked about Rex/Meridian intersection. Ms. Irvine informed all that this intersection is being monitored. In 2012 DPW studied the whole Meridian corridor and identified several improvements that are needed, not only at this intersection. The traffic study needs to be updated. There is no funding available at this time.
- Ms. Everitt informed all that the Resolution of Appreciation to the DPW will be presented tomorrow, April 18, at the BoCC meeting. Mr. Tobias will be presenting it.

- Commissioner VanderWerf confirmed that the BoCC approved the 2019 Maintenance List for DPW. He stated that this list focuses on North and North-East part of El Paso County.
- Commissioner VanderWerf mentioned that at last's week PPACG (Pike Peak Area Council of Governments) meeting he talked about 4-Lanes Model for the I-25 GAP project. He stated that CDOT will look at it again. Commissioner VanderWerf believes that the 4-Lanes Model is safer, lowers wait time, improves traffic flow, lowers lane density and lowers lane changes. Commissioner VanderWerf ask the HAC member to help to push this idea to the top.
- Commissioner Williams informed all to educate ourselves on a HB (House Bill)19-1317, Senior Property Tax Exemption. The CO State is trying to take this away.
- Mr. Ferguson shared that CDOT installed some a curtain of barriers on Hwy 24 & Judge Orr, and it is much safer now.

## **6. STAFF REPORTS**

### **A. ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Scot Cuthbertson (Executive Director, Department of Public Works)**

- Mr. Cuthbertson informed all that the 2019 Maintenance Program was approved by the BoCC at yesterday's meeting.
- Mr. Cuthbertson explain how the Chip Sealing Program focuses on N/NE parts of the County. This will reduce the mobilization time, improve productivity and lower the cost.
- EPC DPW quarterly meeting will be on Thursday April 25 at 3 p.m. All HAC members were invited to attend.
- EPC DPW is working on tentative open house for public, sometimes early in June. Further details will be provided as they become available.
- DPW should receive the reclaimer by end of this month and plans on operating it end of May.
- 2 videos were presented: one on the Bomb blizzard and the other on the Sinkhole on Academy Blvd. Mr. Cuthbertson thanked everyone who helped.
- Ms. Everitt asked if the Survey of County roads quality was received and available to view. Mr. Cuthbertson informed all that the data received is being processed.

### **B. HIGHWAY DIVISION UPDATE**

#### **Troy Wiitala (Highway Manager, Department of Public Works)**

- Mr. Wiitala shared the list of roads for the 2019 Graveling, Dust Abatement and Chip Sealing program.
- As of now, the EPC DPW responded to 15 Snow Events in 2019.
- After the last Bomb Cyclone storm, DPW held several meeting to discuss what/how to improve our operations.

- Highway department plans on hiring 18 seasonal employees this summer, 13 vacant full-time positions are being advertised. DPW is also working with the PPWC (Pikes Peak Workforce Center) to schedule some hiring events.

### **C. ENGINEERING DIVISION UPDATE**

#### **Jennifer Irvine (County Engineer, Department of Public Works)**

- Mrs. Irvine briefed the Commission on the following:
  - Railroad Crossings in Security-Widefield Area. The Fontaine Rd. crossing is completed and the Main St. crossing is estimated to be done in May/June.
  - Mrs. Irvine shared a video about this project.
  - Mrs. Irvine answered all questions.

### **D. HUTF REPORT**

#### **Jennifer Irvine (County Engineer, Department of Public Works)**

- **Major sources of revenue for the fund:**
  - Motor fuel taxes,
  - Vehicle registration fees,
  - Driver's license fees,
  - Oversize load permits,
  - Traffic penalty assessments.
- The largest contributor is the motor fuels tax, which remains at the 22-cents per gallon figure that took effect in 1991.
- Funds are allocated based on formula (see handout).

**7. \*\*\* Item 7 was accidentally skipped when creating the Agenda. No items were presented nor discussed at this meeting.**

### **8. AGENDA TOPICS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- Ms. Everitt asked for Workshop on Wheels update.

### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

**This meeting was adjourned at 10:01 AM.**

**The next HAC meeting will be on June 19, 2019 at 2880 International Cir., C/S**

Respectfully submitted,

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