

the record that Commissioner Robert Schmidlein was absent at this time.

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II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Randy Brown led the meeting participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

No comments were submitted.

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IV. RTC COMMISSION ORGANIZATION:

A. Commission Chair and Vice-Chair:

MOTION: Commissioner Eklund moved to appoint Commissioner Andreozzi as the Chairman and he would assume the Vice-Chairman position. Commissioner Andreozzi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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V. ELKO COUNTY REGIONAL STREET AND HIGHWAY FUND - QUARTERLY REPORT:

A. Review of Quarterly Financial Reports relating to the Regional Street and Highway Fund.

Cash Minor gave an overview of page three the history stating they had collected over a million dollars over the first four months. He noted there was a list of projects on page four. Cash Minor stated they had allocated \$2.76 million dollars to the various entities and on page 6 was the formula and actual distribution.

MOTION: Commissioner Eklund moved to approve the Regional Street and Highway Fund Quarterly Financial Report. Commissioner Andreozzi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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VI. NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

A. Update reporting as may be available relating to traffic counts, projects, and other matters of interest.

Karim Yousuf, NDOT District Traffic Engineer/Manager of Traffic Engineering, submitted written traffic counts. He noted the region's traffic counts were steady with little increase.

Commissioner Eklund noted Highway 93 North traffic count had increased.

Karim Yousuf stated that may be due to economy and people were

traveling more.

Commissioner Eklund inquired if those were quarterly traffic counts .8 miles west of SR 278 on page two.

Karim Yousuf stated those were average daily traffic counts. He explained they take the traffic count 5 to 7 days in a row and then average the count.

Commissioner Andreozzi inquired about the road closure north of Wells on US Highway 93 due to weather.

Karim Yousuf stated the road closure was for about an hour or hour and one half. He stated they opened the road as quickly as possible. Karim Yousuf reported this morning there was a road closure on I-80 at mile marker 189 for the westbound. He stated it was now opened and their crews were working hard to keep roads open and safe as possible.

Commissioner Andreozzi commended the State Highway crews and individual Public Works for the long hours they have put in to keep the roads open.

Karim Yousuf commented they work closely with all the entities to keep the roads open.

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VII. ENTITY PROJECTS REPORTS:

Report on status of entity projects financed by Regional Street and Highway Fund apportionments.

1. City of Carlin

Carlos Esparza stated there was nothing to report.

Commissioner Eklund noted the Carlin City Manager, David Jones, was also present.

2. City of Elko

Dennis Strickland stated there would be more snow and ice over the next four or five days to keep them busy. He stated they were planning a regional road maintenance project this summer and would be sending a bill in September using their quarter cent sales tax allocation.

3. City of Wells

No representative was present.

4. City of West Wendover

Bryce Kimber gave an update on relocation of Florence Way and noted Phase II was complete and the road was in service. He stated that asset helped the School District traffic movement to the new elementary school. He reported that Phase III was built by the Elko County School District and the total project of

Phase II and Phase III was approximately 1.25 miles of new road. Bryce Kimber stated when the City awarded the bid for Phase II they were able to pave both Phase II and III however, with CDBG involved in the funding they had to delay opening the road until the installation of street lights.

5. Town of Jackpot:

Randy Brown reported Jackpot received 28 inches of snow from the two storms yet they kept the streets open. He stated their drain system was functioning well and they have no proposed projects this year.

6. Spring Creek Association:

Commissioner Andreozzi stated Jess Bahr was not present but had sent an e-mail to Randy Brown. He read the e-mail into the record and a copy was attached to the minutes.

7. Elko County School District:

No one was present to give a report.

8. Elko County Public Transportation - Get My Ride

Abigail Wheeler, Elko Transit Coordinator, stated they applied for four vehicles in April of last year and were waiting for the approval. She noted they have an aging fleet. Abby Wheeler stated they were also affected by the snow and ice and thanked the crews that were keeping the streets and roads open.

9. Elko County Highway Department:

Terry Lister reported they were addressing snow levels of four feet in Trail Creek, three feet in South Ruby Valley and four feet in North Ruby Valley. He stated in the last couple of weeks the County has received massive amounts of snow and rain which caused flooding in Montello, Osino, South Fork, Last Chance Road and numerous other places. Terry Lister stated they had received a lot of calls and explained the problem was they could not get all the snow off and it froze down which made a lot of potholes. He stated there was not much they could do at this time because the roads were frozen. Terry Lister reported they addressed most of the drainage problems on Last Chance. He noted the culverts were plugged with ice and construction debris. He stated in the spring they would dress up some of the ditches, clean the culverts and work on the approaches. Terry Lister stated with the sales tax they will address the first phase of South Fork. They hope to go out to bid the first week of March, open bids mid-March, and bring it before the County Commission for approval during the first week of April.

Randy Brown stated they would have to bring it back to the Commission for re-approval so that would change the schedule about two weeks but they should still be ahead of schedule. He stated they would have to do some mitigation to be able to start before the first of August.

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Terry Lister had received some information on the mitigation this morning. He stated if they cleared the area where the nesting grounds were before April 1st then they would not have to do any mitigation. Terry Lister stated that was only fifteen feet of area to be cleaned for ½ mile.

Commissioner Andreozzi stated last year Last Chance Road was flooded and noted they were starting to address some of these high traffic roads. He believed the call volume was probably lower for Last Chance Road. He believed once they put asphalt on South Fork Road it would be easier to get the snow off and they could develop better drainages which would reduce phone call volumes from that area as well. He believed over the next ten years they would be able to free up the road crews to do the other roads that they could not pave.

Commissioner Eklund asked if the permitting was received why they were not starting before the end of July.

Terry Lister replied they would start about the first of June but they would not have funding available for the project until the 1st of July. He noted they have some RTC funding available to get the project started.

Randy Brown stated there were lots of concessions made to get the permits and only part of it was due to sage grouse mitigation. He stated the cultural assessment dictated the road realignment. He noted originally BLM, due to the sage grouse, was not going to let them start until August 1 but now they mitigated it to start earlier. He stated the funding was not available until the 1st of July.

Commissioner Eklund noted he was in Osino, Old Victory Highway, last Saturday and it was in terrible condition and acknowledged they do not have funding to address that road nor the legal ability.

Terry Lister stated that road had not been accepted for maintenance but was upon the Sales Tax road plan. He stated that was two years out and they still have to acquire the rights of way.

Commissioner Eklund stated Randy Brown told him next year they would start to acquire the rights of way.

Randy Brown stated with direction they could start earlier than that. He stated they attempted to do that years ago and he had the legal descriptions and mapping available. He stated he may start on that now and that would advance that project for construction. Randy Brown stated originally they were going to hire consultants but they still have the past information available.

Terry Lister stated there was big concern about the road conditions right now but when the weather improves they could get the gravel roads back in

shape faster because it was gravel. He asked that the people try to be patient.

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VIII. RTC CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

A. General discussion of routine RTC issues for information and/or administrative direction purposes.

Commissioner Andreozzi stated he would like to revisit the infrastructure road plan and would like to see a report from the other entities of what they completed with that infrastructure tax.

Randy Brown stated he, Terry Lister and Cash Minor would have to review that plan and what projects they could move up. He stated there was a potential, depending upon the funding, such as acquisition of rights of way for Osino which could be done in-house.

Commissioner Andreozzi inquired if they were on track with the revenues.

Cash Minor replied they were on track to be around the \$3.5 million dollar mark and may be a little over that amount at the end of the year.

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IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approval of minutes: October 5, 2016

B. Next meeting date: April 19, 2017

Randy Brown noted the next meeting date was scheduled for April 19th however Elko County Code said the first week. He inquired if they wished to change the County Code.

Commissioner Andreozzi stated he did not mind holding it the first Wednesday of the month. He noted they do have a tight schedule with Elko Live being scheduled the same day.

Randy Brown noted that the intent of moving it to mid-month was to give Fiscal Affairs time to draft the quarterly report.

Commissioner Andreozzi recommended they go back to meeting the first of the month rather than changing the County Code. He stated the next RTC meeting would be held on April 5th rather than the 15th of April.

MOTION: Commissioner Eklund moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Andreozzi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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X. RTC COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF COMMENTS:

Commissioner Andreozzi noted for the record that this was the last RTC meeting for Deputy County Clerk, Marilyn Tipton, and publicly thanked her for all the boards that she had served and wished her success in her retirement.

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XI. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

No comments were submitted.

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XII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Andreozzi adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

APPROVED,

DELMO ANDREOZZI, Chairman

ATTEST:

MARILYN TIPTON, Deputy Clerk