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II. ELECTION OF 2015 OFFICERS:

Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair positions for Calendar Year 2015.

MOTION: Commissioner Eklund moved to appoint Commissioner Rice as Chairman of the Board. Commissioner Andreozzi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Eklund moved to appoint Commissioner Andreozzi as Vice-Chairman of the Board. Commissioner Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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III. APPROVAL OF PRECEDING MINUTES:

July 9, 2014 - Regular Meeting

MOTION: Commissioner Rice moved to approve the July 9, 2014 meeting minutes. Commissioner Andreozzi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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IV. ELKO COUNTY REGIONAL STREET AND HIGHWAY FUND:

Review of Quarterly Financial Reports relating to Regional Street and Highway fund.

Cash Minor stated on page 3 was a historical review of the revenue receipts for 2009 to present. He noted there was an increase in the 2014 receipts which was the result of the gas tax increase to nine cents. Cash Minor commented their collections were always two months in arrears so they only saw four months of collections in the amount of \$91,000 to-date. He stated upon page 4 was the project listing. He stated the County was over extended upon the road striping budget by \$3,435 and they should make an adjustment to that.

Commissioner Andreozzi noted some of the entities had not expended their appropriations.

Cash Minor explained the smaller entities save their funds to perform a larger project and when they were ready to do a road project they would request their funds. He stated on page 5 was the recap by entity and what was appropriated for FY 2015. He noted in column 5 Wendover had a request for \$98,000 for a project but no one had asked for their appropriation yet.

MOTION: Commissioner Andreozzi moved for that they accept the quarterly financial report relating to the Regional Street and Highway Fund. Commissioner Eklund seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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V. NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

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

Boyd Ratliff, NDOT District III Traffic Engineer, submitted traffic counts for August, September and October. He stated when the annual report was complete he would bring a copy. He noted there were not a lot of changes in the traffic counts. Boyd Ratliff noted Dennis Strickland had questioned if there were changes on the Lamoille Highway. He stated in the last data for Lamoille Highway there was no change.

Chairman Rice commented there was a discussion last night at the City Council and wondered if there had been any change when the mines had put in parking lots and started bussing people.

Boyd Ratliff stated there had not been much change and felt a lot of the use of the parking lots goes south to Bald Mountain Mine and there were some that goes to the Carlin Trend area. He acknowledged there was an increase in busing but some of that had been diverted to the south. Boyd Ratliff stated the big anomaly in August, minus 35% of the traffic counts on the Mountain City Highway north of Lone Mountain was due to a semi-truck accident that took out the traffic counting station after twelve days. He stated NDOT has installed lights upon the Mountain City Highway to improve visibility and safety and that semi-truck took out half of the lights and some signage. Boyd Ratliff inquired if the new members had attended the County workshop and if there had been feedback from that workshop. No comments were submitted. He stated NDOT now has a project initiation form which any municipality, county or public entity can access through a web based interphase. He stated NDOT would compile all the requests for safety improvements and if there was a major improvement upon that portion of the highway then they would look at the feasibility of including that into that project. Boyd Ratliff stated they usually request a 5% match if the entity has an idea of what the cost would be. He stated investment on projects would promote their projects up on the listing.

Commissioner Eklund inquired if this only applied to projects upon the State Highway.

Boyd Ratliff stated they occasionally do projects that encompass both State and County such as they may cross right of way on projects or participate in the Federal Highway Bridge Replacement Program.

Commissioner Andreozzi inquired if this was different than the

Enhancement Program.

Boyd Ratliff stated they included that in the project initiation form on the website. He stated they look at their request and may funnel it to the Carson City Office for review. Boyd Ratliff stated that also applies to the Safe Route to School Program, etc.

Commissioner Andreozzi noted the City of Elko received grants from NDOT to do sidewalks and landscaping. He was aware the traffic counts were on the website and inquired if the Department had ever put the information into charts so they could look at the trends.

Boyd Ratliff did not believe that was available to the public. He stated if a public agency requested that information the Traffic Information Systems Division could probably provide the data that they could put into a spread sheet to look at those trends.

Chairman Rice inquired about the completed projects on Lamoille and Mountain City Highways.

Boyd Ratliff stated several portions of the work was completed but would not be accepted and some of that would be redone. He stated most of the Idaho Street corridor and the open grade had not been accepted. He stated they put a clause in the contract to notify the business of closures to their accesses. He stated some of the work would have to be redone so there was concern there may be a possible impact to those businesses.

Chairman Rice had not heard there were problems with the businesses on this project.

Boyd Ratliff stated from Fourth Street to Mountain City Highway there were impacts to businesses out of specification as NDOT anticipated the project to proceed.

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VI. ENTITY PROJECTS REPORTS:

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

A. City of Carlin:

No report was submitted.

B. City of Elko

Dennis Strickland, Public Works Director, reported the only regional road project was the traffic signal at the intersection of Errecart and Silver Streets. He stated they would be installing the signal on Monday. He stated the sidewalk was in but some concrete was out of compliance and there was some minimal striping for commission of that signal. Dennis Strickland stated they

have to run the signal in flash for a number of days before it was fully operational due to MUTCD requirements.

C. **City of Wells**

No report was submitted.

D. **City of West Wendover**

No report was submitted.

E. **Town of Jackpot**

No report was submitted.

F. **Spring Creek Association**

No report was submitted.

G. **Elko County School District**

No report was submitted.

H. **GET MY Ride (formerly Elko Area Transit System)**

Abigail Wheeler, Elko County Transit Coordinator, stated their city routes were in the planning stages. She encouraged the help of Rich Magness to identify the stops and to make sure that the roads can hold the traffic which includes the weight of the busses. Abigail Wheeler stated Utah Transit Authority was donating the vehicles and submitted pictures. She stated there were three styles of full size city coaches which hold 32 passengers. She noted they were at their 18 to 20 passenger capacity on their vehicles. Abigail Wheeler stated they have two 18 passengers and one 20 passenger. She stated in going to Spring Creek and in picking up the students in the morning they need larger capacity coaches. Abigail Wheeler stated they would be looking for a lot to store the vehicles because the lot that the contractor provides would not accommodate this size of coaches. She stated they were in the process of purchasing two vehicles 18 to 20 passenger size and one mini-van to do the single routes. She stated they have their applications in to the FTA for the vehicles and may see the vehicles in the spring or early summer. Abigail Wheeler stated the Veterans and seniors receive grant funds so they may use the public transit service. She stated with the Veterans grant they allocated a portion of the funding to Carlin and there was an MOU with RSVP to supply volunteer drivers for the Carlin portion of Veterans transportation. She noted in Wells they have an MOU with the Wells Senior Center to provide Veteran transportation to the Elko Clinic. She stated when the city route goes into effect their rates would change according to zones. She reviewed the proposed fares. Abigail Wheeler stated under LogistiCare they were going to Ely, Twin Falls, Salt Lake City, Reno and Sparks. She noted they had some requests from Battle Mountain but with the CDL drivers

there was the limitation of hours. She reported there would be sponsorship packages available for businesses. She would be meeting with Newmont on the 19th of January. Abigail Wheeler planned on applying for another grant in the spring for disabled people. She stated they were applying for all the grants and would be contacting the entities for a donation. She stated in April she would request RTC funding for grant matches. Abigail Wheeler displayed the posters and informed them Ruby Mountain Resource had partnered with GET My Ride to do a fund raising event. She reported Ruby Mountain Resource needs to repair their buildings and GET My Ride would use their portion of the funding for grant matches. She encouraged help with networking within the community. She noted they, as representatives of the County, could help get the word out about transportation and enable her to meet with other boards. Abigail Wheeler commented federal funding only covered a percent of the transportation needs and they need in-kind donations and matching funds. She would like to coordinate with the City in their planning and designing of their new projects to include transportation needs such as a pull off or a cut out.

Chairman Rice noted at the City Council meeting they had discussed GET My Ride and regional transportation issues. He noted within the reconstruction of Cedar Street they should consider transportation issues.

Abigail Wheeler noted upon Mountain City Highway there were no places to pull over the busses. She noted John Carpenter allowed them to stop at Cimarron West.

Chairman Rice stated at the City Council meeting they discussed the transportation issues within the community. He stated if they look at the traffic counts on the Lamoille Highway they were not at capacity but when everyone comes into the City it bottlenecks because the City was not designed to handle that capacity.

Abigail Wheeler commented it was mass transit versus building and widening roads. She stated in Lamoille they also need easements for the busses to pull off. She reported the Utah Transit Authority had a ten year replacement plan so they may have more busses available in the future. She would like to see more commutes to Spring Creek.

Commissioner Eklund inquired when they would pick up the UTA busses.

Abigail Wheeler stated at the end of January but they would have to make arrangements for them to be stored so it may be February by the time the paperwork, insurance, permits, etc., was completed.

I. Elko County

Terry Lister, Road Supervisor, reported the Mary's River Bridge was an NDOT and County project in the previous fiscal year and their match was

\$30,000 on that 25' bridge project. Terry Lister stated NDOT also performed the bridge inspections for the County. He stated the two bridges that were in the fiscal year were the Pole Creek and Cottonwood Bridges and they came in under budget. He reported they were saving money because there was no snow to plow. Terry Lister had sent paperwork to Michele to advertise for the mag and lig bids for the year. He stated they were in the process of moving control of the traffic signal on Jiggs Highway from Public Works to the Road Department by July. He stated they would be budgeting for chipseal projects on Kittridge Canyon, Coal Mine Canyon and Jiggs Highway. Terry Lister stated with regards to being over budget for the striping he had just received the check from the Spring Creek Association on Monday which would put them under budget again. Terry Lister stated they would be signing a new agreement with NDOT tomorrow and he had been warned the price of the paint had risen.

Chairman Rice noted the chipseal prices may be reduced with the price of oil reduced dramatically.

Terry Lister noted the price of aggregate probably would not be reduced. He stated if those three roads were not chipsealed they would have to be reconstructed.

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VII. GENERAL DISCUSSION OF ROUTINE RTC ISSUES:

No comments were submitted.

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VIII. APRIL 2015 RTC MEETING:

Chairman Rice commented the next regularly scheduled RTC Meeting was scheduled for April 1, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

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IX. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

No public comments were submitted.

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X. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Commissioner Eklund moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Andreozzi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Rice adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

APPROVED,

JOHN PATRICK RICE, Chairman

ATTEST:

MARILYN TIPTON, Deputy Clerk