

# EAST CENTRAL ALBERTA HERITAGE SOCIETY

## Director's Meeting Stettler Board Of Trade October 24, 2011

Present : Bob Willis, Forrest Hagen, Jim Conibear, Darlene Tantrum, Ken Walker, Bruce Gartside, Edna Stuart, Charlie Usher, Norma Leslie and Al Leinweber

Norma Leslie called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Charlie Usher moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Carried
2. Al Leinweber moved to approve the Minutes of the September 26, 2011 meeting with Amendments. Carried.
3. **Business Arise from Minutes**
  - Status of website – Bob Willis will be doing some work on the website this week.
  - Linear Parks – The parks are pretty much finished. Bob Willis took pictures of the parks and sent them to Canadian Badlands. Some of the gates accessing the parks are now locked. Bob talked to some of the farmers adjacent to the parks in the Rumsey area and they said they did not see many people using the park. We need to find a way to get information on these areas out to the public. Richard Gaffney and Bob Willis cleaned 50 of the birdhouses, all but 4 had nests. We need a plan to clean the birdhouses. It was suggested that maybe the Junior Forest Wardens would be interested.
  - Stettler –Red Willow Track Project - Spiking has been done on every 3 or 4th tie to within a couple of miles of Hwy 601. Rail, tiles and other track materials have been distributed along the rights of way to within a mile or so of Red Willow. As of this date East Central is operating on credit as there is little or no money in the bank to pay for the work that is currently being done. Norma Leslie, Jim Conibear and Bob Willis had a meeting with Western Economic Diversification and Canadian Badlands to discuss the remainder of the money due to us and how ECAHS plans to complete the project. WD contends that they want all the work done before we get more money. They appeared to be softening their position when told we would be forced to shut the project down if we are not getting regular advance. Alberta Prairie is now bank rolling us.
  - Canadian Northern/Heritage Corridor Norma Leslie, Bob Willis and Bruce Gartside have had meetings with almost all the municipalities to discuss the project. We now need at least a concept plan to present to potential stake holders between Edberg and Morrin.
4. **Correspondence**
  - None

5. **Treasurer's Report**

- Bob Willis went through the Financial Report. Al Leinweber made the motion to accept, Jim Conibear seconded, and it was carried.
- Bob Willis suggested that we try to sell the seven box cars that we own and try to turn everything possible into cash to pay off the monies owing.
- No accounts payable.

6. **P.R. Reports** Bruce Gartside advised the Alberta Lotteries has turned us down for funding. He will apply to Atco Electric for funding in their 2012 Budget and will also look to Direct Energy for funding.

7. **Land Administration**

- Atco is now paying crossing fees on all of their utility easements, even those that had not been subject to these fees, thanks to a new crossing agreement that ECAHS was able to get them to sign-off on.
- The taxes have been paid.
- There is still an issue with Husky not paying crossing fees which now have been outstanding for more than a year.
- There is lots of growth on the north right-of-way including the parks that needs to be mowed. It will take two days to do this work north from Stettler and another two days to finish up mowing on the rights-of-way south of Big Valley.

8. **New Business** – None

10. **Next Meeting** - November 28, 2011

11. **Adjournment** - Forrest Hagen moved meeting adjourned. Carried

Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_