

EAST CENTRAL ALBERTA HERITAGE SOCIETY

Director's Meeting Stettler Board Of Trade September 26, 2011

Present Shawn Smith, Bill Smillie, Darlene Tantrum, Ken Walker, Charlie Usher, Norma Leslie, Bruce Gartside, Bob Willis, Al Leinweber, John Mitchell and Edna Stuart

1. Norma Leslie called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Darlene Trantram moved to approve the Agenda.
3. Al Leinweber moved to approve the Minutes of the April 25, 2011 meeting with Amendments.
4. **Business Arise from Minutes**
 - Status of website – Nothing new
 - Linear Parks – are all but finished.
 - Stettler –Red Willow Track Project -
 - Canadian Northern Railway – Shawn Smith gave a presentation advising members of what is in the future for this project and what role we would be playing in it.
5. **Correspondence**
 - Two Rocky Mountain Rail Bi-Monthly newsletters
6. **Treasurer's Report**
 - Bob Willis went through the Financial Report. Al Leinweber made the motion to accept, Jim Conibear seconded, and it was carried.
 - Accounts Payable - Nothing
7. **P.R. Reports** Bruce Gartside reported that Heritage Society Banner was put up at the train station in Donalda on July 1. He has contacted Alberta Tourism, the manager of business services is doing research to see if there are any funds available.
 - Will try to get a newsletter out by the end of October or early November.
8. **Land Administration**
 - Atco Electric has agreed to start paying fees on crossings on ECAHS rights of way which up until now have been exempt.
 - The taxes have been paid.

- There is still an issue with Husky not paying the crossing fees which are still owing.
- There is a lot of growth on the north right-of-way and the parks that needs to be mowed. It will take two days on the parks and another couple of two days on the right-of-way to get this work done.

9. **New Business** – Bob Willis and Norma Leslie had a meeting with Harry Home of the Rocky Mountain Rail Society. Harry is convinced that Canadian National Railway will be donating up to 25 miles of 100 lb. rail for projects on ECAHS lands. Harry wants to lift and sell the rail between Stettler and Big Valley and replace it with 100 lb. The proceeds of the sale of 60 lb. steel would be used to pay for the relay and additional materials need to accomplish this task, The CN donation will be F.O.B. at Stettler, but it would need to be unloaded and stockpiled at someone's cost when it gets here. Harry believes that he can convince CN to lift the 60 lb and replace it with the 100 lb. using their track crew and equipment. There are a number of things that will need to be resolved such as who would have ownership of the rail once all this happens. Harry's proposal was discussed by those at the meeting and it was felt there would have to be a lot research done before agreeing to something like this.

10. **Next Meeting** - October 24, 2011

11. **Adjournment** - Charlie Usher moved meeting adjourned. Carried

Chairperson _____

Secretary _____