



Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2015

I. Call to order

Motion made by Brad Barondeau to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Jeff Parkin. Motion carried. Chad Weatherman called to order the meeting at 10:01am on March 16, 2015 at the Ramada Plaza Suites.

II. Introduction/Determine Quorum

The following persons were present: Rick Shomion, Judd Roby, Rex Kersey, Jeff Wilkens, Chad Weatherman, Dean Erickson, Jeff Parkin, Tim Marthe, Tim Lewis, Scott Halek, Brad Barondeau, Eric Tennesen, Jeff Tidaback, Ed Arseneau, Sean Dickinson, Scott Jahnke, Zachary Schultz, Chris Rathjen, Troy Gilbertson, Justin Ramsey, Dale Heglund, Ken Russell, Mike Granger, Matt Kregel, Jesse Heitkamp, Andy Mentele, Bruce Rickert, Tim McChesney, Reed Leidle, Bob Felt and Marc Rue.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Rick Shomion reminded everyone that the minutes from the last meeting were posted on the website. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Judd Roby, seconded by Jeff Wilkens. The minutes were approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Brad Barondeau

Brad Barondeau passed out a financial report for the chapter. A motion to accept the report was made by Tim McChesney, seconded by Judd Roby. The motion carried.

V. Board Report – Chad Weatherman

Chad Weatherman reported on what was discussed at the board meeting. The only major item was that the Northland Chapter is planning on sponsoring two MCEA golf outings this year. In return, we hope they will promote the “How To”, send people to the “How To” and summer meeting and generally get more participation from the county engineers group.

VI. National ATSSA – Bob Felt

Bob Felt gave a power point presentation. He talked about ATSSA's five strategic goals: 1)Advocacy, 2)Communication, 3)Training and Education, 4)Business Development and 5)Innovative Technology. He reported that for the Expo this year

there were 3000+ attendees, 500+ booths, 187 companies represented, 31 new members of which 14 were international, 17 new products show cased and 71 public agency scholarships awarded.

National Work Zone Awareness Week is March 23-27, 2015.

Bob showed us the Steve Morgan video.

VII. FMCSA – Reed Leidle

Reed Leidle reported that there was discussion at the Expo large truck crashes and incidents in Work Zones keep going up. FMCSA is working on how to “talk into the cabs” of Commercial Drivers.

**Reed will discuss having the speaker do a session at the 2016 “How To.”*

VIII. Expo Update – all those that attended

-ADA committee rekindled.

– ATSSA PAC is relatively small, but a lot gets done. Everyone encouraged to contribute.

–Road Diets, Rebecca Crow, FHWA, available to speak to chapters.

–Sign Committee (Pooled Fund Study found that all fonts are created equal. MnDOT is staying with E Mod, not switching to Clearview.)

-More involvement desired for Grassroots Committee.

-Pavement Marking Committee – automakers are doing their own thing. We need to get on board with industry.

-We should have a seat on MN Guidestar. **Mike Granger Jr. will work on this and report out at summer meeting.*

IX. How To Update – Reed Leidle

-472 pre-registered

-Booths all sold out

-100 registered for Pavement Marking pre-conference

-130 registered for Permanent Signing pre-conference

X. Open issues

- a) Golf Outing – Rick Shomion reported that the golf outing will be the same format as last year and be held on Monday, July 20 following the “How To” planning meeting.

XI. New business

- a) Fly-in – Eric Tennesen will be attending on behalf of the chapter. **Eric will report back at the summer meeting.*
- b) Summer Meeting – will be held July 20-21, 2015 at Thumper Pond Resort in Ottertail, MN.

XII. Adjournment

Motion made by Brad Barondeau to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Jeff Parkin. Motion carried. Chad Weatherman adjourned the meeting at 11:43am.

Minutes submitted by: Rick Shomion

**Items asterisked and italicized signify action items.*