Roads and Highways Advisory Board Meeting

February 23rd, 2018 10:00AM – 2:00PM Anchorage Atwood Building Minutes

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Marc Luiken at 10:00 a.m.

PARTICIPANTS:

Board Members: *all in attendance.* Scott Eickholt, Donna Gardino, Daniel Hall, Anton Johansen, Harry McDonald, Howard Thies, John Baker (phone)

DOT&PF: Commissioner Marc Luiken, Mike Vigue, Amanda Holland

Public: Eileen Probasco, Kathleen Wood, Randy Wagers, Jim Henderson

Telephone Participants: Shane Lindsey (ANC), David (ANC).

Agenda: Motion: Harry moved to accept agenda, Dan hall second.

Elect Chair and Vice Chair: Tony nominated Dan Hall for chair, and nominated Howard Thies as vice chair. Motions passed unanimously.

Commissioner Luiken – Welcomed the board members, and the public. Discussed his thoughts on the board, and what he would like the main focus of this advisory board. (Surface transportation).

AGENDA:

Bylaws: The Roads and Highways Advisory Board will review the Aviation Advisory Board's Bylaw, the Roads and Highways Advisory Board Admin Order, and will discuss in the next meeting about how they would like this board to run.

How this Board is financed: A small amount of money was set aside for all of the boards. The money comes out of DOT&PF Overhead. The RAHAB is encouraged to call in to meeting as much as possible rather than fly to meeting to save cost.

STIP 101: Mike Vigue spoke to the board about the Department's STIP process. STIP (Statewide Transportation Improvement Program). The board took interest in in the Fast Act, Tribal Transportation, and how DOT&PF are affected when the legislature does not pass the budget in a timely matter. It affects DOT&PF being able to match the federal dollars 90/10 for projects.

Operating and Capital Budgets: Amanda Holland spoke to the board about the Department's budget. She showed the staff how DOT&PF splits up the money, and how the trends in the graphs help DOT&PF see where any inefficiencies are within the department.

Board Member Comments:

Tony Johansen: Appreciates opportunity to be here, and hopes to give insights to the Department.

Scott Eickholt: Echo Tony's comment, and is thankful for the information that is provided. We have a good rounded group to help make adjustments.

Dan Hall: Agrees with Tony, and proud to be here. Says we have a well-rounded group to with lots of experts from different backgrounds that should offer help to the governed and commissioner.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 24th, in Fairbanks.

Meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.