

## **Approved Truck Regulatory Meeting Minutes September 24, 2014—**

**Members Present:** John Froelich—Barnes County Commissioner, Kerry Johnson—Barnes County Road Superintendent, Tim Gillespie—Truck Regulatory Deputy

Joel Hamar—Dickey County Commissioner, Dean Simek—Dickey County Commissioner, Jeff Hagen—Dickey County Road Superintendent

Dave Schwartz—Stutsman County Commissioner, Dale Marks—Stutsman County Commissioner

Bob Fernandes— LaMoure County Sheriff

**Members Absent:** Randy McClafin—Barnes County Sheriff, Jim Bohannon—Dickey County Sheriff, Chad Kaiser—Stutsman County Sheriff, Keith Heidinger—LaMoure County Commissioner, Lauren Worrel—LaMoure County Road Superintendent

### **Approve Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes from July 30, 2014: Dale Marks

Seconded: Joel Hamar

All in favor, motion carried.

### **Financial Report:**

As of September 18<sup>th</sup> about \$58,000 had been spent and there was still \$24,000 in the bank. John Froelich stated that by his calculations there is about \$4,000-5,000 that will be needed yet through mid-January. Sheriff Fernandes let everyone know that he talked to Keith Heidinger and Keith said that it has been approved for \$25,000 next year and also if they needed more money for this year he doesn't see it being a problem, it currently has not be approved in LaMoure County. It was discussed that if everyone puts in the extra \$5,000 that there would be a little bit of a cushion. Barnes and Stutsman Counties have already approved it.

Motion made by John Froelich to request from LaMoure and Dickey Counties the additional \$5,000 for 2014.

Seconded: Dale Marks

All in favor, motion carried

John Froelich asked Tim if the ammunition was enough for 5 years, Tim stated there should be enough for about three years other than the shot gun—only enough for two years. Tim let them know to prepare themselves for higher costs in ammo because of state changes and the cost of ammo going up.

John brought up NetMotion and what the separate charges were. Tim and Bob explained what the different charges were for. On the phone there is a \$35 fee and a \$43 fee. One is for the phone and the Internal Internet (air) card is the other one.

Motion to approve the financial report made by Kerry Johnson

Seconded: Bob Fernandes

All in favor, motion carried

Motion made to approve the 2015 budget report: Dale Marks

Seconded: Joel Hamar

All in favor, motion carried

**New Business:**

Tim Gillespie stated everything is speeding up as far as trucks and complaints go in all Counties. Tim said he is trying to go from complaint to complaint. He is trying his best to keep it equal for all four counties. Tim stated he is starting to see a lot of foreign drivers and it's happening in all businesses—especially the driving industry. Traffic stops take longer because of this, one took 6 hours.

In the future they may need to train someone else to do the truck regulatory job because Stutsman County is busy. Discussions are taking place regarding the future and what needs to happen, thinking about setting a deputy up with scales. There are areas that are putting up more bins & will become busier. The activity at Spiritwood is affecting everyone as far as the roads go. They are also setting up a man camp with plans to have 1,800 beds which would make it the largest man camp in North Dakota. The man camp is supposed to be up and running by 2018.

The cement trucks are coming in and don't feel that they need to be weighed. Tim did get them weighed but the truck was 6,000 pounds over. Tim stated he will be pulling them over and that he's sure he will be getting some complaints. The trucks are going to the grain elevators doing projects.

Kerry Johnson stated that NDLTAP has recently hired Denise Brown to be a resource to the different counties to mirror what the state is doing. Kerry talked to her about getting the counties to have more uniform permits. Discussion was held that if the permits were at least similar it would make it a little bit easier. Kerry is going to talk to her again after getting input from everyone at today's meeting.

Frost permits, Stutsman County does not do them. Barnes County did, they had both a frost and a harvest permit but had problems with people coming in in the spring to get the harvest permits just to haul the 10% over. The frost permits were done to encourage people to haul in the winter. Frost permits went from about the 1<sup>st</sup> of December until spring load restrictions in Barnes County.

**Old Business:**

Scale certification has been completed. The highway patrol said that the scales are in really good condition and that they are being taken care of. They will be on a fall rotation. The highway patrol now has someone doing the scales specifically. The highway patrol is getting a new scale machine with hope that they won't have trouble in the future.

John Froelich would like to know who the speeding tickets are going to as far as if it's a big truck or a car.

**Deputy Gillespie's Report:**

Tim started out by saying that Stutsman County has a lot more trucks in their County. They have the most complaints in Stutsman with LaMoure second. Barnes County has the least amount of complaints. Tim isn't sure if they are complaining to someone else or if there just aren't many issues in Barnes County. Tim has had quite a few of overloads lately, Stutsman County has 14. Tim is trying to educate people on what they can haul with the bridge they have. He said the farmers for the most part are in compliance.

Tim said he is getting a lot more calls from Townships, Eastern Stutsman and Western Barnes have been restricting roads, LaMoure County is following suit in some areas along with Dickey County. Because of this they are starting to call Tim more often. Because of the counties going to 105,500 a lot of the township roads are starting to break down. There was discussion that if you want to run the 105, 500 on the township roads that you need to help to maintain those roads. There have been a lot of calls on the township roads as far as speed goes, speed limit is 55.

Tim went to a state class pertaining to roads and axels. A suggestion that was made if the roads are breaking up is to use drop down tags. The counties can consider this to restrict the tags to not exceed a certain weight; it would be up to each county.

The next meeting is in Barnes County at the Highway Department at 9 a.m. on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Motion to adjourn: Dale Marks

Seconded: Kerry Johnson

All in favor, motion carried.