

**Roads and Highways Advisory Board Video Conference Meeting Minutes**  
August 8, 2018

**Meeting called to order by Chair, Dan Hall at 1:12 p.m.**

**Safety Minute:** Scott Eickholt – Knowing the exits of an unfamiliar building.

**PARTICIPANTS:**

**Board Members:**

**Present:** Scott Eickholt, Donna Gardino, Daniel Hall, Anton Johansen, Harry McDonald, Howard Thies

**Excused Absence:** John Baker

**DOT&PF:** Commissioner Marc Luiken, Amanda Holland, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Brad Byslma, State Equipment Fleet (SEF) Manager

**Public:** Clark Milne, Adam White

**Telephone Participants:** *Sarah Lebrfe*

**Agenda:** Donna Gardino moved to accept agenda, Tony Johansen second.

**Approval of Minutes:** Harry McDonald moved to accept minutes, Howard Thies second.

**Public Comments:** No public comments were made by the public participants.

**Board Discussion:**

**Ambler Road**

Commissioner Luiken stated that the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is here to help provide technical support, if needed.

**Faribanks Winter Icing**

Co-Chair Howard Thies, voiced his concern regarding the departments winter icing in Fairbanks, AK. Commissioner Luiken stated that DOT&PF staff members are watching the weather conditions and are learning what works and what doesn't work, when they spray solution on the road. SEF Manager Brad Byslma, stated that more SEF vehicles are being outfitted with equipment that will help DOT&PF employees receive a more localized weather forecast. The new equipment is able to read what the pavement temperature is, which will help DOT&PF employees determine when to apply the solution on the roads.

**Shelf Projects**

Board members discussed their concerns on the possibility of losing funds for shelf projects. Commissioner Luiken stated that the department keeps an eye on the shelf projects to insure that the department doesn't lose the funds. He also stated that if there is any money left over from a fiscal year, FHWA distributes that left over money across the 50 states. (which is why it is important to have these projects ready to go).

### **Regional Boundaries**

With the new regional boundary lines for DOT&PF, it seems that the new boundary lines have changed how projects are being done. Commissioner Luiken stated that it has changed on how some projects are being done, and that the department is recognizing challenges with the new boundary lines.

### **Presentation of State Equipment Fleet (SEF)**

Brad Byslma gave the board a presentation about SEF. He gave the board general information on how SEF is funded, the types of services they provide, their challenges as a division, and how they calculate vehicle replacement rates.

### **Stand for Salmon Act – How will this affect DOT&PF?**

Commionner Luiken stated the DOT&PF supports wildlife, and does not want to impact fish or other wildlife. DOT&PF works with the Department of Fish and Game, and will continue to do so.

### **Raising the Motor Fuel Tax**

Commissioner Luiken has asked the board for support to raise the motor fuel tax.

### **Board Comments**

Tony Johansen: Supports raising the motor fuel tax.

Donna Gardino: States that we should discuss raising the motor fuel tax with the Marine Transportation Advisory Board, and Aviation Advisory Board.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm