

AMSA – ZONE 2 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of Zone 2 meeting held **June 17, 2016** at the Lacombe County Office

CALL TO ORDER: The Meeting was called to order at 10:10 A.M. by Zone 2 Director, Garth Ennis with the following being present:

Director, Zone 2	Garth Ennis, County of Stettler
Director, Zone 2	Erik Hansen, Clearwater County
AMSA, Executive Director	Christine Heggart, Clearwater County
	Kurt Magnus, Clearwater County
	Chris Black, Red Deer County
	Ryan Morrison, Mountain View County
	Ron Baker, Mountain View County
	Rick Green, County of Stettler
	Bill Cade, Lacombe County

AGENDA

APPROVAL: Bill Cade requested an addition to the agenda, to notify members, of a request brought forward from a meeting with AAMD&C. What are the cost associated to provide services, time, and labor to smaller communities and/or villages?

DUST

CONTROL: Discussion took place regarding dust control methods.

Mountain View County – Calcium chloride, approximately 230 residential applications. Success with using Kortech, good customer service. Product was analyzed for 32% calcium and results were consistent. Dust control for stabilizing intersections has been cut from program for now.

Lacombe County – 99% calcium chloride applications with minimal complaints. Sample sheet tests are completed at beginning of process for a yearly comparison, appearance of road is significantly darker this year. Could be due to dryness of previous year.

Stettler County – Uses calcium as well but trying to get away from it due to maintenance issues. Good results from DL10 and SB90, non-packed form. Mainly residential applications with a few businesses, no warranty. May treat some intersections with oil but mainly focusing on problem areas. Has been experimenting with different gravels for washboard fixings.

Clearwater County – Offers a cost share program using Magnesium Chloride (MG30) and SB90. MG30 has corrosion inhibitors. Application rate is heavier for SB90 but road can't breathe, causing ruts. Program has expanded to providing dust control in some intersections and problem areas.

EQUIPMENT

PROBLEMS: Diesel Exhaust Fluid DEF/Tier 4 Standards

- Keeping this product (DEF) in inventory has caused some storage troubles.

- Lacombe County built their own distribution center using square totes with a rack and pump getting system off of the floor. Vehicles are topped up when getting serviced. However, equipment with Tier 4 has been blowing code causing challenges with having enough equipment out. Repairs for this can't be done in house.
- DEF is available at some stations but not at all local UFA Cardlock's.
- These challenges will increase as fleet is replaced but won't have as large of an impact for County's that contract out services.
- Up to a 30% increase on capital purchases has been seen with the current dollar value.
- Some challenges were noted with getting two prices from companies under the AAMD&C.

TENDERS: A general consensus was noted on cost savings with the current economy. Clearwater County recently closed two tenders for grading, ACP and other work. Dirt was coming in at \$2.90 per cubic meter common excavation. Rick Green stated large savings were seen on a full water system for a hamlet, and Chris Black noticed decreases of up to 40% on bridge culverts and 20% on bridges.

LUNCH AND PRESENTATION – ATS TRAFFIC – ALBERTA LTD.

A presentation was given by Jason Bakalech & Rick Barron providing an overview of products and services offered by ATS Traffic.

NEW SHOP: Clearwater County is in planning stages of building an Operations facility. Information was shared by all regarding processes of new shop construction, associated costs and communication with Council and ratepayers.

CLOSING

REMARKS: It was voted to have two Zone 2 meetings a year. Topics for future agendas items include Alberta Wetland policy, Alberta Railway Audit and cost associated to provide services, time and labor to smaller communities and/or villages.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M.