



SEDA-COG JOINT RAIL AUTHORITY MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2007  
SEDA-COG  
LEWISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA  
12:30 P.M.

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**AUTHORITY MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tim Bergerstock, Columbia County  
John Fernsler, Union County  
Bud Henry, Columbia County  
Tom Herman, Montour County  
Dave Hoopengardner, Northumberland County  
Michael Krentzman, Mifflin County  
Mike Redin, Centre County  
Dennis Reitz, Northumberland County  
Dennis Shaffer, Union County  
Jim Spendiff, Mifflin County  
Jerry Walls, Lycoming County  
Bud Webb, Clinton County

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Allen Bubb, NRHS  
Steve Hurvitz, Esq., McQuaide Blasko  
Steve Kusheloff, SEDA-COG  
Richard Robey, Railroad Operating Companies  
Gary Shields, Railroad Operating Companies

**STAFF PRESENT**

Denise Pyers  
Jamie Shrawder  
Jeff Stover

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**Call to Order**

Mr. Walls called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Walls led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the March 14, 2007 Meeting Minutes of the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority**

*Mr. Henry made a motion to approve the March 14, 2007 meeting minutes of the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority; Mr. Herman seconded the motion; motion carried.*



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### Treasurer's Report

Mr. Webb presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2007.

*Mr. Spendiff made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2007; Mr. Henry seconded the motion; motion carried.*

### Operating Agreement Committee

Mr. Spendiff reported the committee met to discuss what information should be included in the operator's monthly report in order to streamline this report. A more formal presentation could be given quarterly. The committee is going to draft a proposal of what will be reported monthly and what will be contained in the quarterly report. They also ask that the monthly reports be provided to staff in time to be included in the packet mailing.

### Capital Budget Committee Report

Mr. Shaffer referred to the guidelines passed out at the last meeting and stated they received comments back from the Operating Agreement Committee. He reported the committee will be having a teleconference.

### Legal Issues

Attorney Hurvitz reported we are still working on the BIDA lease environmental indemnifications issues. He also reported the letter for Bellefonte Borough regarding the kayak issue was prepared. He will be preparing the letter to Mr. Wilson in regards to the track inspection deadline issue. Mr. Stover stated the property description for the MCIDC West Park track is complete. Attorney Hurvitz further explained the environmental issue at BIDA. Mr. Walls asked if we could ask BIDA's attorneys for copies of environmental studies done at the site previously. Mr. Stover replied we should ask for summary reports, and Attorney Hurvitz stated we should ask BIDA instead of the attorneys for copies of these reports.

Mr. Robey stated that PPL thought they had an agreement for the track that runs from Berwick to the nuclear plant with either the operator or the JRA. Ms. Pyers stated the state sold the track to PPL. The question is who has the common carrier obligation. She will work to get all parties together to discuss this.

### Events Calendar/Project Map/Staff Report

Mr. Stover presented the events calendar for April and May, the project map, and the staff report. The BIDA Project Briefing is April 27<sup>th</sup> at noon. Ms. Pyers talked about her trip to the NS forest. Mr. Stover stated he and Mr. Jannotti and Mr. Simcox were in the field in recent days to scope capital/maintenance projects and will bring back a report next month.

### Operator's Status Report

Mr. Robey distributed the traffic data and financials for the five (5) Authority railroads.

Mr. Shields presented the operations, M/W, and marketing reports.

## PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### North Branch Canal Trail

Ms. Pyers reported the trail group is asking for a temporary agreement to prepare one mile of the trail and do a tour in coordination with the Danville Iron Heritage Days.

*Mr. Redin made a motion to indicate our intention to grant access to JRA property so long as insurance and indemnification meet our solicitor's approval; Mr. Herman seconded the motion; motion carried.*

### George Wurster

Mr. Redin reported this matter has been reviewed by the Borough of Montoursville and is now ready for board action. The board further discussed the details of this transaction.

*Mr. Redin made a motion to approve the sale of land to Mr. Wurster for appraised value of \$2,200.00; Mr. Webb seconded the motion; motion carried.*

Ms. Pyers will use a sales agreement for future land sales.

### Lewistown Chamber of Commerce Fireworks Display

*Mr. Redin made a motion to deny the request of the Lewistown Chamber of Commerce to set off fireworks from the bridge; Mr. Herman seconded the motion; motion carried.*

## NEW BUSINESS

### SVRR - SEEDCO

Mr. Stover referred to the information included in the packet and handouts. This is a KOZ with large acreage that could be rail served. The rail would have to cross Shamokin Creek. John Conrad, the JRA's Bridge Engineer, prepared some cost options for this project. This project should be submitted as a capital budget item.

*Mr. Walls made a motion to authorize staff to convey to the appropriate legislator the willingness of the JRA to support a capital budget authorization to enable rail service to this property; Mr. Hoopengardner seconded the motion; motion carried.*

Mr. Walls recognized the letter from the National Historical Railroad Society about their pledge of \$4000 for the White Deer Creek Bridge pier removal.

**ADJOURNMENT**

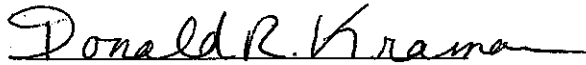
Mr. Walls adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffery K. Stover, Executive Director

I hereby certify these minutes were approved by the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority Board of Directors on May 9, 2007.



Secretary/Assistant Secretary