



SEDA-COG JOINT RAIL AUTHORITY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2007
SEDA-COG
LEWISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA
12:30 P.M.

**PRESERVING
RAIL FREIGHT
SERVICE**

serving the counties of

- Centre
- Clinton
- Columbia
- Lycoming
- Mifflin
- Montour
- Northumberland
- Union

AUTHORITY MEMBERS PRESENT

- Barry Ashenfelder, Montour County
- Mike Hawbaker, Centre County
- Bud Henry, Columbia County
- Dave Hoopengardner, Northumberland County
- Michael Krentzman, Mifflin County
- Mike Redin, Centre County
- Dennis Reitz, Northumberland County
- Jack Schultz, Lycoming County
- Dennis Shaffer, Union County
- Jerry Walls, Lycoming County
- Bud Webb, Clinton County

GUESTS PRESENT

- Allen Bubb, NRHS
- Mark Duceman, SEDA-COG
- Todd Hunter, Railroad Operating Companies
- Steve Hurvitz, Esq., McQuaide Blasko
- 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 12:40 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Walls led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Stover introduced Mr. Mark Duceman, the new Transportation Planning Program Director at SEDA-COG. Mr. Duceman reviewed his background for the board.

Approval of the July 11, 2007 Meeting Minutes of the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority

Mr. Henry made a motion to approve the July 11, 2007 meeting minutes of the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority; Mr. Hoopengardner seconded the motion; motion carried.

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Treasurer's Report

Mr. Ashenfelder presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2007.

Mr. Redin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2007; Mr. Schultz seconded the motion; motion carried.

Operating Agreement Committee Report

Mr. Stover reviewed the changes to the trackage rights agreement that are necessary to accommodate the loaded aluminum bodied cars. Mr. Mark Owens with NS told him that he feels the issues were drafting errors and should be correctable, but he has not yet responded to Mr. Shields with these changes. The board discussed the weight limits and the use of 315,000# cars.

Capital Budget Committee Report

Mr. Shaffer reviewed changes to the Capital Budget. Mr. Stover distributed copies of the original spreadsheet and the new updated spreadsheet. Mr. Shaffer explained the Clinton County Economic Partnership track upgrade and First Quality projects. He also explained the Newberry South intermodal facility project. The board needs to authorize staff to work out the details for these projects and apply for the capital budget release. Mr. Walls stated Bulkmatic's CFO and others have been in discussions with the JRA, the county, and the mayor about the intermodal facility in Newberry South.

Mr. Ashenfelder made a motion to adopt the updated Capital Budget dated August 8, 2007; Mr. Henry seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Reitz made a motion to authorize staff to apply for the release of capital budget monies for the LVRR Intermodal Facility and to examine various alternatives for JRA borrowing for this project; Mr. Hawbaker seconded the motion; motion carried.

Legal Issues

Attorney Hurvitz stated there are no pending legal issues.

Events Calendar/Project Map/Staff Report

Mr. Stover presented the events calendar for August and September, the project map, and the staff report. The ribbon cutting for Whiterock Quarry track will be October 25. The PMC will have the field view of NSHR/SVRR on September 10th at 9:00 a.m. at SEDA-COG. The board reached consensus that Mr. Stover should continue working on the Koppers scrap tie issue. Staff will check with Country Cupboard to see if November 16th is available for the Rail Freight Summit. Mr. Stover will reply to Mr. Barlow to schedule dinner for October 8.

Operator's Status Report

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

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

Mr. Shields and Mr. Hunter showed the awards presented to NSHR by NS at the trade show. Mr. Shields and Mr. Stover will do a news release to the local paper.

Mr. Ashenfelder made a motion to commend the operator's crew for the awards received from NS; Mr. Krentzman seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Mr. Hunter gave the marketing report on behalf of the operator.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Verizon

Mr. Redin reported Verizon requested an easement for a telephone line into Newberry Yard.

Mr. Henry made a motion to approve the easement for Verizon; Mr. Webb seconded the motion; motion carried.

Tyrone Shack

Mr. Redin reported that the Borough is requiring us to remove the abandoned structure. Ms. Pyers stated she spoke with Attorney Hurvitz about the proper procedure for notifying the owners.

Mr. Redin made a motion to accept the bid of Yenter Construction to demolish the structure and related work in the amount of \$7,950.00; Mr. Webb seconded the motion; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

NS Short Line Meeting

Mr. Stover and Mr. Hunter gave the presentation they did at the NS Short Line meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Walls adjourned the meeting at 2:20 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 September 12, 2007.



Secretary/Assistant Secretary