



SEDA-COG JOINT RAIL AUTHORITY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2007
GAMBLE MILL TAVERN
BELLEFONTE, PENNSYLVANIA
12:30 P.M.

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AUTHORITY MEMBERS PRESENT

Barry Ashenfelder, Montour County
Mike Hawbaker, Centre County
Bud Henry, Columbia County
Don Kramer, Clinton 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

Tom Avery, Railroad Operating Companies
Steve Hurvitz, Esq., McQuaide Blasko
Steven Kusheloff, SEDA-COG
Jeff Pontius, Railroad Operating Companies
Richard Robey, Railroad Operating Companies
Gary Shields, Railroad Operating Companies

STAFF PRESENT

Amy Davis
Denise Pyers
Jeff Stover

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Call to Order

Mr. Walls called the meeting to order at 1:26 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Walls led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the May 9, 2007 Meeting Minutes of the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority

Mr. Ashenfelder made a motion to approve the May 9, 2007 meeting minutes of the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority; Mr. Kramer seconded the motion; motion carried.



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Treasurer's Report

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

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

Operating Agreement Committee

Mr. Spendiff stated the Operating Agreement does not require the operator to give monthly reports, but it does require reports quarterly. The committee proposed that the operator provide the monthly report information prior to the meeting. Mr. Spendiff suggested that the board members review Mr. Robey's response and the committee will meet to discuss this with him.

Capital Budget Committee Report

Mr. Shaffer presented the Asset Upgrade Guidelines dated June 13, 2007. This document is to formalize the board's policy on how money should be spent for these projects and how cost should be shared between capital and maintenance projects. Mr. Robey stated the operator does understand the intent of this document.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to adopt the Asset Upgrade Guidelines; Mr. Ashenfelder seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Stover referred to the spreadsheet detailing the bid tabulations for the Balfour Beatty bids for NBER and JVRR projects and the corresponding responses in the letter from Mr. Shields distributed at the meeting. He asked the board to make comments to Mr. Shaffer and himself; the Capital Budget Committee will meet to discuss this.

Mr. Stover referred to the email from Mr. Shields regarding the Burnham Branch. Juniata Valley Railroad is asking the Authority to pay for an additional 1000 ties. Mr. Shields stated the 3600 ties already being installed by the JVRR upgrades the line above the JRA standards. Mr. Stover stated the Authority is also providing the ballast to do a complete raise of the railroad. It is the committee's recommendation to not pay for the additional ties because the JVRR had not done a tie program over the years. Mr. Robey stated the extra 1000 ties are needed because the inherited tie spacing is too wide, and it is not a maintenance problem. The board discussed if this is a maintenance or capital improvement item. The board asked for a written recommendation on the additional 1000 ties from Paul Jannotti before making a decision.

Legal Issues

Attorney Hurvitz stated there are no legal issues.

Events Calendar/Project Map/Staff Report

Mr. Stover presented the events calendar for June and July, the project map, and the staff report. He reported the Army Corps of Engineers offered to allow Columbia County to use the money originally slated to remove the railroad bridge for another project. The county is inclined to remove the bridge because of the flooding issues, and is inquiring if the Authority still has any interest in acquiring the bridge for rail use. The board discussed access to CP via this bridge and recommended that John Conrad review the Corps study.

Operator's Status Report

Mr. Robey distributed his sample format for the monthly pro forma report, including traffic loads and financials for the five railroads, the operating fees, the marketing report, operations report, and M/W report.

Mr. Pontius presented the operations report.

Mr. Shields presented the marketing report.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

LVRR Field View

Mr. Redin stated the PMC wants to do a field view of the LVRR. The committee agreed on July 10th at Newberry Yard at 9:00 a.m.

PP&L Agreement

Ms. Pyers referred to the information included in the packet. The PMC is seeking approval of the agreements.

Mr. Redin made a motion to approve the execution of the PP&L agreements; Mr. Spendiff seconded the motion; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Savoy Loading Dock Improvements Bid Award

Mr. Stover is asking the board to accept the bid from Zartman Construction and agree to pay the total local match.

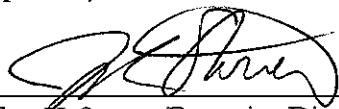
Mr. Ashenfelder made a motion to accept the bid from Zartman Construction for \$29,950.00; Mr. Kramer seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Ashenfelder made a motion to agree that the JRA will pay the local match of \$8,985 for the Savoy Furniture RFAP grant; Mr. Spendiff seconded the motion; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Walls adjourned the meeting at 3:07 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 July 11, 2007.



Secretary/Assistant Secretary