



SEDA-COG JOINT RAIL AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015
SEDA-COG, LEWISBURG, PA
9:30 A.M.

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

AUTHORITY MEMBERS (VIA CONFERENCE PHONE)

- Stephen Bridy, Northumberland County
- Frank Dombroski, Montour County
- Russ Graham, Centre County
- John Gummo, Clinton County
- Scott Harvey, Lycoming County
- Rick Jenkins, Columbia County
- Brent Jones, Clinton County
- Michael Krentzman, Mifflin County
- Don Purcell, Northumberland County
- John Showers, Union County
- John Spychalski, Centre County
- Jerry Walls, Lycoming County
- Eric Winslow, Union County

LEGAL COUNSEL (VIA CONFERENCE PHONE)

Tom Schrack, Esq., McQuaide Blasko Law Offices

JRA STAFF

- Kay Aikey, Program Assistant
- George Fury, Property & Maintenance of Way Manager (via conference phone)
- Jeff Stover, Executive Director

CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order

Chairman Walls called the special meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. A roll call was taken:

Stephen Bridy, Frank Dombroski, Russ Graham, John Gummo, Scott Harvey, Rick Jenkins, Brent Jones, Michael Krentzman, Don Purcell, John Showers, John Spychalski, Jerry Walls, Eric Winslow, Attorney Schrack, and George Fury were all present via conference phone.

James Wood Building

Mr. Fury stated that after the buyer toured the facility and had the sprinkler system inspected, they found it would cost approximately \$60,000 to upgrade the system, and that, coupled with the possibility of their entire company being

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sold, they did not want to be impeded by the right of first refusal. The buyer is asking that the right of first refusal be removed and not be a term of the sale. Mr. Fury stated the buyer is Creek Bend Realty, representing a tire company out of New York.

Dr. Spychalski made a motion for the Board to approve the sale without the condition of Right of First Refusal; Mr. Purcell seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Stephen Bridy - yes
Frank Dombroski - yes
Russ Graham - yes
John Gummo - yes
Scott Harvey - yes
Rick Jenkins - yes
Brent Jones - yes
Michael Krentzman - yes
Don Purcell - yes
John Showers - yes
John Spychalski - yes
Jerry Walls - yes
Eric Winslow - yes

Motion carried.

Attorney Schrack stated the agreement is in route from the realtor to the Authority. There are some minor changes that need to be made to the legal description and it will then be executed by the Chairman.

Mr. Stover stated that by message to the JRA offices, Tom Herman indicated he is in favor of releasing the right of first refusal.

PennDOT Easement

Mr. Fury reported that PennDOT requires a temporary construction easement for work under the Route 220 overpass bridge over the Lycoming Valley Railroad in Williamsport adjacent to Maynard Street. Approval is needed for the Chair to execute the document.

Dr. Spychalski asked for clarification for the solicitor to verify that in fact if this item was not on the published agenda for this special meeting that it would still be within the range of the Authority to act on it.

Attorney Schrack stated that when notices are sent regarding a special meeting you need to state the business, but it is not a specific requirement in the Sunshine Act, but it could be in the Authority's by-laws. The JRA's by-laws state that no business shall be conducted at a special meeting other than is designated in the call; that the call may be for general purposes and if all of the members of the Board of the Authority are present at a special meeting any and all business may be transacted at a special meeting. One option is to move forward, take a vote on this with the understanding that it will be on the agenda for ratification at the next meeting.

Dr. Spychalski made a motion for the Board to approve the easement with PennDOT with the understanding that this easement will be on the agenda for ratification at the next JRA Board meeting; Mr. Harvey seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Stephen Bridy - yes
Frank Dombroski - yes
Russ Graham - yes
John Gummo - yes
Scott Harvey - yes
Rick Jenkins - yes
Brent Jones - yes
Michael Krentzman - yes
Don Purcell - yes
John Showers - yes
John Spychalski - yes
Jerry Walls - yes
Eric Winslow - yes

Motion carried.

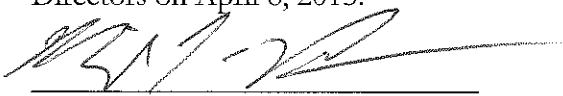
Chairman Walls adjourned the special regular meeting at 9:43 a.m.

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 April 8, 2015.



Secretary/Assistant Secretary