



SEDA-COG JOINT RAIL AUTHORITY MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2007  
SEDA-COG  
LEWISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA  
12:30 P.M.

**PRESERVING  
RAIL FREIGHT  
SERVICE**

*servicing the counties of*

Centre  
Clinton  
Columbia  
Lycoming  
Mifflin  
Montour  
Northumberland  
Union

**AUTHORITY MEMBERS PRESENT**

Barry Ashenfelder, Montour County  
Bud Henry, Columbia County  
Tom Herman, Montour County  
Dave Hoopengardner, Northumberland County  
Don Kramer, Clinton County  
Mike Redin, Centre County  
Dennis Reitz, Northumberland County  
Jack Schultz, Lycoming County  
Dennis Shaffer, Union County  
John Showers, Union County  
Jim Spendiff, Mifflin County  
Jerry Walls, Lycoming County  
Bud Webb, Clinton County

**GUESTS PRESENT**

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

**STAFF PRESENT**

Steve Kusheloff  
Denise Pyers  
Jamie Shrawder  
Jeff Stover

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

Call to Order

Mr. Walls called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Walls led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the October 10, 2007 Meeting Minutes of the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority

*Mr. Ashenfelder made a motion to approve the October 10, 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. Ashenfelder reviewed the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2007.

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

### Staff Services Budget

Mr. Stover stated he made an error on the Staff Services budget approved at last month's meeting. He referred to a memo that was distributed to board members.

*Mr. Ashenfelder made a motion to approve the corrected Staff Services budget dated November 1, 2007; Mr. Redin seconded the motion; motion carried.*

### Operating Agreement Committee Report

Mr. Spendiff reported the committee is waiting for a few items from Mr. Robey for operating agreement compliance.

### Short Line Tax Credit Policy

The board entered into executive session to discuss operating agreement issues at 12:45. Regular session resumed at 1:55 p.m.

### Capital Budget Committee Report & Project Priorities Recommendation Regarding PA Capital Budget

Mr. Shaffer referred to the updated JRA capital budget distributed at the meeting. His committee met on November 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss items to be submitted to a pending PA Capital Budget. Mr. Stover reviewed the projects currently in the Capital Budget and the candidate projects for submission in the new Capital Budget.

*Mr. Herman made a motion to adopt the updated capital budget dated November 14, 2007; Mr. Reitz seconded the motion; motion carried.*

*Mr. Shaffer made a motion to ratify submission of the four candidate projects included on the approved JRA capital budget for the new capital budget, and authorize staff to work out the details; Mr. Kramer seconded the motion; motion carried.*

Mr. Stover stated DCED will fund a portion of the new rail spur for First Quality in Lewistown, reducing the funds needed from the Capital Budget.

*Mr. Redin made a motion to ask PennDOT to fund the First Quality and Bulkmatic capital budget projects for \$1,780,345; Mr. Hoopengardner 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 October and November, the project map, and the staff report.

### Operator's Status Report

Mr. Robey referred to the Operator's Report included in the packet. He stated there have been routing problems with CP traffic. Mr. Shields thanked Mr. Walls for attending the safety meeting at Newberry.

### PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

#### First Quality Electrical Easement

Mr. Redin explained First Quality needs an easement for electrical conduit across the NBER Main at Lock Haven.

*Mr. Redin made a motion to approve the easement for First Quality at \$750; Mr. Henry seconded the motion; motion carried.*

#### Survey of JRA Yards

Mr. Redin stated the committee recommends authorizing staff to secure proposals from engineers for base maps of the Newberry, Lewistown, and Sunnyside Yards to create a master plan for the facilities.

*Mr. Redin made a motion to authorize staff to secure surveys for Newberry, Lewistown, and Bellefonte Yards; Mr. Webb seconded the motion; motion carried.*

#### Newberry Office Lighting

Mr. Redin explained the office lighting is in a state of disrepair and the operator secured an estimate from a local contractor to replace it. There are a few details yet to be worked out.

*Mr. Redin made a motion to authorize staff to order the lighting work; Mr. Webb seconded the motion; motion carried.*

#### Newberry Engine House Concrete Floors

Mr. Redin stated there are 8 alcove areas in the concrete floor that contain stone, and these areas need to be filled with reinforced concrete.

*Mr. Redin made a motion to authorize staff to secure a recommendation for doing such a concrete tie-in from the engineer and do the concrete work; Mr. Henry seconded the motion; motion carried.*

### OLD BUSINESS

#### DCED Community Revitalization Grant Amendment for MCIDC

Mr. Stover reported we received two grants for the Krentzman project. Senator Madigan allowed us to use the Community Revitalization Grant for the First Quality project instead.

*Mr. Herman made a motion to authorize Chairman and Vice Chairman to execute the First Amendment to Contract No. C000017738 for the Community Revitalization Assistance Program Grant; Mr. Ashenfelder seconded the motion; motion carried.*

#### Larson Design Group Proposal for Newberry South

Mr. Stover stated the water and sewer needs to be extended in the Newberry South site.

*Mr. Kramer made a motion to approve Larson Design Group proposal in the amount of \$9,800; Mr. Reitz seconded the motion; motion carried.*

**JVRR RFAP Local Share**

Mr. Stover stated Mr. Jannotti provided a recommendation based on an inspection for the cost allocations for the JVRR RFAP project. These recommendations were included in the budget included in the packet.

*Mr. Ashenfelder made a motion to approve the cost allocation as set forth in the proposed budget, whereby the JRA would provide a local share match of \$7,751.61, with a balance of \$52,337.39 from the JVRR as part of their maintenance obligations; Mr. Spendiff seconded the motion; motion carried.*

*Mr. Herman made a motion to award the JVRR RFAP to K.W. Reese for \$172,439; Mr. Kramer seconded the motion; motion carried.*

**Rail Take-up at Beech Creek, Park Siding, Lewistown & Burnham**

Mr. Stover stated the stock piles of rail and OTM have been diminished as customers have upgraded their rail facilities. To meet the current need, there are several old sidings that can be removed around the system.

*Mr. Ashenfelder made a motion to authorize staff to seek bids for the take-up and relocation of rail and OTM at the specified locations; Mr. Hoopengardner seconded the motion; motion carried.*

Mr. Stover stated the JRA needs salvage bids for the sand tower, covered hopper, and rail at Tyrone. Mr. Shaffer suggested making the motion more inclusive to allow staff to get bids for other unneeded rail.

*Mr. Shaffer made a motion to authorize staff to seek salvage bids for the sand tower, abandoned covered hopper in Lewistown, the unconnected rail at Tyrone, and other miscellaneous unneeded track along our lines; Mr. Kramer seconded the motion; motion carried.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Walls adjourned the meeting at 2:55 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 December 12, 2007.



Secretary/Assistant Secretary