



SEDA-COG JOINT RAIL AUTHORITY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 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
Tim Bergerstock, Columbia County
Mike Hawbaker, Centre County
Bud Henry, Columbia County
Tom Herman, Montour County
Dave Hoopengardner, Northumberland County
Don Kramer, Clinton County
Michael Krentzman, Mifflin County
Mike Redin, Centre County
Dennis Reitz, Northumberland County
Dennis Shaffer, Union County
John Showers, Union County
Jim Spendiff, Mifflin County
Jerry Walls, Lycoming County
Bud Webb, Clinton County

GUESTS PRESENT

Scott Brouse, NRHS
Allen Bubb, NRHS
Steve Hurvitz, Esq., McQuaide Blasko
John Jones, Clark, Schaeffer, Jones & Eichner
Steve Kusheloff, SEDA-COG
Jim McClure, 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.

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Approval of the August 8, 2007 Meeting Minutes of the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority

Mr. Henry made a motion to approve the August 8, 2007 meeting minutes of the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority; Mr. Bergerstock seconded the motion; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Ashenfelder presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2007. A vote was taken to approve the report, however no motion or second was made prior to the vote.

FY 2006 Financial Report

Mr. McClure presented the FY 2006 financial report for the five Authority Railroads. He stated the Finance department uses the federal tax returns received from NSHR as a gauge for the accuracy of the financial information reported to the JRA by Mr. Robey. The reports are very close to what is reported to the IRS.

Mr. Herman made a motion to accept the FY 2006 financial report; Mr. Webb seconded the motion; motion carried.

Operating Agreement Committee Report

Chairman Spendiff reported the committee needs to discuss the timeliness of the operator's monthly reports. He also asked to have a meeting with Mr. Robey to discuss some details of the financials. Mr. Robey needs to submit audited financial statements in accordance with the new agreement. Mr. Stover will write a letter to Mr. Robey asking for the accountant he would like to use to prepare these statements. Mr. Robey reported he would like to use Mr. Jim Bowers and will reply to Mr. Stover's letter. He also stated he will have the 1st and 2nd quarter 2007 financials available for the October board meeting.

Introduction of New Board Member

Mr. Walls introduced Commissioner John Showers, the new board member from Union County appointed to serve the remainder of Mr. Fernsler's term.

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. He added that the pre-bid meetings for the CCEP and Lewistown Yard RFAP projects are on September 18th with the bids due September 27th. The ribbon cutting for Whiterock Quarry track was changed to October 26 at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Walls asked if it would be appropriate to provide the as-built drawings of new or relocated infrastructure to those counties with an established GIS program. Staff agreed that it was possible provided we receive drawings from the licensees. The board discussed the agenda and invitation list for the upcoming Rail Freight Summit.

Operator's Status Report

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

Mr. Shields presented the marketing, operations, and M/W reports. He also reported that the new AEI reader is installed in Milesburg and was paid for by NSHR.

OLD BUSINESS

Newberry South Capital Budget

Mr. Stover referred to the spreadsheet on page 14 and explained the project budget. Mr. Walls reported this project is a result of an intermodal study. Staff and county officials will be meeting with Bulkmatic in October to further discuss costs.

JVRR First Quality Enterprises Capital Budget

Mr. Stover referred to the map on page 15 and explained the project and the budget.

WDR Bridge Pier Removal

Mr. Stover reported the low bid for this project was G.O. Hawbaker at \$48,675, which was \$18,000 over budget. This item will be tabled while the county looks for additional funding and considers changing the scope of the stream bank stabilization.

LVRR Building Demolition Bid Award

Mr. Stover reported the low bidder was Schlegel Excavating at \$1,824.

Mr. Herman made a motion to award the bid for the demolition of the building in Newberry Yard to Schlegel Excavating for \$1,824; Mr. Reitz seconded the motion; motion carried.

JRA RFAP Application for 2008-2009

Mr. Stover referred to the map distributed at the meeting. The JRA has two RFAPs for the current year, one for the Clinton County Economic Partnership and one for the JVRR Lewistown Yard. Staff needs authorization to apply for an RFAP for 2008 to extend the track 1600' and construct a turnout to create a 30-35 car runaround at the First Quality plant in Lock Haven.

Mr. Ashenfelder made a motion to authorize staff to apply for the 2008 RFAP for the First Quality runaround in Lock Haven; Mr. Kramer seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Walls stated there are some strong prospects for the Muncy Industrial Park. JRA and NSHR staffs are assisting the county in looking into a siding for this park. The county is considering applying for an RFAP in the next round of funding. The siding will be a strong asset for the park. Mr. Stover added there is a company looking at a site along the NSHR near Briar Creek, and a company looking at a site in Salem Township. Both may apply for RFAPs for the proposed trackwork.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Walls adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey K. Stover, Executive Director

I hereby certify these minutes were approved by the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority Board of Directors on October 10, 2007.


Secretary/Assistant Secretary