

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE RAILROAD BOARD MEETING
March 25, 2015 @ 11:00 AM
DOT Building – Commission/Boardroom
Pierre, South Dakota

MEMBERS: Todd Yeaton, Chair
Carl Anderson via phone
Jerry Cope
Sheldon Cotton
Gary Doering
Harlan Quenzer

OTHERS: Rick Vallery, James Nord, Lester Thompson, Jack Parliament

VIA PHONE: Bob Mercer

STAFF: Bruce Lindholm, Lynn Kennison, Kevin Tveidt, Kellie Beck, Bonnie Olson, Karla Engle,
Misty Siedschlaw, and Jeryl Lynn Stein

Agenda Items:

Call to order

- 1) Approve the minutes of meeting on September 17, 2014
- 2) Approve the minutes of meeting on December 16, 2014
- 3) Welcome new member of SD Railroad Board-Jeff Burket
- 4) Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary Treasurer
- 5) Update on Britton Line
- 6) Update on Pukwana elevator
- 7) Update on TIGER VI Grant
- 8) Discussion on Sioux Valley RRA loan and grant for Bridge Rehab Project

Chair Yeaton called the regular meeting of the South Dakota State Railroad Board (the "Board") to order at 11:04 a.m. with a quorum present.

- 1) Motion by Cotton, second by Cope, to approve the September 17, 2014, Railroad Board meeting minutes. Motion carried by voice call vote (all aye).
- 2) Motion by Anderson, second by Cope, to approve the December 16, 2014, Railroad Board meeting minutes. Motion carried by roll call vote (all aye).

- 3) Chair Yeaton welcomed new SD State Railroad Board member Jeff Burket, but noted that Burket was unable to attend this month as he was in New York.
- 4) Election of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary-Treasurer
 - 4a) Chair – Gary Doering nominated Todd Yeaton.
 - 4b) Motion by Quenzer, second by Cope to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to elect Yeaton as Chair. Motion carried by roll call vote (all aye).
Todd Yeaton was elected Chair.
 - 4c) Vice-Chair- Doering nominated Cotton.
 - 4d) Motion by Cope, second by Quenzer to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to elect Cotton as Vice-Chair. Motion carried by roll call (five aye, 1 abstain [Cotton]).
Sheldon Cotton was elected Vice Chair.
 - 4e) Secretary-Treasurer –Doering nominated Anderson.
 - 4f) Motion by Cotton, second Cope to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to elect Anderson as Secretary-Treasurer. Motion carried by roll call (five aye, 1 abstain [Anderson]).
Carl Anderson was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Bruce Lindholm, Office of Air, Rail and Transit

5) Update on Britton Line

Construction has been delayed due to drainage issues.

6) Update on Pukwana elevator

The Pukwana elevators have been torn down and debris burned. The parties are working on removing the remaining debris.

7) Update on TIGER VI Grant

The Department let the project out for bid as one large project. The bids came in too high. The Department will separate the project into smaller projects and will rebid in April. Bid opening is planned to be April 22, 2015.

Chair Yeaton requested to move the next Board meeting to April 22, 2015, so the Board members could be present at the bid opening. The Board meeting will begin at 11 am and the bid opening will occur at 2 pm.

8) Discussion on Sioux Valley RRA loan and grant for bridge rehab project of state-owned rail line

Discussion was held regarding extending the time for commencing construction of the project pursuant to ARSD 70:05:03:07.

Motion by Cotton, second by Doering, to require exhaustion of the loan funds before grant money will be applied toward the costs of the bridge rehab project.
Motion carried by roll call vote (all aye).

Motion by Cope, second by Cotton to extend the deadline for commencement of project construction to December 31, 2015. Motion carried by roll call vote (all aye).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anderson suggested a letter to be sent to Coleen Kusser to thank her for her service to the Board and have Chair Yeaton sign it.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m. upon a motion for adjournment by Cotton, seconded by Doering.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2015, at 11 a.m. with a bid opening at 2 p.m.

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