

**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE RAILROAD BOARD CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 17, 2017 – 11:00 A.M.  
BECKER-HANSEN BUILDING – 700 EAST BROADWAY  
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA**

**PRESENT VIA**

**CONFERENCE CALL:** Todd Yeaton, Chair  
Sheldon Cotton, Vice Chair  
Jeff Burkett, Member  
Jerry Cope, Member  
Gary Doering, Member  
Harlan Quenzer, Member

**DOT STAFF PRESENT:** Darin Bergquist, Joel Jundt, Jack Dokken, Karla Engle, Bonnie Olson,  
Jenna Schweiss, Lynn Kennison, Misty Siedschlaw and Tessa Wenner

**OTHERS PRESENT**

**VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Bob Mercer, Dick Huff, Alex huff, Jack Parliament

Chair Yeaton called the meeting of the South Dakota State Railroad Board meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was determined.

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Chair Yeaton opened the floor to Board members to disclose potential conflicts of interest and to present requests for waivers pursuant to South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) chapter 3-23.

No conflicts were disclosed.

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Chair Yeaton asked for a motion to approve the minutes of April 19, 2017.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Burket and seconded by Cotton to approve the April 19, 2017, meeting minutes. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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Deputy Secretary Joel Jundt had no updates for the Board at this time. He communicated to the Board that updates will be coming at the June Railroad Board meeting.

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Secretary, Darin Bergquist presented the Board with a history of the original loan approved for the Marshall County Regional Rail Authority (MCRRA) loan.

The Department is recommending the Board revise the amendment to the loan agreement between the Department of Transportation (DOT) and MCRRA.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Cotton and seconded by Burket to rescind Resolution #2017-B01, which authorized reducing the loan amount by the total sum of \$1,497,476.31, and to instead authorize the Secretary to execute an agreement to reduce the original loan amount to Marshall County Regional Rail Authority by \$797,476.31 and allow the remaining undistributed loan proceeds of \$800,000 to be loaned, upon execution of all documents deemed necessary by the DOT Secretary, to the Marshall Regional Rail Authority for the purpose of reimbursing Dakota Missouri Valley and Western Railroad for rehabilitation of the state-owned Britton line. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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Jack Dokken, program manager for the DOT Office of Air, Rail and Transit, requested funds to build a Geographical Information System (GIS) for use by DOT. The GIS system will be used to help the Department manage railroad property, would be built by [Planning and Development District III](#) and cost approximately \$325,500. The system will be completed in five phases over a two and a half year period. It will greatly improve Department efficiencies and a public version of the map will be made available.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Quenzer and seconded by Cope to authorize DOT to enter into an agreement in the amount for \$325,500 with [Planning and Development District III](#) to develop and implement GIS mapping system for state-owned rail lines. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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With no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:49 p.m.