

Railroad Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2009

The meeting of the Railroad Advisory Board was called to order at 7:30 a.m., December 10, 2009 at the Water and Light Administration Utility Services Conference Room, 105 East Ash Street, Columbia, MO

The following persons were present:

Peter Davis, Chairperson
Greg Eiffert, Vice-Chair
Jack Blaylock, Member
Kee Groshong, Member
Bryan Ross, Member
Benny Lusk, Member
Harry "Doc" Wulff, Member
Michael J. Schmitz, Interim Water and Light Director
Tad Johnsen, Power Production Superintendent
Jim Windsor, Rates/Fiscal Manager
Christian Johanningmeier, Engineer II
Tina Worley, Utility Services Manager
Marilyn Thorpe, Administrative Support Supervisor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting of October 8, 2009 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Kee Groshong and second by Jack Blaylock.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Jim Windsor said that the Finance Department provided a Financial Statement for the end of FY09 and for the first month of FY10. These are preliminary, unaudited statements. Jim said that the revenue called "Capital Maintenance Fee" was dedicated to Capital Improvement Projects and should not be considered as being available for operation expenses. "Depreciation" expense is a non-cash expense, and "Capital contribution" is a contribution of assets. If those three items are removed from consideration, the net income for FY09 would have been a negative about \$60,000. For the first month of FY10, net income would be \$4,105.

Jim also told the Board that we would see large numbers under Capital contribution this year as work on the bridge is reimbursed.

TRAFFIC REPORT: Christian Johanningmeier reported that total traffic year to date was 280 cars compared to 308 last year. He said the rail terminal had 30 cars compared to 278 in 2005. Coal was up due to the coal shipments for the power plant. The Shapiro Brothers scrap iron traffic had 17 cars for the first two months of the fiscal year. Christian said metal traffic seemed to be improving slowly.

MARKETING: Tina Worley said she was continuing to meet with prospective customers and trying to work out rate packages with Norfolk Southern. She said she was going to Kansas City, MO on Monday to meet with Kahn Steel. They deal with steel tubing and are looking for a central location in the state to do their business. Tina will keep the board informed of any changes.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: Transload Facility – Mike Schmitz told the board that it appeared the City would become the owner/operators of the transload facility in January. The cost for the operation is \$2.4 million. He said the City would pay the property tax for the entire year at a cost of \$35,000. He said Vaughn Prost has said he will pay to have the drum replaced in the crane.

US63 Bridge Update - Christian said the grading had been completed for the US63 bridge. He said testing was going to be done today on the pilings. He said the pilings were made to withstand 455,000 pounds but that the test would be for 910,000 pounds. He said steel fabrication for the bridge would start anytime. It is being fabricated in Arkansas. He said so far the bridge construction project was on schedule. The completion date is slated for October 15, 2010.

Larry Martin Retirement - Mr. Schmitz told the board that Larry Martin, Maintenance Specialist, had retired last week. It was noted that Larry was the very first railroad employee for the City.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is February 11, 2010, at 7:30 a.m. at the Transload Facility.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 a.m.

Marilyn Shope