

Draft
Railroad Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2009

Peter Davis called to order the meeting of the Railroad Advisory Board at 7:30 a.m., August 13, 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, excused

Jack Blaylock, Member

Kee Groshong, Member

Bryan Ross, Member

Benny Lusk, Member

J. Kraig Kahler, Water and Light Director

Jim Windsor, Rates/Fiscal Manager

Dave Sprague, Railroad Operations Supervisor

Marilyn Thorpe, Administrative Support Supervisor

“Doc” Harry Wulff, guest

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting of July 9, 2009 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Jack Blaylock and second by Kee Groshong.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT: J. Kraig Kahler recognized “Doc” Wulff for his 23 years of service as a member of the Railroad Advisory Board. Kraig presented “Doc” with a plaque and picture of the COLT locomotive. Mr. Wulff informed the board that he had reapplied to be a board member. The City Council will make the appointment to fill resigning member, Tom Ogden’s place at the August 17, 2009 meeting.

Mr. Kahler told the board that the Highway 63 ground breaking ceremony held on Friday, July 31 was well attended. He said Senator Kit Bond spoke to the audience on what a significant milestone the bridge would make, explaining how much safer it would be for the public traveling along that stretch of Highway 63.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Jim Windsor informed the board that financially the COLT is showing a negative balance for the year. The economy has had a direct impact on the revenues of the COLT.

FY10 BUDGET: Mr. Windsor went over the proposed FY10 COLT Railroad Budget with the board. He said for FY10, the operations and maintenance budget for the COLT is proposed to decrease 12.83%. Revenues are projected to decrease 13.42% over the FY09 budget level. He said with the current economic situation, FY10 revenues projections assume a 13.42% decrease. Other significant aspects to the budget are: elimination of Railroad Administrator position that had been funded but never filled and; reduction in equipment rental expense. The board was given various spreadsheets explaining the budget in more detail. After discussion the board on a motion by Jack Blaylock and a second from Bryan Ross

recommended that Council approve the COLT budget as presented. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

TRAFFIC REPORT: Mr. Kahler said that coal traffic had picked up for July; this was due to the increased cars at the Power Plant. Overall, traffic was down in everything else.

MARKETING: Mr. Kahler told the board that Tina Worley was continuing to meet with prospective rail customers. He said the board would be informed of any new developments.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Kahler said that staff had met with some rail car representatives that would like to operate a dinner train in Columbia. He said discussions were in the preliminary stages and that there were lots of details to iron out. The board will be kept up to date on the project.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Kahler reported that the City Council had approved Change Orders No. 2 & 3 to Us 63 Bridge Design Contract. Change Order 2 requests an additional \$20,000 be paid to Modjeski & Masters as reimbursement for unforeseen effort expended to meet the April 1 deadline. Change Order 3 is for construction, engineering and inspection services. These services include inspection of the new bridge while it is being fabricated, on-site inspection and data collection, and material testing. Staff recommended that Change Order No. 3 be approved so that construction related services would be available concurrent to the commencement of construction later this summer.

Storage Track Report – At the last Railroad Board meeting staff was asked to prepare a report detailing the expenses and pros and cons of Railcar Storage. Staff provided a detailed report to the board. Staff reported at this time there were no funds available for the project. The board said they felt the project could create additional revenue for the COLT but decided they would discuss the matter again at the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is October 8, at 7:30 am.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 a.m.