

## RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD

June 12, 2008

A meeting of the Railroad Advisory Board was held June 12, 2008 in the W&L Utility Services Conference room at 105 E. Ash. Attending the meeting was:

Peter Davis, Chairperson  
Jack Blaylock, Vice-Chair  
Greg Eiffert, Member  
Bryan Ross, Member  
Tom Ogden, Member  
“Doc” Wulff, Member, Member - Excused  
Kee Groshong, Member – Excused  
John Glascock, Interim Water and Light Director  
Christian Johannningmeier, Engineer II  
Tina Worley, Utility Services Manager  
Tad Johnsen, Power Production Superintendent  
Marilyn Thorpe, Administrative Support Supervisor

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 8, 2008:** On a motion by Jack Blaylock and second by Greg Eiffert, the minutes of May 8, 2008 were approved with a unanimous vote.

**FINANCE REPORT:** Christian Johannningmeier reported that traffic was down he said there were fewer car hires being paid resulting in loss revenue.

**TRAFFIC REPORT:** Christian Johannningmeier told the Board that traffic was down 21% for the same time last year.

**MARKETING:** Tina Worley reported that steel traffic should be picking up. She said SeverCorr was starting to bring in steel coils. She said this could be an additional 3,000 tons of steel per month.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Christian Johannningmeier said the Engineering Services Contract for US 63 Grade Separation Project had been signed. Modjeski and Masters were awarded the contract. He said the kick off meeting would be held in the next couple of weeks. There is a 12-15 month time frame for completion of the project. John Glascock said MoDOT would pay for 50% of the cost of the bridge.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

*Railroad Right-of-Way – (rails with trails)* The Board discussed the various handouts provided to them by staff regarding right-of-way standards for rails with trails. Christian said the FRA did not have any official standards for Rails-with-Trails (RWT). He said the FRA does not promote or endorse RWT. Their focus is on the safety concerns associated with RWT's. Christian said the FRA provides a three year study done by them entitled, Rails-with Trails-Lessons Learned: Literature Review, State of the Practice, Conclusions. The report is very lengthy, the Board was told where they could find the study on the internet if they wanted to review it.

John Glascock reported that this would be his last Board meeting as the new Water and Light director was to be named shortly. He told the Board that it was an honor to work with them. The Board commended Mr. Glascock on a job well done.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** August 14, 2008

Meeting adjourned – 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,