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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAIL AUTHORITY Held: Friday,
February 27, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at the Jefferson County
Administration Building, Lookout Mountain Room, 100
Jefferson County Parkway, Golden, CO 80401.

Attendance:

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rocky Mountain
Rail Authority was scheduled in compliance with the laws of
the State of Colorado, with the following Board members in
attendance;

Harry Dale, Chair, Clear Creek County (Commissioner)
Doug Lehnen, Vice Chair, Town of Castle Rock (Council)
Gail Drumm, Secretary, Town of Monument (Council)
John Tangen, RFTA Controller, Fiscal Agent RMRA (via
teleconference)
Terry Carwile, City of Craig (Council) (via teleconference)
Greg Schroeder, Eagle County (Staff)
Forrest Whitman, Gilpin County (Commissioner) (via
teleconference)
Lee Behrens, Georgetown (Council)
Dave Sturgis, Glenwood Springs (Council) (via
teleconference)
Mary Jane Loevlie, Idaho Springs (representative)
Robert Bowland, Idaho Springs (Council) (via teleconference)
Robert Valdez, Las Animas County (Staff)(via teleconference)
Wayne Williams, PPRTA (Commissioner)(via teleconference)
Bill Moore, Pueblo County (Staff) (Alternate)
Bill Moore, City of Pueblo (Staff) (Alternate)
Dorothea Farris, RFTA/Pitkin County (representative)
Bill Christopher, RTD (Board) (via teleconference)
Karen Tussey, Routt County (Alternate)
Karen Tussey, Town of Yampa (Council)
Pete Morlan, Trinidad (Council) (via teleconference)
Greg Hall, Town of Vail, (Staff)
David Downing, City of Westminster (Council)
Karla Harding, Town of Timnath (Council)
Catherine Green, Town of Monument (Staff)
Gene Putman, City of Thornton (Staff)
Kate Newman, Jefferson County (Staff)
Larry Brooks, Town of Avon (Staff)
Harold Anderson, City of Lone Tree (Council)
Rick Garcia, City and County of Denver (Council)
Tresi Houpt, Garfield County (Council)(via teleconference)
Tom Rogalski, Hayden (Council) (via teleconference)
Cari Hermacinski, Steamboat (Council) (via teleconference)
A Gonzales, Centennial (Staff) (via teleconference)

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Also present were:

Ed Icenogle, Icenogle, Norton, Smith, Blieszner, Gilida & Pogue, P.C. (RMRA Attorney)

Mark Boggs, PBS&J (RMRA Project Director)

Scott Meszaros, Town of Monument (Staff)

John Hoffman, Town of Carbondale (Council)

George Scheuernstuhl, DRCOG (Consultant) (via teleconference)

Russ Basser, Air Train

Bob Leilich, Peer Review Panel

Don Moore, Douglas County (Contract Staff)

A. Gonzales, Centennial (via teleconference)

Identification of any Non-Board members on the Conference Call Line

Chair Dale asked for all non-board members on the conference call to identify themselves. None were identified.

Call to Order

Chair Dale, noting the presence of quorum, called to order the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rocky Mountain Rail Authority.

Public Comment Period

Chair Dale asked for any person wishing to come forward to address the RMRA Board with public comments. There were none.

Consideration and Approval of Minutes of January 23rd Meeting

Chair Dale asked if there are any corrections to the minutes of January 23rd. Director Moore stated that on page 2, last paragraph, he and Ms. Whittlef (City of Pueblo) should be noted as "alternate". Chair Dale commented that in both cases each is representing and noted as "Staff" and this is in line with how others have been noted.

Director Drumm moved, Director Moore seconded, approval of the January 23rd Minutes as amended and specified by Chair and Directors. Passed.

Consideration of Approval of New Member Jurisdictions

Mr. Ed Icenogle, RMRA Attorney stated that there are no new member jurisdictions to consider adding at this meeting.

Chair Dale stated that Golden and Carbondale are submitting paperwork and should be on for membership inclusion at the next meeting.

Review of Members, Alternates and Contact Information

Chair Dale asked members for any changes to the member list or contact information. Changes were stated for #'s 13, 16, 23, 34, 37 and 47 on the roster provided by the RMRA Attorney's (new phone numbers, staff, and related changes), Chair Dale made the changes on his copy.

Financial Report & Approval of Bills

Director Tangen, RMRA Controller, detailed the Balance Sheet/ Statement of Net Assets as provided in the packet

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through January 31, 2009. He stated that the authority is up to date and current on all billings. He detailed the Accounts Receivable/Accounts Payable.

Chair Dale asked if there were any questions. None asked.

Director Tangen moved, Director Moore seconded approval of paying bills as presented in the Accounts Payable. Passed.

Director Shroeder inquired if the membership check for 2009 had been received from Eagle County. Director Behrens also inquired for Georgetown. Later in the meeting, Director Tangen confirmed that the checks for each had indeed been received.

Feasibility Study Steering Committee
Report

Chair Dale stated that TEMS will present on March 28th regarding the Final Alternatives Report.

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Final Alternatives Development Report
February 2009 Survey Update
AGS & I-70 PEIS

Mr. Mark Boggs, RMRA Project Director, commented that there is potential that the meeting will not be held here at Jefferson County, that a larger space is being examined, which may have an associated cost. This is due to the last meeting held "upstairs" which easily filled the room, he said that it is anticipated that the March 28th meeting will have an even larger attendance.

Chair Dale addressed several items relating to the alternatives and the progression of the study. He stated that TEMS has the ability to break down cost estimates by segments. There may be certain alternatives that are preferred over others. The steering committee will ultimately have to provide input and direct which alternatives to pursue.

Chair Dale addressed a handout provided titled "Consensus Recommendation" and discussions ensued regarding the I-70 Corridor where the Collaborative Effort has not completed a corridor-wide vision for the future, thereby limiting the ability of the group to accurately determine future actions and needs. Discussions also continued on the "Advanced Guideway System" and potential to utilize "EIS's" already completed. Discussions focused on slides #23 and #24 of the Steering Committee presentation made by TEMS earlier in the day and what to do if issues and technologies are not compatible. The Board consensus was to have Chair Dale "inform TEMS that a better balance between the two alternatives depicted in slides 23 and 24 needs to be considered".

Outreach Committee Report

Director Lehnen stated that he had no updates.

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2009 Legislative Proposals Update

Chair Dale stated that "HB 1134" has been pulled.

FRA Expressions of Interest in
Implementing a High-Speed Intercity
Passenger Rail Corridor

Chair Dale stated that Mr. Mark Boggs, RMRA Project Director, has identified potential stimulus dollars to complete some or perhaps the complete "EIS" study. A notice of request to obtain bids in August or September for further study monies has also been posted in the National Register. Chair Dale stated that a letter from himself (as Chair), Director Lehnen (Vice Chair), and Mr. Mark Boggs (Project Director) should be drafted and submitted to notify of the RMRA Board's intent to apply for potential funds with "FRA" indicating our intent which is also consistent with our request to become the 11th (now 12th) High Speed Rail project.

Director Garcia made the motion to submit a letter notifying the FRA indicating our intent for dollars to complete or support paying for the EIS study consistent with the request to become the 12th High Speed Rail project, seconded by Director Putman. Motion passed unanimously.

Next RMRA Board Meeting

Chair Dale stated that the next Board meeting will be held on March 27th at 1:00pm, Jefferson County Courthouse, Lookout Mountain Room.

Adjournment

In that there were no further items of business to discuss, the meeting stood adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Secretary of the Meeting