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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAIL AUTHORITY Held: Friday,
August 22, 2008, 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
Rod Bockenfeld - Arapahoe County (Commissioner) (via
teleconference)
Bob Broom - City of Aurora (Council) (via teleconference)
Diane Mitsch-Bush, Routt County (Commissioner) (via
teleconference)
Diane Mitsch-Bush, Steamboat Springs (Representing as
alternate) (via teleconference)
Greg Schroeder - Eagle County (Staff)
Dorothea Farris - Pitkin County (Commissioner)
Karen Tussey – Town of Yampa (Council)
Kate Newman - Jefferson County (Staff)
Terrance Quinn, Douglas County (Staff)
Gene Putman - City of Thornton (Staff)
Lee Behrens – Town of Georgetown (Council)
Rick Garcia - City and County of Denver (Council)
Bill Moore - City of Pueblo (Staff)
Bill Christopher - RTD (Board)
Dave Sturgis – City of Glenwood Springs (Council) (via
teleconference)
David Mentor – City of Colorado Springs (Staff)
Tom Rogalski - Town of Hayden (Council) (via
teleconference)
Wayne Williams, Pikes Peak Regional Transportation
Authority (Council) (via teleconference)
Bob French, Summit County (Council) (via teleconference)
Catherine Green, Town of Monument (Staff) (via
teleconference)
Robert Bowland, City of Idaho springs (Council)
Terry Carwile – City of Craig (Council) (via teleconference)

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Also present were:

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

Mark Boggs - PBS&J (RMRA Project Manager)

Carla Perez – Governor’s Blue Ribbon Panel on Transportation

Tom Mauser - CDOT (Staff)

Scott Meszaros - Town of Monument (Staff)

Greg Hall – Town of Vail (Staff)

George Scheuernstuhl – DRCOG (Consultant)

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.

Consideration and Approval of Minutes
July 18th Meeting

Chair Dale asked if there are any corrections to the minutes of July 18th.

Director Mitsch-Bush stated that on Page 2, “Gene Putman’s” name should be spelled Gene with a “G” not a “J”.

Director Moore moved, Director Garcia seconded, approval of the July 18th Minutes as amended and specified by Chair and Directors. Passed.

Consideration of Approval of New Member
Jurisdictions

Chair Dale stated that Denver has submitted paperwork to the Board for new membership approval at this meeting. He commented that Golden should have their paperwork submitted by the next meeting.

Director Quinn moved, Director Lehnen seconded, approval of Denver as a new member to the RMRA Board. Passed.

Later in the meeting the RMRA attorney arrived and stated that Vail and Chaffee County had submitted paperwork for membership approval at this meeting.

Director Farris moved, Director Putman seconded, approval of Vail and Chaffee County as new members to the RMRA Board. Passed.

Blue Ribbon Panel on Transportation
Finance and Implementation Presentation

Ms. Carla Perez, Governor’s Office, provided a presentation on the Blue Ribbon Panel. She detailed the Transportation Finance and Implementation Panel outcomes. She provided a detailed Power Point presentation highlighting the Background, Recommendation Review, and Extension Focus.

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Feasibility Study Steering Committee Report

Mark Boggs, RMRA Project Director, summarized the Feasibility Study Steering Committee activities from the previous meeting. He discussed the media roll out event, the planning of the next phase of outreach, and updated the Board about the upcoming scoping meetings. There will be a Scoping Meeting in Colorado Springs on 9/9/08 focused on the I-25 Corridor, one on 9/10/08 at "DRCOG", and another on 9/11/08 in Frisco for the I-70 Coalition/Corridor. These meetings will be the first of a series of three. There will be a workshop on 10/30/08 where "Alternatives" will be examined. All are encouraged to attend.

Outreach Committee Report

Director Lehnen stated that the Committee is continuing to approach potential new members. He is updating the e-mail contact list and asks that anyone who has not received his recent e-mails to please contact him so that he can update them in the group.

Financial Report & Preliminary 2009 Budget Discussion

Director Tangen reviewed the July 31 Balance Sheet/Statement of Net Assets. He reviewed the Accounts Payable provided on the Balance Sheet and detailed the payment requests.

Director Lehnen moved, Director Putman seconded, approval of the Balance Sheet/Statement of Net Assets dated July 31st, and approved disbursements as outlined (\$96,562).

Director Lehnen inquired about the "pledged versus collected" dues for the year.

Chair Dale commented that Gilpin and Weld Counties reduced their contributions; however there were additional new member contributions which resulted in a net balance of what was originally budgeted for 2008. He stated that the 2009 budget will be presented at the next meeting and asked if public notice of the hearing should be posted.

Director Tangen and Ms. Gilidia (RMRA Attorney) both responded that the budget will be presented at the next meeting, and it will then be posted and formally adopted at the following meeting. Ms. Gilidia commented that because the Board does not certify a "Mil Levy", that the Board has until December 31st to certify the 2009 budget.

Chair Dale commented that member financial commitments for 2009 are uncertain, and for a budget estimate the 2008 contributions were used, and reduced by 50% for the 2009 estimate.

PBS&J Web Site Management Proposal

Chair Dale stated that the Board had requested Mark Boggs (RMRA Project Director) to examine options for

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hosting/updating the RMRA website.

Mr. Boggs, RMRA Project Director, presented a memorandum detailing a proposed scope of work, budget request, webpage outline, and a price proposal. He discussed the information and explained the need of support activities being presented which were not included in PBS&J's initial scope of services. PBS&J will develop, host, and maintain a Rail Feasibility Study web page, linked as appropriate to RMRA's home page that is maintained by Douglas County.

Director Putman moved, Director Lehnen seconded, approval to accept PBS&J's "RMRA PMC Supplemental Funding Request- Website Development" and to approve an amendment to their original contract. Director Williams voted no, Passed.

Next RMRA Board Meeting

Chair Dale stated that the next Board meeting will be held on September 26th at 1:00pm, Jefferson County Courthouse, Lookout Mountain Room.

Mr. Tom Mauser, CDOT, discussed "Phase II" of the "SB1" funding. CDOT is reviewing Phase II submissions and there have been two submissions. The first, a request for \$1M was submitted by the "I-25 Corridor Rail/Highway Coalition" regarding a location study. The second, a \$200k CDOT submission is a follow up to this study concerning a relocation study which focuses on Right-of-way negotiations.

Adjournment

In that there were no further items of business to discuss, the meeting stood adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Secretary of the Meeting