

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAIL AUTHORITY Held: Friday
September 26th, 2008, at the Jefferson County Administration
Building, Lookout Mountain Room, 100 Jefferson County
Parkway, Golden, Colorado 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)
John Tangen, RFTA Controller, Fiscal Agent RMRA (via teleconference)
Greg Schroeder, Eagle County (Staff) (Alternate)
Terrance Quinn, Douglas County (Staff) (Alternate)
Kevin McCasky, Jefferson County (Commissioner)
Robert Valdez, Las Animas County (Staff)
Dorothea Farris, Pitkin County (Commissioner)
Diane Mitsch Bush, Routt County (Commissioner) (via teleconference)
Terry Carwile, City of Craig (Council)
Lee Behrens, City of Georgetown (Council)
Robert Bowland, City of Idaho Springs (Council)
Gail Drumm, City of Monument (Council)
Bill Moore, City of Pueblo (Staff)
Diane Mitsch Bush, City of Steamboat (Alternate) (via teleconference)
Mary Jane Loevlie, City of Idaho Springs (Staff) (Alternate)
Karen Tussey, Town of Yampa (Council)
Gene Putman, City of Thornton (Staff)
Bob Briggs, City of Westminster (Council)
Robert Broom, City of Aurora (Council) (via teleconference)
Tom Rogalski, City of Hayden (Council) (via teleconference)
Mark Gordon, City of Vail (Council) (via teleconference)
Janice Finch, City of Denver (Staff) (Alternate)
Thad Noll, Summit County (Staff) (Alternate)
Gregg Hall, Vail (Staff) (Alternate)
Pete Morlan- City of Trinidad (Council) (via teleconference)

Also present were:

T. Edward Icenogle, Icenogle, Norton, Smith, Blieszner, Gilda, Pogue, (Attorney)

Mark Boggs, PBS&J (RMRA Project Manager)
George Scheuernstuhl – DRCOG (Consultant)

Call to Order

Chair Dale called the meeting to order, noting that we did not have a quorum and asked Members present to make some calls. We achieved a quorum via teleconferencing and continued the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Rail Authority.

Consideration and Approval of
Minutes August 22nd Meeting

Chair Dale asked if there are any corrections to the minutes of August 22nd meeting. There were a couple of spelling errors mentioned on page 3 changing “role” to “roll” and “DrCOG” to DRCOG. Minutes were approved as Director Lehnen moved, and Director Putman seconded, approval of the August 22nd Minutes as amended and specified by Chair and Directors. Passed.

Consideration of Approval of
Approval of New member
Jurisdiction

Golden’s paperwork is finished but not received. Glenwood Springs is working on their paperwork and will submit it shortly.

Review of members, Alternates
And Contact Information

Chair Dale asked for a review of the Members lists for corrections. Director Tussey asked that Angie Krahl be removed from Oak Creek’s list. Director Mitsch Bush said that there were many corrections to Steamboat Springs and she will e-mail the changes. Director Loevlie asked that the records indicate e-mail addresses for City Staff for receiving information from our organization.

Consideration of Approval of
Resolution in Support of the
Governor’s Blue Ribbon Panel
On Transportation Finance

Chair Dale spoke to the Resolution to Support the Governor’s Blue Ribbon Panel on Transportation, Finance and Implementation. Chair Dale said that he had taken some of the wording from templates and other resolutions to compose ours. There were no issues or changes to the proposed Resolution submitted for our approval.

Director Farris moved, Director Putman seconded, to approve the Resolution as submitted. Passed.

RFTA Bond Issue

Director Farris explained to the Board the bond issue proposed by RFTA for approval of our Directors to send a letter of support of this initiative.

She and Director Tangen explained the importance of this proposed bond and the Directors determined that it was a good practice to support the transportation efforts of participating jurisdictions.

Director Farris moved, and Director Moore seconded to send a letter to RFTA saying that “We support the regional transportation goals of RFTA” by a nod of the heads of the Directors present. Passed.

Feasibility Study Steering
Committee Report

Scoping has been completed and written comments were asked to be submitted by September 26th. There will be a full report to the Directors by the next meeting.

Technologies and alternatives are being discussed with some trade-offs for the I-70 Corridor. The team met with the I-70 Coalition about station locations and other issues concerning them. Preference survey's are being done from October 2nd through October 12th. Ridership models are being reviewed by a panel which is reviewing TEMS work to date. By mid November a review of technologies and methodology will be ready for Directors review.

A workshop is being planned for November 1st for the Directors to review the work done to date by TEMS. We will review all information gathered to see and give input as a group. Technologies, grades, speeds, alternatives with probability vs. technologies will be reviewed as well. This workshop will be for all members and to work on options as a group.

We discussed having refreshments available for the Committee during the workshop as well as mileage being paid to Directors attending out of our budget. We decided that we would have refreshments but that no mileage would be reimbursed for members.

The place and times will be determined.

All discussions should be sent to Cities and Counties for the involvement and approval and to keep everyone informed as to our progress and for their suggestions.

Outreach Committee Report

Chair Dale has been speaking with several groups i.e.: Eagle County, DRCOG, I-70 Coalition, CASTA Convention, Pikes Peak Chamber/EDC. It was suggested that he continue with his work and to perhaps also do the CCI Winter Conference. Communication with others is paramount to our work and information is to be shared with all organizations and jurisdictions.

We were all encouraged to work with other jurisdictions to join RMRA even if they have declined in the past.

Unincorporated areas may join if they are a Metro District per our attorney. Beaver Creek and Copper Mountain are Metro Districts and should be approached to join.

Financial Report

The funds are about the same per John Tangen for this month's report. Monies are being reviewed and Arapahoe County will be contacted about their contribution.

Director Farris moved, Director Mitsch Bush seconded, to pay the current bills. Passed.

2009 Budget Discussion

We could have around \$42,000.00 left over at the end of our study. Director Tangen will be sending out letters to all jurisdictions to include and remind them of contributions to RMRA for their budget work for 2009. Invoices for 2009 will be sent to all participating jurisdictions.

We could do meetings as a follow up with the funds left over after our study is completed. Administrative costs could arise and other unforeseen costs may need to be paid.

We will have a formal budget hearing next month for approval by the Board of Directors.

Director Tangen will be moving the travel line item to web design costs in the amount of \$10,634.00 so that our budget reflects the correct expenditures. This will be reflected on our 2009 budget as submitted for our approval during the next meeting.

John asked about charges submitted to pay for minor expenses by the TEMS group that were outside the scope for CDOT reimbursement. After discussion Director Farris moved, Director Loevlie seconded that we allow Director Tangen to have discretion to pay up to \$500.00 for reimbursement of TEMS expenses from the local match and listed on the monthly reports for the Directors. Passed.

PBS&J Web Site Update

The web site is being worked on now as a link from our RMRA site. Work is progressing with Douglas County and PBS&J as they work with software sharing. Real time materials are being used and the site should be up and running within two (2) weeks. Public comment areas will be placed on the site for real time input and discussion.

It was asked if this link could be also linked to other sites for better input and outreach with the local communities and the site will be linked to any and all sites from governments, counties and municipalities as well as governmental agencies. It was suggested that we place our site on the DRCOG web site for better saturation of our study.

Categories for comments will be established and input will be tabulated and read to decipher and categorize. The e-mail link is now up and running.

Next RMRA Board meeting

Chair Dale stated that the next Board meeting will be held on October 24th, 2008 at 1:00 PM, Jefferson County Courthouse, Lookout Mountain Room.

Director Loevlie stated that the Colorado Supreme Court upheld the 1041 Regulation for municipalities and counties for the next two (2) years. The permit process will remain consistent based on criteria for the permit process per county sets. Everyone was encouraged to review this decision.

Adjournment

Being that there was no more discussion the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM per Chair Dale.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Tussey, Secretary Alternate