

RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION SAFETY DISTRICT Board Meeting

Monday, December 6, 2021

Meeting Began At 11:00 a.m. Meeting Ended At: 11:35 a.m.

Members Present: Jane Raybould, Roma Amundson, Rick Vest, James Michael Bowers,

Deb Schorr, Tom Beckius

Members Absent:

Others Present: Roger Figard, Sara Slama, Bill Kutilek, Ron Rohde, Tony Jerina, Kris Humphrey,

Justin Petersen

Order No. 21-30: Call Meeting to Order; Approval of Previous Minutes

Rick Vest called the meeting to order. Vest stated that the RTSD is subject to and adheres to the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and indicated that a copy of the Act is posted and available for inspection at the entrance of the meeting room.

Vest stated that on November 23, 2021, the RTSD agenda and all materials were posted on the RTSD web site. The RTSD web site is also accessible by links from both the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County's official government sites.

In addition, on Tuesday November 23, 2021, the Meeting agenda was posted on the City and County bulletin boards located in City Hall, first floor, 555 South 10th street. A copy of the agenda is also available at the entrance to this room. One copy of the Meeting Agenda and Materials being considered today are located at the dais, and complete copies of these materials are on file at the RTSD Office, at 949 West Bond Street, Suite 200.

First item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes from the September 7, 2021, meeting. The minutes are available for review on the RTSD website: http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/ltu/rtsd/.

Amundson moved to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2021 meeting. Schorr seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0, 1 absent.

Order No. 21-31: Report of Statement of Financial Activity

Ron Rohde from the County Budget and Fiscal Office presented the report of financial activity for the RTSD. Rohde reviewed the receipts and disbursement for current fiscal year through November 18, 2021. Total receipts for the period were \$1,809,183 comprising of tax receipts in the amount of \$1,564,361, project cost reimbursements/misc. reimbursements of \$227,472 and investment interest income of \$17,350. During the period of the report, disbursements included: commissions, and refund to State of Nebraska in the amount of \$30,848; operating costs in the amount of \$13,947; and construction project costs in the total amount of \$289,099; for total disbursements of \$333,894. For the period, the ending cash balance was \$736,777, which included net transactions pending of \$238,375, and the ending investment balance was \$14,848,358, for a total fund balance of \$15,585,135.

Amundson moved to approve Statement of Financial Activity. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0

Order No. 21-32: Report Regarding Current Budget Status;

Figard presented the Financials through November 18th. There are currently no issues or concerns with the Budget.

Order No. 21-33: Report of Project and Crossing Updates;

a. 33rd & Cornhusker Hwy

Humphrey reported there are continued communications with NDOT and the Federal Highway Administration, and announced there will be a Public Meeting/Open House December 16, 2021, at 5:00 – 7:00 pm at The Center For People in Need at 3901 N 27th Street. The purpose of the meeting is to seek feedback related to the RTSD's preliminary preferred alternative and does it meet the project purpose of improving connectivity and reducing the delay for pedestrians, bicyclists, and bus transit within the project area. The project website is: 33rdcornhusker.com Click on links to see information, maps and 3D images of the finished product. There is opportunity for feedback located at the bottom of the website.

b. <u>SE Lincoln Quiet Zone</u>

Figard stated that the second round of changes to the 3rd party engineering agreement are now with OPPD to review before a diagnostic meeting can be scheduled.

c. Misc. / Other Railroad Work

Figard stated that BNSF has continued major tie replacements and upgrades on the tracks alongside of Cornhusker Highway all the way to Louisville and included crossing work at North 84th Street, 44th Street, and 35th and Adams Streets. Figard is not aware of any other scheduled work at this time.

Order No. 21-34: Report of Other Matters

The audit is now official and approved as the final document and been loaded on RTSD website. Current Budgets and Audits are also posted on the website.

Order No. 21-35: Communications/Correspondence

Figard stated an incident recently occurred on the tracks along Highway 2 which affected the 40th/48th/56th intersections. Figard reported that the issue appeared to be repaired quickly.

Order No. 21-36: Proposed 2022 RTSD Meeting Schedule

The proposed schedule of meeting dates and times for the coming year was discussed.

Order No. 21-37: Non-Agenda Items/Public Comments;

None.

Schorr moved to adjourn. Amundson seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0

The next meeting is presently scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Prepared by: Sara Slama, Transportation

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