

## RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION SAFETY DISTRICT

Board Meeting  
June 15, 1998

Meeting Began at: 8:15 a.m.

Meeting Ended at: 8:50 a.m.

Members Present: Coleen Seng, Curt Donaldson, Linda Steinmann, Steve Svoboda

Members absent: Dale Young, Darlene Tussing

Others Present: Roger Figard, Bruce Michaelson, Larry McNeel, Michele Maly, Kimberly Farabee, Public Works and Utilities; Dick Nuenberger, County Treasurer; William Kuester, Attorney; Wynn Hjernstad, Urban Development; Kurt Micek, Accountant; George Gallardo NDOR Laisison Representative; Harlon Layton, John P. Ludden, citizens

Due to an absent member there was no official action at the meeting. An overview of the agenda was presented and discussed without any motions.

### **Order No. 98-07**

Dick Nuenberger read the Treasurer's Report. He said the County Treasurer's balance for the District was \$265,852.67 as of April 31, 1998, and the District's checking balance was \$1,365,163.43 as of June 11, 1998.

### **Order No. 98-08**

Roger gave a review of the 3rd and 'F' Street project. Received three bids on the project, the lowest bid was from H.R. Bookstrom in the amount of \$412,614.00. Roger will be asking the board for authorization to sign the contract. Unfortunately, the bids were higher than our estimates, but Parsons Brinckerhoff has reviewed the bid and thinks that we would not receive a better bid by waiting and rebidding the project. We had \$368,000 budgeted, which left us a little short and Roger suggests that the extra money come from the Crossing Improvements Account. We will not be paying the contractor until after July 1, 1998, which will be a new budget year. Therefore, we will need to re-budget any unexpended money, and suggests to the board to increase the 3rd and 'F' St. project to \$500,00 after July 1, 1998. This allows enough money to sign the contract, and cover additional Engineering charges, additional contingencies and possible change orders.

Roger also informed the board of an irregularity when the bids were read by the City's Purchasing Agent. H.R. Bookstrom's bid was in an envelope marked with a different project number. After conferring with the Purchasing Dept. and the City Law Dept., they believe the irregularity can be waved and recommends to award the project. John Judds has indicated some concerns and may file

a protest, however, both Vince Mejer and Don Taute have also indicated we should move forward in awarding the bid. Roger will keep the board updated if there are any changes. Curt Donaldson inquired if Bookstrom was qualified for the 3rd Street Project and Roger assured the board that Bookstrom has the expertise, background, and equipment to move ahead with the project.

**Order No. 98-09**

Roger will ask the board to authorize the Interlocal Agreement to send to City Council. The Interlocal Agreement is the authorization between the District and the City of Lincoln in continued and finalization of the MIS environmental work and the study work on that project.

**Order No. 98-10**

Kurt Micek said the County is requesting that by July 15, 1998, they receive the Budget from the District. The resolution that we are wanting to pass, before July 15, 1998, is the preliminary request for the levy allocation to the Lancaster County Board, and the budgeted amount to the state auditors office and county clerk. Other dates that need to be noted is a Budget Hearing made to the public by July 15, 1998. Between August 27th and September 10th, need to approve what we receive back from the County Levy and the Budget and before October 14, 1998, have a special hearing to set the Levy.

Roger briefly went over the Cash Flow handout stating that he is continuing to work on the cash flow of the funds so there is \$1,500,000 at all times to cover any contingencies. Then he quickly reviewed the Ten Year Capital Improvement Program, the highlights of which were the following:

- 1 Reduced the Crossing Improvements to \$200,000 for the upcoming year and \$250,000 there after.
- 2 Van Dorn is rebudgeted until the State completes an audit. Roger left money in the budget for a continued Vision Plan or Master Plan.
- 3 The State is continuing to work on an assessment process for all crossings in the state and Roger wants Lancaster County and Lincoln to understand our crossings and proposed improvements, so when the state comes up with plans for closing crossing or building grade separations, the priorities of the District are present and can compete for any money that the state might have for that program.
- 4 Roger is still working with U.P. for their additional contribution on the U.P. Relocation Project, and need to budget \$6,000,000.
- 5 Rebudgeting \$57,500 for next years budget to cover Engineering costs on Firth Road Overpass, and \$1,700,000 for construction in 2000-2001.
- 6 On S. 27th St. & Saltillo Rd., \$86,000 for Engineering and preparation in 98/99 and construction in 2002-2003 for \$2,700,000
- 7 S. 68th St. at Hickman Overpass design and construction to be completed in 2005-2006 for \$2,500,000.

- 8 Antelope Valley, 33rd and Adams, project money has been spread over several years to help cash flow.
- 9 South Salt Creek Partnering, 3rd and 'F' St. Underpass has \$500,000 for design and contract.
- 10 3rd and 'A' St. Overpass includes construction costs.
- 11 Harris Overpass is budgeted for \$3,398,000 in 2003-2004 which is 20% of the project cost and 80% is to come from State Bridge Replacement money and Train Mile Tax.

Capital Improvement purpose is to make sure that about 15.5% of the money is being spent in the County and about 84.5% of the money is in the within the city limits.

### **Order 98-11**

Roger is waiting for U.P. to come up with additional dollars. Roger expressed the importance of the project and wants to get it started.

Curt Donaldson asked if we need to get money allocated for the Pedestrian Overpass at 27th Street. Wynn Hjernstad explained that possibly contracting with RTSD for the bridge and to get the money under contract by this fall. There is a meeting next week to discuss this item. Coleen Seng asked when deadline is to get the contract signed. Wynn said we need a signed contract by October.

Following each update, Coleen Seng opened the floor to the public. There was no response.

Coleen Seng verified the rescheduled meeting to be held Tuesday, June 23, 1998, at 8:00 a.m.

Prepared by:   
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