

## RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION SAFETY DISTRICT

Board Meeting  
June 29, 1999

Meeting Began at: 9:02a.m.  
Meeting Ended at: 10:31a.m.

Members Present: Coleen Seng, Bernie Heier, Linda Steinman, Jonathan Cook, Bob Workman and Jon Camp arrived at 9:30a.m.

Others Present: Roger Figard, Mike Michaelson, Larry McNeel, Michele Maly, Connie Thoreson of Public Works/Utilities; Dick Nuernberger, County Treasurer; Bill Kuester, Attorney; Curt Micek, Accountant; Danny Walker and Tom Price, Citizens

### Order No. 99-14

Coleen Seng called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the previous minutes. Linda Steinman motioned to approve the previous minutes; Bernie Heier seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### Order No. 99-15

Dick Nuernberger read the Treasurer's Report. The County Treasurer's balance for the district was \$1,991,626.90 as of May 31, 1999. The District's checking account balance was \$1,206,748.56 as of June 16, 1999. Linda Steinman motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report; B. Workman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### Order No. 99-16

Bob Workman motioned to retain current President and Vice President. The vote was unanimous. Jonathan Cook motioned for Bernie Heier to serve as secretary. The vote was unanimous.

For the record; Coleen Seng is President; Linda Steinman is Vice President; and Bernie Heier is newly elected Secretary.

### Order No. 99-17

Roger Figard presented the one year budget, beginning with review of the Operating Expenses.

It was decided to change the word *Miscellaneous* Contractual Services to *Contingency* Contractual Services under the heading Other Services & Charges. The main increase is in maintaining the 3rd and F St. Underpass which has had sump pump problems. We need to monitor this area very closely. Other operating expenses are very much the same. Total Operating Expenses requested is \$82,750.

There was discussion regarding the construction part of the budget. There are some projects that are completed, some new, and some that are carried forward to the new fiscal year budget. Amount requested for Construction costs is \$10,260,000, bringing the total budget request to \$10,342,750.

Please note this budget represents monies generated from the levy only. This meeting we are asking the Board to accept the budget, which will be submitted to the County Board on July 15, 1999, to make a determination on accepting the levy. If they accept the levy, we will need to have another board meeting early in Sept., for final action to approve the budget and the levy. This vote is to approve the budget and the levy at .026/\$100 for one year only.

Board requested a financial document to show where all funds are coming from for railroad projects, so they may get the total picture of all monies going into railroad projects. Roger will provide this information.

Roger briefly went over the Flow of Funds Statement for the six year period and regarding the projects individually.

Linda Steinman motioned to approve the amended budget. This was seconded by B. Heier. The vote was unanimous.

### **Order No. 99-18**

Roger updated the Board on the 'X' St. Project; there was a preconstruction meeting on June 28, 1999, with BNRRT starting on the signaling and switching. Judds Brothers will start working in the coming month. Target completion date is late fall, 2000.

3rd & A St; the Consultant has started with public flyers and some surveying.

3rd & F St.; meetings with Suppliers, Contractor, and Consultants. The Contractor and Consultant together will be contributing 50% to the rehabilitation of the pumping station.

Harlan Layton could not be at this meeting but passed his concern for the 3rd & 'F' St. underpass onto Coleen Seng. Coleen brought those concerns to the District's attention.

Danny Walker stated his concerns regarding the 3rd & 'F' St. underpass.

**Order No. 99-19**

Danny Walker presented an item of concern, being in an isolated area by railroad tracks. This area is in the 1st and 'J' St. vicinity. His concern is for emergency vehicles to get into the area when there are trains blocking the only streets into the area. Coleen assured Mr. Walker this is in the budget to be corrected.

County Board will set the levy on August 31, 1999. We will have to have a formal vote at the next meeting which will be set for September 7, 1999 at 9:00a.m.

Roger introduced Tom Price, a Norris High School Math Teacher, who is involved with a government program to allow teachers to get involved with the working community to help better prepare their students.

Coleen Seng adjourned the meeting at 10:31a.m.

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