



RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION SAFETY DISTRICT

Board Meeting
December 6, 2010

Meeting Began At: 8:15 a.m.

Meeting Ended At: 8:45 a.m.

Members Present: Deb Schorr, Bob Workman, Ray Stevens, Doug Emery, Eugene Carroll

Members Absent: Adam Hornung

Others Present: Roger Figard, Tina Queen, Bill Kuester, Bill Kutilek, Mark Lutjeharms, Fran Mejer, Doug Rix, Harlan Layton.

Order No. 10-26 Call Meeting to Order. Approval of Previous Minutes.

Schorr called the meeting to order.

Stevens motioned to approve the previous minutes. Carroll seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Order No. 10-27 Report of Revenue and Expenditures.

Mejer presented the revenue and expenditures report for July 1, 2010 thru October 31, 2010

Cash Held by County

- Beginning Cash Balance = \$182,556.43
- Total Revenues = \$2,000,967.84
- Total Expenditures = \$1,739,650.19
- Ending Cash Balance = \$443,874.08

Cash Held in RTSD Checking Account

- Beginning Cash Balance = \$4,464,527.37
- Interest Income = \$7,787.32
- Transfers In = \$1,700,000.00
- Operating Expenses = \$12,841.16
- Construction Projects = \$2,695,662.13
- Total Cash = \$3,463,811.40

Investments

- Total Investments = \$7,615,834.94

RTSD Cash & Investment Balance = \$11,079,646.34

Emery motioned to approve the report of revenue and expenditures. Stevens seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Schorr recognized Richard Nuernberger for serving the RTSD and thanked him for his many years of service.

Order No. 10-28 Current Budget Status, Project Updates, Committee Updates.

- 68th Street Viaduct - Construction started mid-August and completion date is October 21, 2011. Piers 3, 4 and 5 are under way, and County will start manufacturing girders late December. Change orders and fuel costs have caused some overruns. There is no reason to believe the project won't be completed on time and within the overall budget. The County set up the detour so there wasn't thru traffic through the City of Hickman. The business owners were discouraged that traffic wasn't going through Hickman and supporting local business so the County did reroute the detour.
- 18th & Holdrege Pedestrian Bridge - The contractor is in the final stages of putting up the chain link fence. The bridge should be officially open late December.
- Southwest 40th Street - The categorical exclusion document has been approved by NDOR and FHWA. LES easements that have to be incorporated into the right-of-way plans are currently being worked on. The goal is to get the new right-of-way plans submitted to NDOR for review in early December. Once approved, the negotiation can begin with the property owners to acquire the easements. Approval has been given to proceed with right-of-way acquisitions on parcels that do not have LES easements on them. It's anticipated that the right-of-way and easements will be completed by mid-2011. The completion date is December 2014.
- South Lincoln & South Salt Creek Quiet Zones - They are prepared for bidding and should be advertised this week or next week. Both of these will be put into one package and bid them together. Construction work should start in the Spring. There is still some right-of-way, box culvert work and some easements that need to be worked out at 27th and Saltillo.
- NCUTCD - The next meeting is in late January 2011. The focus is to continue to work on the manual.

Order No. 10-29 Waverly Quiet Zone Interlocal Agreement Revision.

At the September board meeting, the Board approved an interlocal agreement to fund engineering and construction. As the wording was finalized to get ready for signature, the City of Waverly and The Schemmer Associates came up with different numbers.

Mark Lutjeharms (The Schemmer Associates) - The project, engineering and construction can still be done within the total amount stated in the interlocal agreement. The reason for the change is the number of hours that is needed for design engineering. It was originally estimated to be around 12-14% and is now 18-20%.

Workman asked about the right-of-way on 148th Street.

Doug Rix replied that he talked to the realtor. The realtor indicated they took the property off the market for the winter. Rix is optimistic that something will be able to be done. The property owner to the west is willing to work with the City of Waverly if anything needs to be done. The property owner to the east is opposed to having the drive closed. Burlington Northern representatives have talked to the property owner. BNSF's intention is to close that crossing for safety once the project is complete.

Figard reiterated that the goal is still to stay within the \$900,000 budget. Originally the Board approved that the 2010/2011 funding of \$70,000 would come out of miscellaneous engineering. Now

that the interlocal states \$110,000 for the 2010/2011 budget, it is recommended to equally split that amount between miscellaneous engineering and emergency/safety. The remainder of the \$900,000 total project cost will be budgeted in 2011/2012.

Stevens asked about the \$8,000 that has been spent to date and if that money will come out of the total project cost of \$900,000.

Figard replied no. The Board approved a \$10,000 line item for the feasibility study which is outside of the \$900,000 total project cost.

Lutjeharms will continue to look for solutions that can save the project money. A hard schedule has not yet been put together. He hopes to start and finish construction in 2011. Lutjeharms will provide a hard schedule once it has been put together.

Workman motioned to approve the amended interlocal agreement with the intent of spending \$110,000 in the 2010/2011 fiscal year being paid out of miscellaneous engineering and emergency/safety funds equally and that the total project cost not exceed \$900,000. Carroll seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Order No. 10-30 Petitions/Letters/Requests.

No items discussed.

Order No. 10-31 Non-Agenda Items.

Bill Kuester with Crosby Guenzel announced he will retire on January 1, 2011. His replacement will be Bill Kutilek. The Board thanked Bill Kuester for his service to the RTSD Board.

Figard thanked Bob Workman and Ray Stevens for all the work they have done with the RTSD over the years.

Schorr and Emery discussed the possibility of changing the Monday board meetings in June and December to the 12:30 time slot. The Council Chambers availability will be checked, and the Board will discuss this further at the March 2011 meeting.

No public comment.

Stevens motioned to adjourn the meeting. Carroll seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 @ 8:15 a.m.

Prepared by: _____
Tina Queen, Engineering Services