

BUTTE COUNTY RAILROAD AUTHORITY



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Meeting Minutes June 8, 2016 3:00 p.m. Upstairs Conference Room - City Hall Belle Fourche, South Dakota

.093 Call Meeting to Order & Roll Call - 3:00 p.m. by Vice Chairman, Gary Hendrickson.

Commissioners present: Gary Hendrickson, Kim Kling, Mayor Gloria Landphere, Jim Doolittle. A quorum was present to conduct official business.

Other in attendance: Bob Morris, Morris Law Firm; Hollie Stalder, BCRRRA Executive Director; James Ager, Belle Fourche City Council and Ellis Tripp.

.094 Adopt the Agenda

Motion Kim Kling, second Gloria Landphere to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

.095 Approve Minutes of the May 11, 2016 Meeting

Motion Jim Doolittle, second Kim Kling to approve the minutes of May 11, 2016. Motion carried.

.096 Bills & Communications

Bills: \$870 Morris Law Firm.

Motion Gloria Landphere, second Kim Kling to approve the bills to be paid. Motion carried.

.097 Report of Secretary-Treasurer – Jim Doolittle The account balance as of today is \$44,210.75. The financial report and bank statement are on file at the Butte County Railroad Authority office available for review and inspection.

Motion Gloria Landphere, second Kim Kling to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

.098 Reports and discussion Belle Fourche Industrial & Rail Park:

- a.) Update on Belle Fourche Industrial & Rail Park rail siding construction project was given by Steve Nafus, Asst. City Engineer. Mr. Nafus advised that a motion was passed by the Council to pay certain change order items, as reflected in the June 6, 2016 City Council minutes, contingent upon a 50-50 cost split with Rail Authority. Discussion was held. No formal action taken but the Butte County Railroad Authority Board advised Mr. Nafus that the Rail Authority does not have sufficient funds at this time to do a cost split and the funds that are available are from a grant from the County which are to be used for operations and not construction.

.099 Old Business : Update on Rural Development grant submitted in May. Grant funds were not awarded to the Butte County Railroad Authority. Packet is on file and material prepared can be used for other grant applications in the future.

Pollution Insurance application is submitted and quote should be in the office this week. Insurance for rail is very specialized with few carriers who quote it.

.100 New Business

Website: Discussion on developing a website for the Butte County Railroad Authority (BCRRA) vs posting on the Belle Fourche Development Corp (BFDC) website with a BCRRA designated tab. Consensus was to leave as is on the BFDC website. All current agenda's and approved minutes are posted on: <http://www.bfdcsd.com/butte-county-railroad-authority/> There is also a link on the Butte County website under Quick Links - <http://butte.sdcounties.org/quick-links/> . The City of Belle Fourche will also add a link on their website. The unapproved draft of the most recent Butte County Railroad Authority meeting will be on file and available for review at the office, but not posted online until approved at the next meeting of the Butte County Railroad Authority.

.101 Executive Session for Legal and Contractual (SDCL 1-25-2).

Motion Kim Kling, second Jim Doolittle to go into executive session at 4:02 p.m. Motion carried. Executive session concluded at 4:24 p.m. with no action.

.102 Informational:

1. Open meetings 1-25-1 state statute was reviewed noting”It is not an official meeting of one political subdivision or public body if its members provide information or attend the official meeting of another political subdivision or public body for which the notice requirements of 1-25-1.1 have been met”.
Butte County Railroad Authority commissioners attending a legally posted public meeting of another public entity is legal with no action taken by the BCRRA commissioners.
2. Update given on recent Northern Hills Economic Development workshop with over 75 leaders attending from the Norther Hills region. The Belle Fourche Industrial & Rail Park was noted by the visiting site selector from Ohio as “very well thought out plan with the park and rail spur”. It was also noted that the rail in the park would be a highlight for our area. More information will be coming forth on the results of this visit and the strategic planning as it develops.

.103 Adjournment

Motion Gloria Landphere, second Kim Kling, to adjourn at 4:35 p.m. Motion carried.