

**BUTTE COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY COMMISSION**

**Minutes**

**June 18th, 2014 3:30 p.m.**

**City Hall (upper floor conference room) Belle Fourche, South Dakota**

.027 Roll Call & Meeting Call to Order - Chairperson Stan Harms

Commissioners Present: Stan Harms, David Pummel, Gary Hendrickson and Kim Kling

Others Present: Sharon Minns, City Finance Officer, Ryan Kavan, City Engineer, and Greg Krajewski, Executive Director for the Belle Fourche Development Corporation.

.028 Approve Minutes of the April 30, 2014 Annual Meeting - Chairperson Stan Harms

Motion by Pummel, and seconded by Mayor Hendrickson to approve the Minutes. Motion carried.

.029 Updates on progress by our rail design firm Terra Tec - Ryan Kavan, City Engineer

- a) Potential users identified - Pacer from Custer SD; Permian Tank; Hills Material; Ag (Salt) in the summer; and DOT (Salt) in the winter for roads.
- b) Rail design progress – First draft of the rail design has been submitted. Working to fine tune the layout. It will have one track into the rail yard with one mainline switch and two siding switches. A Transload warehouse has been incorporated into the design thereby allowing for flexibility in the use of the rail yard.
- c) Funding possibilities – Potentially a DOT grant to finish Busfield Drive into the rail yard could be applied for. With the road project street lighting could then be potentially added. The main thing with a DOT grant is that it will take a new business or job increase announcement at the park to qualify to receive the funds. Also a \$400K GOED grant will be applied for to help pay for the rail.

030 Discuss future role in management of the proposed rail yard by the Butte County Railroad Authority - Chairperson Stan Harms

The plan is to ask the Mitchell Rail Authority about how they operate. Ask them questions pertinent to how they set up their contracts with users, how they set the fees, and whether or not they own the land where the transload facility is located.

.031 Discuss At-Large Position Vacancy – Chairperson Stan Harms

Mayor Hendrickson asked the board to select Jim Doolittle as the replacement for Wade Pehl. Jim is well known in the community and would be an asset to the Butte County Rail Authority Board. Jim will serve the remaining time Wade had left which is until January 14, 2015.

Pummel made a motion to recommend Jim Doolittle to be the At-Large Representative on the Butte County Rail Authority Board, and seconded by Kling. Motion carried.

Both the City Council and Butte County Commissioners will need to approve the selection, and are expected to do so at their next scheduled meeting.

.032 Other Business – N/A

.033- Adjournment – A motion was made by Chairperson Harms, and seconded by Kling to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m.