

BUTTE COUNTY RAILROAD AUTHORITY



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MINUTES November 5, 2014 3:30 p.m. Butte County Courthouse Belle Fourche, South Dakota

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

Called to Order at 3:30 p.m.

Motion Gary Hendrickson, second Kim Kling. To adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

Commissioners present: Stan Harms, Jim Doolittle, Kim Kling, Gary Hendrickson

Others present: Elaine Jensen, Butte County Auditor; Hollie Stalder, Executive Director Belle Fourche Development Corp; Ryan Kavan, City Engineer.

.035 Approve Minutes of the June 18, 2014 Meeting -

Motion Gary Hendrickson, Second Jim Doolittle. Motion Carried.

.036 Updates on Belle Fourche Industrial & Rail Park - Ryan Kavan, City Engineer

Ryan Kavan outlined the transload facility with two (2) main line switches, one (1) warehouse facility, crane, and salt/fertilizer building proposed for the Belle Fourche Industrial & Rail Park. Map, engineered drawing of facility and outline of funding referenced (attached for reference).

a) Potential funding sources/time-lines – Reference Document A (attached).

Updates as funding comes in from grant offices.

b) Anticipated maintenance schedule and costs – No tax payer burden, all grants sales tax bond already in place. Costs outlined in Document B (attached).

c) Operation of Rail Park – Proposed to be leased to a transload operator.

Target first meeting in January (14th) for the Butte County Rail Authority to interview candidate.

d) Partners: Butte County, City of Belle Fourche, Butte County Railroad Authority and Belle Fourche Development Corporation

e) Letters of support –

Motion for a letter, signed by Chairperson Stan Harms, noting the Butte County Rail Authority to formally support the development of the transload facility of the Belle Fourche Industrial and Rail Park. Support includes management and ownership of the proposed transload facility once it is built and leased to an operator.

Motion Gary Hendrickson. Second Kim Kling. Motion Carried.

.037 Discussion regarding future role in management of the proposed rail yard by the Butte County Railroad Authority

Motion to approve Belle Fourche Railroad Authority to take ownership and management of the transload facility, currently owned by the City of Belle Fourche, upon completion of construction and leased to an operator.

Motion Gary Hendrickson. Second Kim Kling. Motion carried.

The City and Belle Fourche Development Corp will pursue negotiations with a prospective transload operator that has been in contact with Belle Fourche Development Corp.

.038 Other Business

Chairman Stan Harms made the motion to recommend Jim Doolittle to be the At-Large Representative on the Butte County Rail Authority Board for a one year term beginning January 14, 2015 through same date 2016. Mayor Gary Hendrickson second. 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.

Set next meeting date as January 14th or sooner as needed.

Annual meeting at 3:30, second Wednesday in January, January 14th at the Butte County Courthouse Commission Room.

.039 Adjournment

Motion Gary Hendrickson, Second Kim Kling. Motion Carried.