

Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad Commission Meeting

11:00 a.m. – Thursday December 12, 2013

Inn Of The Rio Grande
333 Santa Fe Ave
Alamosa, CO 81101
719-589-5833

1. Meeting Called to Order - 11:09am

Attendance-

Chairman Elbrock
Vice Chairman Love

Secretary Randall
Treasurer Foster

A quorum is present.

2. Introductions

3. Approval of Agenda - Comm. Love motioned to approve, Comm. Randall seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

4. Approval of Minutes from June 26, 2013, motion by Comm. Love & seconded by Comm. Foster
*Discussion, and September 24, 2013 meeting motion by Comm. Randall, Comm. Love seconded. Motion carried 4/0

5. Presidents Report – John Bush

- a. Train Operations Report – Ridership 34535 passengers not including DOWT or specials, were up 19.81% ahead of last year on ridership. Trains ran with limited disruption.
- b. Maintenance and Repair Report - Thru the winter all 5 locomotives need some work, we will be working on passenger, ADA & concession cars in Antonito. We won't be having a 1472 this winter.
- c. Special and Charter Train Update – We had 4 movie shoots(2 Antonito, 2 Chama) no plans to do DOWT in 2014. Comm. Foster inquired on revenue vs expenditures on DOWT.
- d. Marketing Report - In 2013 we added 6k passengers, in 2014 we plan to add 5k more passengers. We are going to continue the “kids ride free” promotion, changing Cinder Bear excursion, Steven Flowers voiced his concerns. The main plan is to build on success of the 2013 season. Comm. Randall motioned to approve the marketing plan as presented. Comm. Love seconded. No Discussion. Motion carried 4/0.
- e. Other Information

6. Executive Directors Report Chairman Elbrock stated that the Exec Director position has been vacated and will not be replaced. The duties will be divided, and we've hired a Finance Manager, George Canham.

- a. Financial Report –
- b. Capital Project Report – Track 2014 Plan - As presented by Pres. Bush. Comm. Foster motioned to accept the plan as presented. Comm. Randall seconded. Discussion- with an amended title year of 2014. Motion carried. 4/0.
- c. FY 14-15 Budget Report – \$3.7M plan for ticket and retail revenue.
- d. Grant and Special Project Report – N/A

7. Commissioner Reports

- a. Chairman Report* – Billy Elbrock –
 - i. Received and read a letter from the RGRPC on the donations they've provided to the railroad and thanked them for all their support.

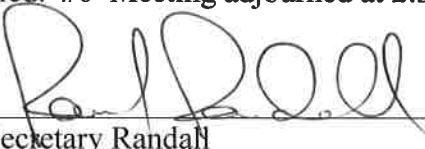
- ii. Bus contract will not be discussed
 - b. Vice Chairman Report – Dan Love
 - i. Hope, after a 5 year plan, to be able to offer to the public a “true” historic car ride. Starting the process of putting 5 cars back into operation. State Historical Fund may contribute \$1M to facilitate the rehab, the facility to do this work will be in Antonito.
 - c. Secretary Report – Randy Randall –
 - i. Economic impact study to be able to see what the C&TSRR really does provide to each side. 20K to accomplish
 - ii. Budget Summary – we need to look at revenue or expense to get to a breakeven point.
 - iii. Jeremy – Possibly up to \$230M in new money available thru tax collections.
 - d. Treasurer Report – Pete Foster – Roger submitted a picture of the Los Piños Trestle for the Civil Engineer calendar at Comm. Foster’s request, which was accepted into the 2014 calendar.
8. Friends of C&TSRR Report – Tim Tennant
- a. Communication and Committee Discussion, working with Antonito Merchants Association, working with museum, great participation for the 2013 work sessions, their spring banquet will be in Albuquerque. Sandia High School students are rebuilding flat car a \$5800 grant project. Comm Randall asked to be keep informed on the project, and necessary thank you cards be sent.
 - b. Roundhouse Project Update – Comm. Randall makes a motion to support the continuation of the Friends proceeding with the grant to develop a plan that provides alternatives and that during the environmental process if there are any results that trigger remediation without continuation of the project that the commission be notified. Comm. Love seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. 4/0

Break for Lunch 1:15 – 1:57pm

9. Public Input – *Public comments are allowed within the designated time allotment and must adhere to any other requirements established by the Chairman. All public speakers must identify themselves at the beginning of their comment period.*
- a. April LaJune, Co-chair of the ABA, presented a letter of request to the Commissioners and C&TSR, regarding #463, & yard clean up.
 - b. Kim Casford-Smith – thank you Commissioners and RR for the hard work.
10. Unfinished Business*
- a. Friends of the C&TSRR Funding Request – original request was close to \$71K. In Sept the request was \$31.8K now, with a change to the fire suppression plans they have pared it down to \$17K total for the 2014 season. The plan does include one full wall on the car storage building to protect the cars from the prevailing winds. Siding for 2 sides of the Osier house (phase 1) 2015 they will do the 2 remaining walls. Comm. Randall made a motion to approve \$17,722 from HPA funds. Comm. Love seconded. No Discussion. Motion carried. 4/0
 - b. CTO Ridership & Revenue – Comm. Love motions to approve the pricing and rates as previously presented. Comm. Foster seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. 4/0
11. New Business*
- a. Bus Contract – add ADA bus – John Bush to discuss with Mountain View the details of possibly bringing in a second ADA bus. Comm. Foster gave John Bush the ability to approve contract, as not to have to wait until March. Comm. Randall agrees as long as details are sent to all commissioners with the right to 24hours to respond before the final approval.
 - b. Purchase of Locomotive #15 – Discussion with Lindsey to acquire locomotive 15. Comm. Randall, what is the condition of the locomotive. John Bush, received as is with current lease. There is a water leak. It has less running time than the 19. Wheels still have life in them. Comm. Randall motioned that John Bush negotiate the price with the option to pay off the lease at any time. That John Bush would bring back an agreement to the commission for approval. Comm. Love seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried. 4/0

c. Other Business – Comm. Randall - What about the need to repaint water tanks. Lava and Chama tanks. Comm. Randall requests that the tanks be scheduled to be repainted with money from the track funding.

12. Adjournment Comm. Love motioned for adjournment, Comm. Randall seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. 4/0 Meeting adjourned at 2:38pm.



Secretary Randall