

Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad Commission Meeting Minutes

9:00 a.m. – Thursday October 16

Chama Senior Center

2449 US Highways 84-64 Chama NM 87520

1. Meeting Called to Order- 9:07AM

Attendance-

Chairman Billy Elbrock

Secretary Randy Randall

CTO President John Bush

Vice Chairman Dan Love

Treasurer Pete Foster

2. Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Randall motioned, Commissioner Love seconded. No discussion. Motion carried 4/0
3. Approval of Minutes from June 13, 2014– Commissioner Randall motioned, Commissioner Love seconded. No discussion. Motion carried 4/0
4. Presidents Report – John Bush
 - a. Train Operations Report – John Bush
 - i. We had a very good season, 350+ steam trains have been operated this season, 15 trains double-headed, no trips have been cancelled, on time performance has been improved, no medical emergencies, & no reportable injuries, and one post season charter.
 - b. Maintenance and Repair Report – John Bush

Passenger Car work over the winter includes four coaches needing roofs, lots of window work, and three cars needing linoleum, luggage racks will be installed in all cars, interior work will be done to coaches as needed. Tourist cars will have new carpet, the bathrooms will be redone and water will be added in bar serving area. Parlor car will be getting some interior & door work. Caboose 0503 & 05635 will be getting new wheels. Also coach #500 will be completely redone as a candidate for a parlor or tourist car. We may have asked the state of NM for enough in our annual appropriation. Locomotive #487 will get its 1472 work this winter.
 - c. Reservation Report –John Bush

Total ridership in excess of 33,000 is expected by the end of year.
 - d. Marketing Report – John Bush and Lee Bates

Ridership is less than 3% down, although Tourist & Parlor ridership is up. New marketing manager Lee Bates plans to grow ridership by 8%, also to have brochures out before 1st of the year.
5. Finance Manager Report
 - a. Financial Report – John Bush and George Canham

George stated audit is completed, gave brief description on numbers form balance sheet and profit & loss in all accounting classes for September, Quarter to Date, and Budget Vs Actuals.
 - b. Capital Project Report – John Bush and George Canham

Reviewed our request for Colorado \$1.295M & New Mexico \$1.4M funding and projects these funds will be utilized for.
6. Commissioner Reports
 - a. Chairman Report* – Billy Elbrock

Thanked many people for their hard work.
 - b. Vice Chairman Report – Dan Love

Thanked Billy for all he does for the railroad, along with many others.
 - c. Secretary Report – Randy Randall

Encouraged us to modify our appropriation to NM due to the fact we didn't receive NM capital funding last year. Also emphasized how important it is to continue working on the equipment & keep our crew employed thru the winter.

d. Treasurer Report – Pete Foster

Thanked George for his timeliness on finances and is happy with reports.

7. Friends of C&TSRR Report – Tim Tennant

- i. Fall Banquet in Colorado Springs 10/24 & 10/25, the Friends are willing to give brochures out at the shows they attend. The siding on car storage facility has been completed, they've been working on two exterior walls at the section house, and the Don Bayer RPO54 car is completed, except for trucks. Next year there will be 7 work sessions. He also mentioned Bob Crain passed away.

8. Public Input –

Sandra Gray expressed her opinion on our retail stores. She also suggested better signage for the depot.

Antonito Mayor Aaron Abeyta commended John Bush & Lee Bates on their advertising also he feels we are a cultural well waiting to be tapped. Also some unfavorable water issues that will affect our monthly billing, due to a \$4.4M deficit from prior water issues, which will result in a rate increase. Would also like to annex the railroad to the town of Antonito.

Roger Hogan, duplicated Sandra's concerns & suggestions.

9. Unfinished Business*

- a. Status report of the historic car fleet project consists of 5 cars, restored back to the time of 1880. Erected facility in Antonito to get these cars done, along with a grant application to be filed shortly. The first car to be done will be RPO#65, will be an ADA car, and at this moment will be used as a model for other cars. Pay Car F will be next and is equivalent to an officer's car. Also Bi-Way project very successful automobile route from Chama & Durango. We are working towards becoming a National Heritage Site and these projects will help us in accomplishing this.
- b. Retail Update – Billy Elbrock & Scott Flurry meet with Rep Rodella, and removed non logoed items from both Antonito & Chama gift shops on 7/5/14. Many meetings regarding Chama & Antonito gift shops and consensus was to get rid of these gift shops and only sell in Osier, although State of NM would like us to become self-sufficient.

10. New Business*

- a. Public Transportation - Jay Wimer, no action was taken, just presented a plan to have transportation in Chama & surrounding areas.
- b. Approval of 2015 schedule and pricing – Billy Elbrock
 - i. A \$6 price increase on trip #3 & #6 of \$95.00 during 5/23/15-9/13/15, motion was made to by Commissioner Randall and seconded by Commissioner Love. Motion carried 4/0
- c. Adopt resolution for open meetings – Billy Elbrock
 - i. Commissioner Randall motioned for this item to be tabled until next meeting and Commissioner Love seconded this motion. Motion carried 4/0
- d. Approval of Debit Card for President – Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the debit card policy, Commissioner Randall seconded , Motion carried 4/0
- e. Discussion/Approval of new historic preservation project – We are actively looking to get #168 to add to our historic ride, Commissioner Randall motioned to proceed with this project, authorize Dan to move forward with the acquisition, Commissioner Foster seconded, Motion carried 4/0
- f. Election of Commission Officers – Billy Elbrock

Chairman Dan Love	Vice Chairman Randy Randall
Secretary Pete Foster	Treasurer Billy Elbrock

Commissioner Randall motioned, Commissioner Love seconded. No discussion. Motion carried 4/0

g. Consulting Services Approval-Dan Love motioned to approve \$5k for consulting service to change designation on #168 to Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad for rehab & operation, Commissioner Randall seconded, Motion carried 4/0

11. Adjournment at 11:33AM, motion by Commissioner Elbrock, seconded by Commissioner Randall. Motion carried 4/0. No discussion.



~~Dan Love, Chairman~~

Pete Foster, Secretary