

# Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad Commission

## Special Meeting Minutes

Monday October 12, 2015

### Telephone Special Meeting

1. Meeting was called to order by Commission Chairman Dan Love at 5:05 PM.

#### Attendance:

Chairman Dan Love

Treasurer Billy Elbrock

Vice-Chairman Randy Randall

President John Bush

Secretary Lucy Kay

#### Introductions were made:

Bob Ross – Friends of the C&TSRR

Tim Tennant – President of the Friends

Ed Beaudette – Operations at C&TSRR

Sam Sieber – Friends of the C&TSRR

Soni Honneger – Past President of the C&TSRR

Bob Ross and Tim Tennant stated that they would be happy to speak in public comment if asked. Soni Honneger stated that he promised John Bush that he would not speak.

2. New Business

- a. Final approval of locomotive trade - Locomotive #483 for Locomotive #478

Commissioner Dan Love gave a brief summary of the reason for the call. He then asked each Commissioner if they had any comments as to the reason for the call. Commissioner Randall stated that he understood the basis for the call, but would have preferred to have the subject be a topic at the next regular Commission meeting in 10 days from today that was more advertised and there were more people to comment to that affect. Commissioner Elbrock stated the same. Commissioner Kay stated she understood. Commissioner Love continued with the summary, stating that the resolution was unanimously passed at the July Commission meeting.

Commissioner Love asked for public comment, then to allow the Commission to respond to each. Bob Ross and Tim Tennant verbalized that they are both supportive of the swap and have heard no negative comment from any Friends members. Bob Ross also stated that the Friends vision is to see 478 put in operation. Commissioner Love stated that the decision as to whether it will be put into operation has not been decided and in short, we are taking ownership of a locomotive that will require some additional, at least paperwork if nothing else, and inspection in order to bring it into operating "status". Commissioner Love reaffirmed with President John Bush that each of the conditions of the adopted resolution from the July Commission meeting have been met. Commissioner Love asked President Bush, "Let me further ask if locomotive 478 is complete?" President Bush responded "yes, 478 is complete and in operating condition." Commissioner Love then stated the resolution states that the Commission has empowered John Bush to move forward and no vote needed to be taken.

Commissioner Randall strongly protested the decision and stated that he wanted to go on record that he does not agree that the conditions are being met, and going forward, he will not approve of any funding for the move. He stated that he will only move forward on the current operational side of the railroad. He stated that he protested the action taken by the Chair on the basis that locomotive 478 be in operational condition. He stated that when the July resolution was passed, it was his understanding that the locomotive could operate, but has since learned that it cannot. On that basis, the information that was provided to him to make the decision was incomplete and/or inaccurate.

Commissioner Elbrock stated that he agrees with Commissioner Randall in that he understood that the locomotive 478 was in operating condition, and that there is a dispute of the definition of "operating

condition.” He further added that he felt we would be doubling our efforts with the current operation, and also trying to focus on the restoration of 478. He feels our efforts need to be focused on the growing ridership and the current operation to sustain that ridership.

Commissioner Love stated that he understands, but would ask that each Commissioner continue their backing of the prior approved resolution. Commissioner Kay agreed. Commissioners Randall and Elbrock continue to stand firm that they do not feel the conditions of the resolution are being met. John Bush was asked if an offer and acceptance was agreed upon between himself and the D&S. He stated yes.

3. Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn at 5:43 PM, Commission Elbrock seconded the motion, motion carried.

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Lucy Kay, Secretary