

Cumbres Toltec Scenic Railroad Commission Meeting

C&TSRR Commission Minutes

April 25, 2020 9:00a.m.

Chama Call in Meeting

Public Input – Employee and Public comments/questions will be allowed during each topic upon being recognized by the Chairman. Comments and questions may be no longer than 3 minutes and must adhere to any other requirements established by the Chairman. All public speakers must indicate their desires by registering in advance of the meeting on the available sign-up sheet which will become part of the record of the meeting.

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Love at 9:00 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Billy Elbrock
3. Introductions – Commissioner Dan Love
4. Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Lock moved to approve, Commissioner Graybill seconded the motion, motion carried.
5. Approve the Minutes from February 1, 2020 Commission meeting - Commissioner Lock moved to approve, Commissioner Graybill seconded, motion carried.
6. President's Report- John Bush- The railroad kicked off its 50th anniversary year on February 29th and March 1st, 2020, when Rotary snow plow OY was operated in exhibition service from Chama to Cumbres Pass. This was the first operation of the plow in 23 years. 148 Customers from all across the world came to Chama to witness this event.
 - a. Reservation Report- John Bush- The Covid-19 pandemic changed the outlook and forecast for the 2020 season dramatically.
 - b. Maintenance and Repair Report – John Bush- Our capital goals include completing the two current historic car projects as well as beginning work on Pay car/Business car “F”. In addition to completing the mandated 1472-day inspection of # 489 and starting track work by mid-May. We will resume work on the premium car project when manpower is available. Our goal includes reducing management payroll costs by 20-25%.
 - c. Track Across Borders Byway update – John Bush- Before the Covid-19 crisis, the Tracks Across Borders Byway was beginning to make real progress. Getting the Tribes involved. In Addition, we are finalizing the narrative for OnCell and have a basic site up. We also have a Google Map for the Byway. Tabb is looking for someone to write grants.
 - d. Train Ops- Stathi Pappas- Due to the number of scenarios we are running regarding operational level, we have been deeply involved in financial planning. These scenarios will be presented as we progress. Clearly, fiscal prudence given the unknowns this year are paramount, while still maintaining and preserving the core team.
 - e. Historic Car- Stathi Pappas- 256; interior paneling complete, windows installed, brake pipe and rigging mostly complete. RPO; One coupler mounted, second in process. End platform hardware mostly complete. Interior systems mostly complete. Concession area mostly complete. Trucks; second pair to be complete mid-April.
7. Financial Manager Report-
 - a. Financial Report – Ed Beaudette- Applied for PPP.
8. Commissioner Reports
 - a. Chairman- Dan Love/capital projects

- b. Vice Chairman- William Lock/finance
- c. Secretary Report – Mark Graybill/marketing liaison-
- d. Treasurer Report – Billy Elbrock/local affairs-
- 9. Friends of C&TSRR Report – Tim Tennant- Read by Ed Beaudette
 - a. General info

10. New Business*

a. Motion to approve plan to operate in 2020- The C&TSRR commission hereby approves the CTO plan to operate a six train a week schedule beginning June 13, 2020 extending through September 11, 2020. Beginning September 12th until October 18th a regular two train per day schedule will be operated. Special trains will be operated when they can be operated at breakeven or a net positive cash flow. Extra trains will be operated if conditions allow. Service will be adjusted based on demand and State directives to the safety of passengers and employees. Commissioner Elbrock Moves to approve, Commissioner Lock seconded the motion, motion carried.

11. Adjourned at 11:05

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Dan Love, Chairman