



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Railroad Advisory Board

Thursday, August 9, 2018
8:00 AM

Regular

6501 N Brown Station
Rd
Transload

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:02am.

Staff: Tad Johnsen, Columbia Utilities Director; David Sprague, Railroad Operations Manager; David Dick, Transload Operations Manager; Michaela Pope, Administrative Support Assistant.

Present: 7 - Peter Davis, Gregory Eiffert, Jesse Fitzgerald, Steven Moak, Marty Paten, John Wilke and Justin Arnold
Absent: 1 - Kee Groshong

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Our newest member, Justin Arnold, introduced himself to the board.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted with a motion by Steven Moak and a second by Greg Eiffert.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 12, 2018 minutes were approved with a motion by Steven Moak and a second by Marty Paten.

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes Draft 04 12 18](#)

V. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Tad Johnsen reviewed the Transload and Railroad financial reports and proposed budgets for Fiscal Year 2019. He is currently seeing a reduction in the railroad operating revenues and expenses, but there is enough cash reserves to maintain the business until it gains more business. The Transload is also down in operating revenue, but it is expected to gain more business by the end of the year.

a) 3rd Quarter Finance Reports

Attachments: [Railroad Utility](#)

Attachments: [Transload Utility](#)

b) FY19 Budget

Attachments: [FY 2019 Railroad Budget](#)

Attachments: [FY 2019 Transload Budget](#)

Attachments: [FY19 Budget Message](#)

VI. TRAFFIC REPORT

Metal Culverts has increased in traffic. Scrap has slowed down, but it is expected to come back. Federal international is doing well in traffic. Currently Waterloo's traffic is down, but we have got word from Liberty Steel that they will be sending quite a few shipments in throughout the year, and Dave is expecting them to be a bigger player in the Waterloo front. There will be no Dave is working with NS and a few potential customers. There is a potential biomass customer in the works that we're trying to pursue.

Attachments: [Columbia Terminal Traffic Report - Sheet1](#)

Attachments: [Columbia Terminal Traffic Yearly Comparisons - Sheet1](#)

VII. MARKETING REPORT

None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

TRAINS magazine published an article about the COLT Railroad that we are hoping will get the railroad some more publicity. Tad Johnsen will be working with Community Relations to drum up some publicity and/or advertising through the City networks.

X. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

None

XI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

XII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

John Wilke is working with Parks & Recreation to get a caboose for a segment of the MKT Trail, which we are hoping may also bring more publicity.

John Wilke and Marty Paten will work on amending some language for the department objectives and will report back during the next meeting.

XIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

October 11, 2018

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10am.

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