



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Railroad Advisory Board

Thursday, September 12, 2024
8:00 AM

Regular

701 E Broadway
Conference Room 1C

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. John Wilke, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Staff: Sarah Talbert, Assistant Utilities Director; David Sorrell, Utilities Director; Terri Clark, Sr. Administrative Support Assistant

Consultant: Tina Worley, Marketing Consultant

Mike Murphy: CoMo Buz

Present: 7 - Gregory Eiffert, Marty Paten, John Wilke, Blair Hendrickson, Scott Harness, Zach Sandner and Randal Meyer

II. INTRODUCTIONS

There was a round robin for introductions and new member Randal Meyer was welcomed.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Marty Paten made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted with a second by Mr. Blair Hendrickson. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was a correction to the May 30 2024 meeting minutes under “Chairman’s Report” regarding the 2024 ERG, (Emergency Response Guidebook), being produced by the LEPC, (Local Emergency Planning Council) and should have read “was produced by USDOT (US Dept. of Transportation).

The minutes were approved with changes with a motion by Mr. Greg Eiffert and a second by Mr. Scott Harness. Motion passed unanimously.

Attachments: Meeting Minutes Draft 05 30 24

V. FINANCIAL REPORTS as available

Ms. Talbert explained that the financials being presented are only through June 2024. Railroad operating revenue was slightly less than this time last year. Railroad operating

expenses are up due to personnel changes and pay increases. Transload's operating revenue has increased slightly and continues to stay consistent. Operating expenses have stayed consistent throughout the year.

Attachments: Railroad Financial Statements
Transload Financial Statements

VI. TRAFFIC REPORTS

Traffic, as well as storage cars, have stayed consistent since last meeting. Transload has seen an increase.

Attachments: COLT Traffic Report FY 2024 - (Aug. 2024)
COLT YTD Comparisons - (Aug. 2024)
FY End Totals of COLT Traffic - (Aug. 2024)

VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS

Mr. Wilke started his report recapping the visit of OmniTrax representatives to Columbia and Jefferson City. OmniTrax is a fleet management holding company based out of Denver CO. The company expressed interest in management of COLT with City Administration during their recent visit. Mr. Sorrell stated that the city does not have a contractual relationship with OmniTrax. Any type of partnership would require a Request for Proposal.

Mr. Wilke stated that the Moore Bunton Properties LLC, is seeking rezoning of agricultural acreage located between Columbia and Hallsville for planned light industrial use which will include a railroad spur into the property. This property would be serviced by the COLT Railroad. Mr. Sorrell presented the Parks Lane "conceptual site plan" which will be presented to the Boone County Planning and Zoning later this fall. There is no specific business targeted for use of this property at this time.

The owners of the property requested a letter of support from the COLT Advisory Board supporting this potential rail served development. Mr. Wilke asked the board if they would be in favor of that. The board voted unanimously to send a letter of recommendation.

Several months ago the COLT Advisory Board started a committee to "get the word out" regarding the COLT Railroad and Transload facility. Mr. Wilke passed out a PowerPoint outline created by Mr. Marty Oetting, listing suggestions on creating community awareness. Mr. Blair Hendrickson was appointed to continue with the project as Mr. Oetting's position on the board had expired.

VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

None.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

November 14, 2024

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m. with a motion by Mr. Scott Harness and a second by Mr. Zach Sandner. Motion passed unanimously.

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