

**NEVADA COMMISSION for the RECONSTRUCTION of the V&T RAILWAY**

**Wednesday, March 15, 2017, 4:00 p.m.**

**Carson City Community Center - SIERRA ROOM  
851 East William Street (Highway 50 and South Roop Street) Carson City, Nevada 89701**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**3:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Dwight asked the roll be call. Brenda called roll.

**PRESENT**

Dwight Millard

Ron Allen

Jack McGuffey

Bob Crowell

Steven Lincoln, By Phone

**ABSENT**

Delsye Mills

Jeanne Herman

Bob Hastings

Larry Walsh

There was a quorum noted.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Allen requested they move Item # 4 before public comments. There was a change in the agenda. In Item 4 it should read "storm event" not 'storm even'. Since, there was no audience; a motion to approve the agenda was called. Commissioner Allen made the motion approve the agenda with the changes noted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Crowell. Chairman called the question and the motion carried and was so ordered.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS:**

There was no public in attendance.

**4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE JANUARY 5-14, 2017 STORM EVENT CONSTITUTED A DISASTER AND TO REQUEST FUNDING FROM THE NEVADA STATE DISASTER RELIEF ACCOUNT. IF THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED, THE COMMISSION MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION WITH ALL SUPPORTING FINANCIAL INFORMAITON AND DOCUMENTATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION WITHIN EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS OF THE DATE OF THE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF INTENT SUBMITTED TO THE NEVADA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ON MARCH 08, 2017.**

The resolution had been passed out. It is Resolution No. 2017-R-1. Chairman read the last part of the resolution which is:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Nevada Commission for the Reconstruction of the V&T Railroad that:

- #1 It is declared and ordered that a copy of this Declaration be forwarded to the Governor of the State of Nevada requesting that he proclaim areas of Storey County, Lyon County, and Carson City in which the railroad is constructed to be in a state of emergency and/or disaster.

#2 It is further declared and ordered that this Declaration be made through the Director of the Nevada State Division of Emergency Management.

Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017

Chairman called for a motion to accept the resolution. Commissioner Crowell noted that they have been notified electronically from the Engineer, Ken Dorr, regarding the damage done to the railroad and that is what they are basing their decision on today. Commissioner Crowell recommended they note in the motion the information given by fax from Ken. The vote was taken so Commissioner Lincoln could vote by phone. Commissioner Crowell made the motion to accept Resolution 2017-R-1 based on the information from the engineer, Ken Dorr, without the dollar amount on the damage done to the railroad and execute the Declaration to the Governor of the State of Nevada and to Division of Emergency Management. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. Chairman called the question and the motion carried and was so ordered.

Chairman asked for a brief summary from Ken regarding a FEMA meeting Ken and Mike attended. Ken said there was a big packet of information that was Greek to him. He said it was the basic government routine you have to go through. We had to fill out a mandatory FEMA form which was to be done two weeks ago. Yesterday there was an email stating it had to be in by the 19<sup>th</sup> of March. He also got a one day notice by email to fill out a Notice of Intent to file for a claim with documentation. Ken got the email Saturday and it was due on Monday. They have extended that deadline also. Ken said he sent a copy of the packet of information. Ken did a preliminary cost estimate of the work to be done. Some of this work will be tricky because it will take some specialized equipment so they may need a ditch cleaning contractor. There were a couple of categories; first being the immediate removal of debris. Ken said the work could be spread out but he would like to have it done by fall. Ken discussed how they came up with their estimates. There are a lot of guidelines to follow with FEMA and there will be a representative from FEMA to walk them through most of the requirements. Bob also attended the meeting which was good because it is assumed that everything will be audited. Bob said it will be audited. Ken said they will have to keep track of everything and have it well documented. Ken asked about the administrative costs and his & Mike's cost may be reimbursed 10%. We have to find out what costs are eligible for reimbursement and the percentage will be about 75%. The Commission will need to pay the other 25%. Ken thought but wasn't sure but some of the 25% may be reimbursed from the State. Commissioner Crowell said Carson will give 50% of the 25%. Crowell said someone at the city can help with the application for that. Commissioner Crowell asked if we had flood insurance. Mike said no, that was one of the things they have to demonstrate is that the pool policy we have does not insure the infrastructure. Ken said the insurance company has already denied the claim. Ken said we need to get a hold of any other funding sources to verify we have no other funding or grant funding for this project. Dwight thought the track was insured for everything but flood but Mike said to insure the track it was going to be a huge premium and we elected not to insure it. Bob Robinson asked if they thought the work would be done by June 30, 2018. Bob said if so, they need to work it into the budget. Bob also said since this is a reimbursement program we will have to front the money and we have none. Ken said he has estimated \$15,000 for emergency repairs, \$156,000 for construction on the ditch cleaning and \$138,000 for the embankment repairs. Bob said he would have to work that into the budget and find a resource for the money. Ken said he had about \$16,000 in for engineering and legal and also \$73,000 for administration and environmental. It all came out to just under \$400,000. Chairman said they could take a loan on the note for Drako if they have to. Bob said they were going to run out of money because all they have in the commission's account is \$19,000. There was discussion on borrowing against the note and how to obtain more money. Tom Gray was discussed as a possible contractor or others they could use, possibly an outside ditch contractor. Chairman called for other questions. Commissioner Crowell asked what they expected FEMA to pay if they do. There was no idea of what that would be. Chairman said they do need to know for sure that there will be a reimbursement and if it is not soon they can borrow until that reimbursement comes. There was further discussion on things they can do to be prepared for all this work and how it will be budgeted. Mike passed around the resolution to be signed.

## **5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

There were no commissioner comments

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS:**

There was no public in attendance.

**7. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: SET NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will be in May with the day to be set.

**20. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADJOURNMENT OF EMERGENCY MEETING**

Ron Allen made a motion to adjourn the emergency meeting and it was seconded by Jack McGuffey. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Submitted by Brenda Frank