

PENNSYLVANIA NORTHEAST REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
July 16, 2024

The regular meeting of the Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Railroad Authority Board of Directors was held in Executive Room A at the Pocono Mountain Public Library, 5500 Municipal Drive, Tobyhanna, PA 18466 and was called to order by Dominic Keating, Chairman at 9:00 AM.

1. FLAG SALUTE

2. ROLL CALL

Roll was called. The following board members were present: Bob Hay, Atty Jim Tierney, Dominic Keating, Greg Christine, Charles Garris, Atty Jerry Weinberger and Jim McLaughlin. Andy Forte was absent. Also present: Larry Malski, PNRRA President, Charlene Doyle, PNRRA Vice President of Administration, and Matt Schramm, Transportation Mgr. and David MonteVerde, Chairman representing the Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad.

3. READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

Upon motion of Mr. Hay, seconded by Atty Weinberger, the board dispensed with the reading of the minutes from the May 21, 2024 meeting and unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

Roy and Vi Pauli were present and reported that there are many problem ash trees at the Moscow Station that need to be cut. The Chapter paid for the removal of a few trees and had those cleaned up. They are requesting that PNRRA participate in taking at least 2 trees down. They have received several prices for a variety of tree removal proposals. One phase is \$675.00 and another is \$975.00.

Mr. Keating met with them to evaluate the projects. Mr. Hay stated that he did not want to set a precedent for financially contributing to projects at the leased stations. Mr. Malski stated that these minimal leases state that the tenant must maintain the property. Mr. Garris suggested that we participate.

Chuck Walsh reported that the Roseville Tunnel is on schedule to be completed in November and then track will be laid. Trackwork should go out until 2025. Service should start in 2026 or 2027.

5. REPORTS

--PNRRA Receipt and Expenses.

Ms. Doyle presented the monthly financial reports for the PNRRA. Upon motion of Atty Weinberger, seconded by Atty Tierney, the board unanimously approved the financial reports as submitted.

Atty Weinberger asked about traffic being down. Sand is down.

--DLRR Traffic/Maintenance/Marketing

Lorie Ransom was unable to attend, Ms. Doyle read her report

General maintenance – Crews are on storm patrol, cutting trees, changing switch targets, inspections, bolt tightening.

Finished tie change out Moscow Siding 300 ties. Replaced several ties on Freight house lead. Property maintenance cutting trees, brush on bridges and a few other large areas.

Removed graffiti from a few bridges on Scranton.

BR 60 Switch replacement project started last week. It includes 6 switches and a new crossover that connects North and South leg of Wye for a smooth transition of cars for the Carbondale Main line.

Helped Signal Maintainer install a new gate at Montage Mountain Grade Crossing.

Prep work for the installation of 1000+ ties on the Carb. Main within the next week or two.

Car counts have improved. Spoke with customers many not holding the inventory as in past years.

David MonteVerde introduced Phil DeFazio, Manager of Transportation for GVT Rail. Phil has 33 years of experienced with the NYS&W. David also offered to arrange for an inspection trip for the Board in October.

Mr. Monte Verde reported on the PA 190 – Bill Strein, Chief Mechanical Officer for GVT is diligently working on this engine and several other pieces of equipment in the Von Storch Shop-12 locomotives are put out everyday to run freight.

He also reported that the relationship with Steamtown has improved. DL continues to work closely with them and with the Iron Horse Society

6. NEW BUSINESS – There was no New Business

7. OLD BUSINESS – There was no Old Business

8. PASSENGER SERVICE UPDATE – Larry Malski reported that regular meetings continue with the team at PennDOT, which includes Amtrak and NJT. We are fully into Step 1. PennDOT has chosen an engineering firm for Step 2.

PNRRA is working on the application for the CRISI agreement for the Slateford Bridge Project. The completion of this project will provide ingress/egress for the work that will be required on the Delaware River Bridge. PennDOT has committed to \$3,000,000 to this project, in addition to the \$2,000,000 in Congressional Directed Spending monies.

Mr. Malski reported that of the 69 Corridors that have been chosen, maybe ½ will be viable. Our Corridor has the State DOT backing, which is vital.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Upon motion of Mr. Christine, seconded by Mr. Garris the board moved into Executive Session to discuss real estate issues at 10:00 AM.

Upon motion of Mr. Chrisine, seconded by Atty Weinberger, the meeting re-convened at 10:21 AM.

Upon motion of Atty Tierney, seconded by Mr. Christine, board authorized the cost of ½ of cutting a tree at Moscow Station. A check in the amount of \$337.50 will be sent to the Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley RHS. All in Favor.

10. OTHER BUSINESS – There was no Other Business.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to go before the board, and upon motion of Mr. McLaughlin seconded by Mr. Christine, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,


