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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Date and Time: 10:00 AM on Wednesday, July 5, 2023

Location: Online Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

Dusti Reimer
Quint Shear
Bobbie Daniel
Craig Springer
Kevin Henderson
Eric Bruton
Sam Atkins

Meeting Meetings:

- I. Call to Order at 10:00 am.
- II. Public Comment.
 - a. None.
- III. 2022-FT-03 Plateau Valley Fire Protection District Brush Trucks and Chassis Grant Modification and Extension Request.
 - a. Eric Bruton said that the original grant was for a Ford 2023 model. The quotes came in higher at \$71,000, and they were ok with the difference. Ford told us we were on their high priority list. We've been waiting until the middle of June and we found out the rep at Ford that we aren't going to make the cut. They won't build us a 2023 truck and the rep said they also have no plans to build one in 2024. We would be put off until 2025. Kevin went out and got quotes from Ed Bozarth and Western Slope Chrysler. Bozarth came back with \$68,950 for 550 Top Kicks and Dodge came back at \$76,500 for a Dodge 550. What we would like to do is switch to a Chevrolet Chassis. We are still at a position where we can suck up the other \$5,000 of the price increase. According to our agreement with you, we need your permission to change to that. We are getting down to the fine line of getting an order in. We are asking to switch to the Chevy Top Kick 550 Chassis.
 - b. D. Reimer said they also wanted to extend the grant out to February 2024.

- c. E. Bruton said yes to February 2024, because we will not be able to make that deadline.
 - d. Q. Shear asked if the board had any questions or concerns about changing it.
 - e. C. Springer asked if this was the second extension?
 - f. Q. Shear said no, this is the first. He didn't have any questions.
 - g. B. Daniel made a motion to approve the change to Chevy Top Kicks and the date extension. C. Springer second. Voted. Approved.
- IV. 2020-SM-02 City of Fruita 16 Road Rail Crossing Improvements Extension Request.
- a. S. Atkins said this was a 2020 mini grant application that we originally requested be a two-year time frame because we knew the time dealing with UPRR was questionable. We have previously asked for an extension, and this is our second. The request would be to extend this to May 2024. We have all the design work. The design work leading up to the crossing was the responsibility of the City of Fruita. The Design work of the gates and all that was by UPRR. That design work has been done. Now it's it just a scheduling process of trying to get the construction scheduled. I do know that the 20 Rd intersection with CDOT, even CDOT is having problems getting scheduling done with UPRR. I thought CDOT had more pull, but they don't.
 - b. Q. Shear said this is the second extension for this project. I have heard this is a common problem dealing with the railroad. Sam, do you feel comfortable that you'll be able to get this done before the extension is done?
 - c. S. Atkins said he felt as comfortable as he can. I think the answer is that we're going to have to harass them more than we have been. It seems like a relatively small project for the Railroad, and we get put on the back burner for these programs. There hasn't been that much coordination with their maintenance operations. UPRR did refresh the ballast in the Fruita area. They replaced just the existing panels while they went through, but that didn't extend the panels to the width that we were requesting or with concrete. That was not what we requested initially. It seems like they have operations that are not communicate with the design side.
 - d. Q. Shear asked if Craig and Bobbie had any questions?
 - e. B. Daniel said that dealing with the county on the railroad it does seem like it's an act of congress to get the railroad to work with you sometimes. Or they are on a different time schedule. I totally understand the challenge. Would it help if the commissioners sent a letter to the railroad to help get some other leverage to help get this finished?
 - f. S. Atkins said one of the guys he's worked with in the past, he has moved to CDOT. He is currently the liaison dealing with the railroad. I'll start with him and

see if there is some kind of leverage where he could say hey these guys need this to happen. I think I'll start there first. If that doesn't help shortly, I might ask you guys to send a letter.

- g. B. Daniel said we could be nice about it and how it would be really helpful to the community. Otherwise, I don't have any questions on the extension.
 - h. C. Springer said I understand their issues with the railroad. As a board, I think we have to be mindful of the fact that I don't remember who else applied that didn't get awarded a grant. They would have a case for saying if you had awarded us the grant, we would have had that done and the community would have benefited. I think the next time we see a grant that includes a third party, we really need to consider that. If we are looking at putting money into the community where it will do the most good and benefit the most people.
 - i. S. Atkins said I can see that might be a situation where the applicant has already received the approvals, so that isn't contingent upon this getting completed.
 - j. C. Springer said back when the FML was started, that was one of the benchmarks. Our approval was the final one and everything else is in place. Your point is well taken. Thank you.
 - k. Q. Shear said I think this is an important project and it was a mini grant. I have no problem with it. Based on this, do I hear a motion to approve the extension?
 - l. C. Springer made the motion to extend the grant deadline for the City of Fruita. B. Daniel second. Voted. Approved.
- V. Unscheduled Business.
- a. Q. Shear said we need to revisit the Op-Ed. I'll send an email out letter. We will need to reduce that quite a bit. I'd like to get it in next month.
 - b. B. Daniel said she was thinking about that this morning. Dan West seems to have a good pulse on some of the issues around natural resources and the BLM. It might make a better story than an op-ed. If we want to get all the details, we might ask Dan West to pick up the story and see if he wants to pick it up. I think it is important and it highlights all the history. Maybe we will see if we can go that route, before we trim it down so much.
 - c. Q. Shear said the only concern he has is that lately the newspaper has been very hard to get the details you want in and the accuracy of those details. I have mixed emotions about that. Part of the reason we detailed the Op-Ed before, they would put in what they want to. They are very much in favor of those conservation leases. Our information could be seen as a challenge to the support of those conservation leases. That is just our thoughts on that.
 - d. Q. Shear said thanks.

VI. Adjourn.

- a. C. Springer made a motion to adjourn. B. Daniel second. Voted. Approved.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 10:17 am.