

Meeting Minutes - Greenway Service District – February 14, 2019, Butte

I. Call to Order

II. Board Members: Chas Ariss, Kay Eccleston, JP Gallagher, Jeremy Grotbo, Milo Manning, Dan Olsen, Lou Parrett, Ed Simonich

Staff/Consultants: Brian Holland, Collette LeMieux, Pat Reardon, Dori Skrukud

III. Approval of Minutes – The Board approved the January 10, 2019 meeting minutes. LP/DO

IV. Items Not Addressed on the Agenda – Dori reported to the Board that the Rails-to-Tails Conservancy had contacted her last fall about the “Great American Rail-Trail”, an emerging project of a coast-to-coast rail-to-trail. After discussing the preliminary alignment through Montana, the RTC contacted Dori about the segment of the Old Milwaukee, through Durant Canyon, that would be a connection in the emerging “Great American Rail-Trail.” She is working with a journalist who is preparing a piece for the RTC.

Other discussions included reaching out to Anaconda-Deer Lodge about on-going trail activities and coordination with the Anaconda Trails Committee.

V. Project Updates

- a. Railroad Discussions: Dori and Colette met with Brant Pierson. BNSF – Copper Hill Station and reviewed the two underpass proposals. The next step is to have this discussion with ADL and MDT (i.e. next MDT meeting in Anaconda.) Collette will complete the technical memos and changes to the preliminary drawings, based on the meeting with Brant.

Dori reviewed the Reach G underpass with JP Gallagher and it was determined that maintenance issues are not a significant concern. One solution to the snow removal through the underpass would be the purchase of a snow blower attachment to an existing tractor to get the snow out of the restricted area. This is something that JP has been considering and will research for a potential purchase (est. \$10-13K).

- a. Land Discussions

Dori will set up a meeting with Dan Callaghan and Dan Olson to review the presentation before scheduling the Council presentation

Dori is researching the alternative to avoid the Butana property completely and install the trail on DEQ property to the east. The ownership at the “corner” needs to be researched for access. Dori discussed the review that Pat Reardon made of the ownership in the Stuart Townsite. Ownership of R/W in Deer Lodge County does not appear on the MT Cadastral data, nor with the Department of Revenue. Dori spoke to Myrna Grenn, MT DOR, who was in the Anaconda office. She suggested that MT Abstract may have more information, as they had recently done some research in the area.

The ARCO transfer to DEQ is still pending.

- b. Adjourn/Next Meeting – March 14 – Anaconda – Glacier Bank Building -