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Agenda Item # 4

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

June 18, 2014

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Whitworth Seconded By: by Mr. Rosen.

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Rail Industrial Access – Railside Industries, Inc.

Location: Augusta County, Virginia

WHEREAS, Section 33.1-221.1:1 of the *Code of Virginia* declares it to be in the public interest that access railroad tracks and facilities be constructed to certain industrial commercial sites where rail freight service is or may be need by new or substantially expanded industry; and

WHEREAS, Railside Industries, Inc., Houff's Feed and Fertilizer Co., Inc., and I.D.M. Trucking, Inc. have submitted an application for Rail Industrial Access grant funds in the amount of \$225,000 to rehabilitate 700 feet of track and construct 1,100 feet of new 127 pound track with a crossover; and

WHEREAS, these facilities will expand trans-loading operations for the shipment of soy beans grown in the Shenandoah Valley to processing facilities, benefiting farmers in the Shenandoah Valley by providing access to soybean markets, improving existing business operations and serving new business; and

WHEREAS, the Augusta County Board of Supervisors has, by resolution dated April 23, 2014, shown support for the application of up to \$225,000 in Industrial Access Railroad Track funds for assistance in expanding track facilities to serve Houff's Feed and Fertilizer Co., Inc. soybean export operation; and

WHEREAS, the Shenandoah Valley Railroad, by letter dated April 21, 2014, supports the project and has agreed to serve the facility; and

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WHEREAS, Railside Industries, Inc.’s proposed track and new facilities will be located in Augusta County, Virginia, leased to Houff’s Feed and Fertilizer Co., Inc., and served by the Shenandoah Valley Railroad; and

WHEREAS, this request falls within the intent of Section 33.1-221.1:1 and is in accordance with the provisions of the Commonwealth Transportation Board’s policy on the use of Industrial Access Railroad Track funds; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the funding formula established by this policy, because this project scores 59 points, funding may be allocated to this project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the 2013 Acts of Assembly, funding is provided by the General Assembly for Industrial, Airport, and Rail Access projects; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that this project is for the common good of a region of the Commonwealth and serves a public purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves that \$225,000 of the Industrial, Airport, and Rail Access Fund be provided to construct approximately 1,100 feet of track and upgrade 700 feet of track to 127 pounds rail, with installation of a crossover between the switches, contingent upon:

1. All necessary right of way and utility adjustments being provided at no cost to the Commonwealth.
2. All costs above the \$225,000 allocated herein as an industrial rail access grant being borne by Railside Industries, Inc. or sources other than those administered by the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation.
3. Execution of an agreement acceptable to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

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