

Schuylkill River Passenger Rail Authority

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2025
4:00 p.m.

The following members were in attendance:

SRPRA Finance Committee Members in Attendance:

Peter Urscheler, Phoenixville Borough Mayor, SRPRA Treasurer
Tom DiBello, Montgomery County Commissioner, SRPRA Deputy Treasurer
David Hunter, Executive Director, Berks County Planning Commission

SRPRA Finance Committee Members Absent:

None

1. Call to Order

Mayor Peter Urscheler, SRPRA's Treasurer, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of December 18, 2024 Minutes – Action

Peter Urscheler called for any corrections to the minutes. There were no calls for corrections.

David Hunter motioned, Commissioner Tom DiBello seconded, and all voted unanimously, to adopt the December 18, 2024 SRPRA Finance Committee meeting minutes.

3. Committee Member Comments

There were no Committee member comments.

4. Public Comment on Agenda Items

There were no public comments on agenda items.

5. Executive Director's Report

Tom said that the SRPRA's FRA CIDP Step 1 grant agreement will require revision to reallocate funds between Task 1 and Task 2 to enable charges submitted by SRPRA for reimbursement to be paid. In response to steps taken by Tom, FRA has agreed to accomplish this by using a grant adjustment request form (GARF), which FRA provided late yesterday and which Tom submitted earlier today.

Tom reported that in accordance with direction from the Commissioners at their December 17, 2024 meeting, he had explored the FRA's Rebuilding American Infrastructure through Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program to determine whether to submit an application in accordance with this cycle's January 31, 2025 deadline. Upon meeting on January 2nd with FRA staff, it was determined that making application in the current cycle would be premature, and Tom was encouraged instead to make application in one or more subsequent cycles.

6. Recommendation Regarding Payment of Bills – Action

Tom reported on the payment of bills. Since the last Board meeting, three routine monthly bills have been received and paid by the SRPRA, totaling \$147.77. Three bills have been received and are due and payable totaling \$24,496.98.

Motion to Pay Bills – Action

Peter Urscheler indicated there were three bills paid and awaiting Finance Committee and Board

ratification, and three bills were presented for payment, and are due and payable subject to Finance Committee and Board approval.

Commissioner Tom DiBello motioned, David Hunter seconded, all voted unanimously, and the motion was carried to recommend the ratification and payment of the six bills presented to the Finance Committee, to the SRPRA Board at their January 27, 2025 meeting.

7. Revision of 2025 Meeting Schedule– Action

Tom Frawley said the 2025 meeting schedule for the SRPRA Finance Committee requires a change. The meeting originally scheduled for May 21, 2025 should be rescheduled for May 14, 2025, so that it precedes the SRPRA Board meeting scheduled for May 21st. Tom asked the Committee to vote to revise the 2025 May Finance Committee meeting date.

Commissioner Tom DiBello motioned, David Hunter seconded, all voted unanimously, and the motion was carried to approve the revision to the May 2025 SRPRA Finance Committee scheduled meeting.

8. Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

9. General Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Adjourn

Peter Urscheler called to adjourn the meeting.

Peter Urscheler motioned, David Hunter seconded, and all voted unanimously, to adjourn the January 15, 2025 meeting of the SRPRA Finance Committee.

Next Finance Committee Meeting

February 19, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Marie Meehan