

Minutes of Meeting
Union Pacific Railroad – Dan Harbeke
April 30, 2014
9:30 a.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Todd Tondee, Commissioner Dan Green, and Commissioner Jai Nelson met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Union Pacific Public Affairs Director Dan Harbeke, District 2 State Representative Ed Morse, Post Falls Mayor Ron Jacobson, Former Post Falls Mayor Clay Larkin, Avista Utilities Operations Manager Greg Gfeller, Post Falls Senior Center President Rob Clark, Executive Director Allison McArthur, Secretary Sally Hart, and Board Members Pam Houser and Skip Hissong, Kootenai County Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Ryan Davis and Board Members Randy Oaks and Patrick Whalen and Deputy Clerk Brandie Bradley.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Tondee called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.
- B. Introductions:** The attendees introduced themselves to the Board.
- C. Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes made to the agenda.
- D. Old Business:** There was no old business discussed.
- E. New Business:**

Union Pacific Railroad Public Affairs Director Dan Harbeke explained to the attendees that Union Pacific Railroad was able to make donations to thirty-three (33) non-profit organizations in Idaho in the amount of \$190,000 this year. Of those organizations, six (6) were located in North Idaho. Mr. Harbeke advised that a donation had been presented to Trinity Group Homes in the amount of \$7,500 and that he would be awarding similar donations to the Bonner County Food Pantry, Bonner County Historical Society and Museum, and the Bonners Ferry Fire Department later that day. Mr. Harbeke then presented the Post Falls Senior Center with an award of \$7,000 and the Kootenai County Boys and Girls Club with an award of \$5,000.

Mr. Harbeke ended his presentation with a history and background discussion of the Union Pacific Railroad noting that they are 152 years old and the largest freight railroad in the United States. Union Pacific Railroad operates in twenty-three (23) states. Mr. Harbeke explained that Union Pacific Railroad revenues declined in 2009 and 2010, but that the company was rebounding and now had zero (0) employees on furlough and expects to hire one hundred (100) new employees this year in Idaho.

The Board of County Commissioners and the attendees thanked Mr. Harbeke for Union Pacific Railroad's support to Kootenai County.

- F. Staff Reports:** There were no staff reports.

G. Public Comment: This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue. There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

TODD TONDEE, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Brandie Bradley, Deputy Clerk
