

7. AMENDED RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR INDUSTRIAL ACCESS RAILROAD TRACK FUNDS

You may recall from your June meeting adopting a resolution endorsing and supporting Greenwood RRST LLC's application for \$105,000 in Industrial Access Railroad Funds to construct a new rail spur at their Branchville location. Since that time, Greenwood has determined that it is unnecessary to install the new rail spur to meet their needs, and that extensions of the existing spurs will suffice. There are already two rail spurs on the site, both constructed in 2001, serving Meherrin Ag & Chemical Company and Eastern Fuels, Inc. Each of those was also constructed with Industrial Access Railroad Funding. The revised cost estimate has been subsequently reduced to \$46,500 based on a 290' track extension.

Program Guidelines require each applicant to discuss their project with their respective local government and to secure a resolution of support from their Board or Council. Accordingly, Greenwood RRST LLC seeks your support of their request for \$46,500 in Industrial Access Railroad Track Funds.

As you recall, the Industrial Access Railroad Program is administered by the Commonwealth Transportation Board and is intended to be used as an incentive to encourage industrial or commercial development. New or expanding businesses and industries are eligible to apply directly to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation for funding to construct railroad tracks to access their respective industrial sites. Funds may be used for engineering, environmental mitigation, site preparation and track construction.

According to Program Guidelines, no more than \$300,000 of unmatched funds may be allocated to any one project in any fiscal year. Any funds in excess of \$300,000 must be matched dollar-for-dollar by the recipient. Applications are competitive with the projected number of railroad car loads and added employment carrying significant weight in the scoring.

MOTION REQUIRED: If the Board is so inclined, a motion is required to adopt the attached resolution.