

AGENDA
SALINE COUNTY/CRETE RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION SAFETY DISTRICT
Crete City Council Chambers
Crete, NE
6:00 PM

DATE: March 11, 2025

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The Board reserves the right to go into executive session if such session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

CITIZENS FORUM

BUSINESS FOR ACTION

Discuss/Take Action to elect a new Board President (City of Crete Representative)

Discuss/Take Action to elect a new Board Vice President (Saline County Representative)

Discuss/Take Action to amend RTSD By-Laws

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

SALINE COUNTY/CRETE RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION SAFETY DISTRICT

The regular meeting of the Saline County/Crete Railroad Transportation Safety District.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 P.M. on Tuesday, December 10th, 2024, by Saline County/Crete Railroad Transportation Safety District President Stephanie A. Krivohlavek.

ROLL CALL;

Present were Krivohlavek, Anthony Fitzgerald, Russ Karpisek, Kyle Franz, Dale Strehle and Phil Hardenburger, Anne Burge, Tom Ourada, and Diann Nettifee. Notice of said meeting was posted in the County Clerk's office and published in all three county newspapers on December 4th, 2024, in compliance with State Statutes. Krivohlavek advised those present of the open meetings act posted at the back of the room;

Strehle moved to approve agenda as presented, second by Frans. Motion carried;

- Fitzgerald - *aye*
- Krivohlavek – *aye*
- Hardenburger - *aye*
- Strehle – *aye*
- Frans – *aye*
- Karpisek - *aye*

Motion Passed;

Strehle moved to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2024 meeting, second by Fitzgerald. Motion carried;

- Karpisek – *abstain (without conflict)*
- Fitzgerald – *aye*
- Hardenburger - *aye*
- Frans – *aye*
- Krivohlavek – *aye*
- Strehle - *aye*

Motion Passed;

CITIZENS FORUM; none'

CORRESPONDENCE; Nothing to report;

REPORT OF OFFICIALS; No Report;

Tom Ourada and Anna Burges spoke about possible grant opportunities, interaction with Burlington Northern individuals, and possibly waiting for 2025-2026 budget year to do study;

Strehle moved to approve applying for Railroad Grants, second by Fitzgerald. Motion carried;

- Fitzgerald - *aye*
- Hardenburger - *aye*
- Franz – *aye*
- Karpisek – *aye*
- Krivohlavek – *aye*
- Strehle - *aye*

Motion Passed;

Directors Report; Discussed change in Commissioners, difficulty in communicating with railroad authorities;

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, March 11th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., in the Crete Council Chambers, Crete, NE.

ATTEST;

Stephanie A. Krivohlavek, President

Dale Strehle, Vice President

Anthony Fitzgerald

Kyle Franz

Phil Hardenburger

Russ Karpisek

Diann Nettifee, Clerk

BY-LAWS

SALINE COUNTY/CRETE RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION SAFETY DISTRICT

These By-Laws are adopted on May 14, 2024, and amended on March 11, 2025 by and among the Board of Directors.

1. **Creation of Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD):** Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 74-1301 to 74-1308, The County Board of Saline County, Nebraska (County), and the City Council of the City of Crete, Nebraska (City), have each adopted resolutions on October 3, 2023 and September 1, 2022 respectively, creating the Saline County/Crete RTSD, and appointing members to the Board of Directors.
2. **Purpose:** The purpose of the RTSD is to exercise the authority granted by the State of Nebraska and to protect the public health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the citizens of Saline County.
3. **Members:** The governing body of the RTSD shall be designated as the Board, which shall consist of the six (6) representatives appointed by resolution of the governing body of County and City. Each representative shall serve on the Board so long as they serve as an elected member of the County Board or City Council or until a successor is appointed by appropriate resolution.
4. **Meetings:** Meetings shall usually be held in the Conference room in Crete City Hall, at 243 E 13th St, Crete, NE 68333, unless otherwise posted. The annual meeting of the Board shall be held the Second Tuesday of January at 6:00 p.m. (date and time) beginning with the year 2025, for the purpose of electing Officers and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. If the day fixed for the annual meeting shall be a legal holiday in the State of Nebraska, such meeting shall be held on the next succeeding business day. If the election of Officers shall not be held on the day designated herein for any annual meeting of the board, or any adjournment thereof, the Board shall cause the election to be held at a special meeting of the Board as soon thereafter as conveniently may be. Regular meetings shall be held at the same place on the second Tuesday of each month unless otherwise directed by the Board. Such meetings shall require notice and agendas.
5. **Special meetings:** Special meetings of the Board may be called by or at the request of the President or any two (2) Members. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board of Directors may fix the place for holding any special meeting of the Board of Directors called by them.
6. **Notice:** Notice of meetings shall be published at least five (5) days in advance of such meetings in the County legal newspaper.
7. **Quorum:** A majority of the number of Directors (4 persons) shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board, but if less than such majority is present at a meeting, a majority of the Directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

8. **Manner of Acting:** Any action of the Board shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the total number of Directors (4 votes) at a legally convened meeting of the Board.
9. **Officers:** The Board shall elect a president and vice-president at its initial meeting, for a term to continue until the Board’s next annual meeting. The role of president and vice-president shall alternate between County representatives and City representatives. Neither the City nor the County may fill both the offices of president and vice-president with their own representatives in the same term. The Saline County Clerk shall serve as the Board Secretary, as a non-voting member of the Board. The Saline County Treasurer shall be the RTSD treasurer, as a non-voting member, and shall hold and disburse funds as directed by the Board. The Board may appoint an Executive Director as a non-voting member of the Board, to exercise such administrative powers as the Board shall delegate.
10. **Expense Compensation:** In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 74-1304(3) directors shall submit mileage and receipts for expenses associated with travel to Board Meetings that exceed three (3) miles and any other expenses incurred while engaged in the business of the district.
11. **Open Meetings Act:** The Board is a “public body” and subject to the provisions of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, Sections 84-1407 ff, as the same shall be amended. Board records and minutes shall be kept available for inspection by the public in the office of the Saline County Clerk.

Board of Directors:

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Attest:
