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Agenda Item# 10

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

July 18, 2012

MOTION

**Made By: Mr. Louderback Seconded By: Mr. Cole
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously**

Title: Rail Industrial Access – Houff’s Feed & Fertilizer, Co., Inc.

Location: Hanover County, VA

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; and

WHEREAS, Hanover County Board of Supervisors has, by resolution dated June 27, 2012, shown support for the application of up to \$127,500 in Industrial Access Railroad Track funds for assistance in construction of track to serve the Houff’s Feed & Fertilizer Co, Inc. rail spur extension at the Buckingham Branch transload facility in Doswell, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Buckingham Branch Railroad Company has, by letter dated June 20, 2012, shown support for the project and the application for rail access funds, committing to a 15 year lease for the duration of the grant period; and

WHEREAS, Houff’s Feed & Fertilizer Co., Inc.’s proposed transload facility is located in Hanover County in the town of Doswell; 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 said policy, funding may be allocated to this project; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the 2011 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; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves that \$127,500 of the Industrial, Airport, and Rail Access Fund with no requirement for local match, be provided to construct 1,200 feet of track to serve the proposed transload facility at Doswell for Houff’s Feed & Fertilizer in Hanover County, Virginia contingent upon:

1. All necessary right of way and utility adjustments being provided at no cost to the Commonwealth.
2. All costs above \$127,500 which is allocated herein as an industrial rail access grant, being borne by Houff’s Feed & Fertilizer, 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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