

**12. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF GREENWOOD RRST LLC's APPLICATION FOR INDUSTRIAL ACCESS RAILROAD TRACK FUNDS**

In November 2000, Eastern Fuels Inc. conditionally rezoned approximately 131.42 acres of property just east of Branchville to Industrial M-2 and obtained a conditional use permit to develop a wholesale propane storage and distribution facility. Shortly thereafter, the Board of Supervisors endorsed and supported applications by Meherrin Ag & Chemical Company and Eastern Fuels, Inc.'s for Industrial Access Railroad Funds to construct parallel rail spurs into the site, one for fertilizer and the other for propane.

In 2002, Eastern Fuels, Inc. merged with Red Apple Markets, Inc. which subsequently conveyed approximately 5.5 acres to Greenwood RRST in 2005. In 2009, Greenwood RRST, LLC, obtained a conditional use permit to develop an asphalt storage facility on the site. The Board adopted a resolution endorsing and supporting Greenwood RRST LLC's application for \$46,500 in Industrial Access Railroad Funds to extend its rail spur approximately 290 linear feet.

Greenwood RRST has recently advised us of their intention to expand their propane business which will require rail spur construction in the approximate amount of \$950,000. Program Guidelines for the Industrial Access Railroad Program require each applicant to discuss their project with their respective local government and to secure a resolution of support from their Board of Supervisors. Wood Beasley, representing Greenwood RRST, will be at Monday's meeting to discuss his project and seek your support of his request for up to \$950,000 in Industrial Access Railroad Track Funds.

As you may know, 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.**



**RESOLUTION OF LOCAL SUPPORT FOR THE UTILIZATION OF INDUSTRIAL  
ACCESS RAILROAD TRACK FUNDS**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE  
SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Whereas, Greenwood RRST, LLC has expressed its intent and desire to the Southampton County Board of Supervisors to expand its industrial operation in Southampton County; and

Whereas, Greenwood RRST, LLC's expansion will require additional rail access; and

Whereas, Greenwood RRST, LLC has reported to the county its intent to apply for Industrial Access Railroad Track Funds from the Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Rail and Public Transportation in the amount of \$950,000; and

Whereas, Greenwood RRST, LLC has requested that the Southampton County Board of Supervisors provide a resolution supporting its application for said funds which are administered by the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Southampton County Board of Supervisors hereby endorses and supports the application of Greenwood RRST, LLC for \$950,000 in Industrial Access Railroad Track Funds; and

Be it further resolved, that the Southampton County Board of Supervisors hereby makes known its desire and intent to assist industrial development in the Commonwealth of Virginia and to provide support for the location of industrial facilities in Southampton County.

Adopted: April 23, 2012

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Dallas O. Jones, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors

A COPY TESTE:

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Michael W. Johnson, Clerk

