

RAIL Solution Board of Directors Outside Directors

Mr. A. L. (Pete) Lotts
11125 Hatteras Drive
Knoxville, TN 37934

Pete Lotts has a thirty year distinguished work history in nuclear programs at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), and is now an independent consultant. He has extensive experience in the development and operation of processes for nuclear fuels and transuranic isotopes, including gas-cooled, light water, and fast breeder systems. In his consulting work Pete has made good use of his management and multi-disciplinary technical experience in advanced applications of energy, processes, systems, and materials. His background in assessment of alternative energy technologies and their economics leads naturally to his interest in relative transportation efficiency of railroads.

In civic responsibilities, Pete served on the Knox County Board of Education for 20 years, 15 years as its chairman. During this time he oversaw \$100M in school construction and was instrumental in leading the Knox County System to recognized excellence in performance. In 1992 a new elementary school was named in honor of his distinguished service. Pete served for a number of years on the Board of Commissioners, Tennessee Technology Corridor Development Authority

Pete attained the rank of Captain in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He holds both bachelor and masters degrees from Virginia Tech in metallurgical engineering.

Mr. Ken Marsh
P.O. Box 3712
Kingsport, TN 37664

Ken's career reflects his long and deep involvement with transportation. He has worked for Mason & Dixon Lines Trucking, and Louisville & Nashville Railroad, but the focus of his career was 34 years spent at Tennessee Eastman Company, Eastman Chemical Products, Inc., Texas Eastman Company and Eastman Chemical Company in positions dealing with rates, traffic, and logistics, including a period of time as Manager, Rail Car Planning & Control, and was Logistics Manager for Texas Eastman Company for 14 years.

Texas Eastman operated its own 26-miles of in-plant trackage, owned or leased 3,000 freight cars, and shipped over 20,000 rail carloads per year, and had a rail freight bill around \$100 million per year. Since 2004 Ken has been VP & CFO, Marsh Investments, LLC

In his community Ken has been active in Jaycees, Kiwanis, and United Way campaigns. He has brought his professional insight and experience to the Kingsport

Planning Commission , 12 years as Alderman, Kingsport, TN, the Tennessee Long Range Transportation Planning Committee, and as Chairman of the Kingsport Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Ken is a graduate of University of Tennessee with a BS degree in Transportation. His military service was as Lieutenant, U. S. Army Transportation Corps, Ft. Eustis, VA and St. Nazaire and Vatry, France. After his Regular Army service he continued in the 278th Regimental Combat Team of the Tennessee National Guard as a Captain. His last noteworthy duty was patrolling the streets of Memphis in the Spring of 1968 after Martin Luther King was assassinated.

Dr. Bob Peckman
8131 Webster Drive
Roanoke, VA 24019

Bob's career focused on ITT Electro-Optical Products Division, now ITT Night Vision. He started in fiber optics designing the glass preforms that long communications fibers are drawn from and engineered the manufacturing equipment and process. He later engineered the processing of night-vision photocathodes and the storage and analysis of manufacturing data. Before joining ITT, Bob taught for seven years at Spring Garden College.

After retiring he became a full-time jazz musician. Bob has been an Appalachian Trail maintainer for thirty years, monitors the water quality of streams for Virginia Save Our Streams and monitors a string of bluebird houses. He is a founding member of Virginians for Appropriate Roads and RAIL Solution. Bob's commentaries are frequently published in the *Roanoke Times*.

Bob has BS and MS degrees from Fairleigh Dickinson and a Ph.D. from Bryn Mawr College, all in physics.

Mr. Jeffrey P. Price
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Jeffrey Price is a financial entrepreneur who has founded a number of successful enterprises, currently running investment partnerships focused on oil and gas and Texas commercial real estate development. Through First Keystone Energy Group, Mr. Price manages three active limited partnerships with committed capital of \$12,000,000. He is an accomplished deal-maker, with a number of previous successful ventures to his credit in telecommunications fields such as cellular phones and satellite television.

After initially working in the airline, railroad, and investment banking industries, Price has been an independent entrepreneur since age 38. He is a seasoned project-leader and financial engineer seeking "out-of-the-box" solutions.

He graduated *cum laude* from Kenyon College with a B.A. in economics (1970) and holds an MBA in finance, with a concentration in transportation, from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania (1972). He also attended the American University of Beirut.

Price resides in Wycombe, Bucks County, Pennsylvania with Leena Ritchie in a 250 year-old farmhouse on the National Register of Historic Places.

Mr. Steven W. Sondheim
271 North Rose Road
Memphis, TN 38117

Steven retired in 2004 after a diverse career that included serving as a psychologist with Memphis City Schools, many years as Community Center Director with the San Francisco Young Adult Network, followed by many more with Fed-Ex, where he was Instructional Designer, Trainer, Senior Analyst and Program Manager.

His advocacy work has kept him busier than ever, including Air Quality Committee of the Tennessee Environmental Council; Friends of Shelby Farms-Board Member and Treasurer; Sierra Club-Conservation Chair and Energy Chair; Citizens for Transportation Reform-State Coordinator; Memphis MPO-Citizens Advisory Council, Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee; Greater Memphis Greenline-founding Board Member and Treasurer; Tennessee Environmental Council Steering Committee; Governor's Transportation Planning Committee-Long Range Transportation Plan; Solar Valley Coalition-Steering Committee; Coalition for Livable Communities-founding member; and Public Issues Forum-President and Program Manager.

Steven is very involved on the national level with Sierra Club, where he serves on the Green Transportation Leadership Team - Freight Rail Study Group, the Energy Chair Activists Team, and hosts Transportation Chair Conference Calls.

Steven holds a BA degree in Psychology and Pre-Med from Miami University. He has done post-graduate work at University of Memphis-Psychology Graduate School and at University of San Francisco, including courses in Computers and Interactive Learning. His MA degree is from Stanford University in Interactive Educational Technology, Computers and Training.

Officers

Mr. Rees Shearer, Chairman
P.O. Box 117
Emory, VA 24327

Rees founded RAIL Solution in 2003 and has served since that time as the organization's Chairman. He is a retired elementary school counselor in the Washington County, Virginia, school system. Rees' list of advocacy work was already extensive before he took up the cause of rail in the I-81 Corridor.

He has served as an Appalachian Volunteer in Harlan Co., KY; as a VISTA Volunteer in northeastern Georgia and a community organizer for Churches in Action in Washington Co., VA, where he organized a handcraft marketing cooperative which still serves its members 40 years later. Rees coordinated the Virginia Ninth District voter registration effort that exceeded a goal of 30,000 new registrants; and organized Washington County's first citizens' environmental group. He served as Executive Director of the Coalition of American Electric Consumers from 1981 to 1983, helping to defeat American Electric Power Company's proposed Brumley Gap pumped storage dam, the world's largest pure pumped storage proposal.

Rees and his wife Kathy have been professional artists. Kathy is now an oral historian and publisher. Their son Daniel, of Burlington, VT, under contract with Tamarack Media, is assisting RAIL Solution in developing the new steelinterstate.org website. Rees and Kathy live in a passive-solar house they built in Emory, VA. They just added a 4KW PV solar array. Rees is active in local environmental and peace efforts.

Rees is a graduate of Duke University and holds a masters degree in School Counseling from East Tennessee State University.

Mr. Michael Testerman, Vice Chairman
314 North 27th Street
Richmond, VA 23223

In addition to serving as RAIL Solution's Vice Chairman since our founding, Michael is a board member of Virginians for High Speed Rail; board member, co-founder, and president of Virginia Association of Railway Patrons; board member, National Association of Railroad Passengers; and treasurer of Virginia Rail Policy Institute. He is a member of the Long-range Transportation Plan Committee, Richmond Metropolitan Planning Organization; Richmond Regional Rail Transit Study Committee; Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee; and Downtown Richmond Streetcar Study Steering Committee

Michael has been advisor to Washington and Grayson counties (VA) and Ashe County (NC) for rail service preservation, and was instrumental in writing North Carolina Region D Council of Governments' federal railroad preservation grant. He has been a speaker at, and delegate to, numerous rail conferences nationwide.

Michael has been a registered lobbyist for rail advocacy groups at the Virginia General Assembly, organizes meetings and speakers' bureaus on transportation policy, and photographs railway infrastructure in the USA and Europe. He is a prolific published writer. He holds a BS degree from Virginia Tech and is retired from a career of social work in Richmond.

Ms. Barbara Walsh, Secretary
Executive Director
Rockbridge Area Conservation Council
P.O. Box 564
Lexington, VA 24450

Barbara is currently director of a non-profit civic organization founded 30 years ago to promote wise stewardship and sustainable use of the natural and cultural resources of the Rockbridge County area through education, advocacy, and action. Under her leadership of ten years, the Rockbridge Area Conservation Council (RACC) has initiated public education, legislative, and public/private partnership efforts to create greater understanding of the relationship between transportation planning and patterns of subsequent development, economic growth, safety, energy conservation, and environmental health focusing on the benefits of multi-modal approaches, particularly in the I-81 corridor.

She previously worked from 1988-1994 for Bechtel, Inc. as Supervising Hydrogeologist and Project Manager, and from 1980-1987 for U. S. Environmental Protection Agency as a State Coordinator and Team Leader. Barbara's car bearing a RACC bumper sticker reading "*Thru trucks on trains, everybody gains*" last year was destroyed by a tractor-trailer on a Lexington city street.

Barbara is a cum laude graduate of Bryn Mawr College, where she majored in Growth and Structure of Cities and minored in Geology. She holds an M.S. degree in Earth Sciences from University of California, Santa Cruz.

Mr. Walter Clark, Treasurer
P.O. Box 2
Maurertown, VA 22644

Walter has a ministerial career spanning four decades, including serving a dozen churches in CT, TX, MD, and VA, beginning as Chaplain at Yale New Haven Hospital and now Interim Rector, Beckford Parish, Woodstock/Mt. Jackson, Virginia. Since 1999 has been a board member of Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter, where he has been instrumental in locating housing and providing financial and other counseling for the homeless and jobless.

Walter was born in New York City. He has fond memories as a youth of exploring the New York Central multi-track mainline north to Albany with his father. He served in the U. S. Army, artillery battalion, Neckarsulm, Germany, particularly

responsible for electronic maintenance of Redstone internal-guided missiles.

He holds a B.A. degree in Modern European History, University of Virginia, Charlottesville and a Master of Divinity degree from Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA. Walter lives in Maurertown, Virginia and has enjoyed a lifelong interest in photography, including visiting and photographing Greco-Roman archaeological sites.

David Foster, Executive Director (*ex-officio*)
342 High Street
Salem, VA 24153

David worked for 24 years at Norfolk Southern Corporation and predecessor Norfolk & Western Railway, in executive positions in marketing, coal traffic, new business development, rates, and contracts. He has appeared as an expert witness on railroad coal transportation and economics of competition before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

David has been self-employed as a consultant in transportation and natural resources fields since 1996. He has served as RAIL Solution's Executive Director, a part time role, since that position was established in 2006. He has been a frequent presenter and guest lecturer in classes, training sessions and professional conferences.

Active in Scouting for many years, he is also a regular volunteer for Virginia Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, participates year-round in a local trail-building crew, and actively supports other conservation, environmental, and historic preservation efforts. He has been an officer and director of Salem Historical Society from 1986 to present, and helped establish O. Winston Link Museum in Roanoke.

David holds a BA degree in economics from Bates College and an MBA in transportation from Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, University of Pennsylvania. He achieved the rank of Captain in the U.S. Air Force, Strategic Air Command, with duty in U.S. and Thailand.