Agenda Item 8-A

Information Item

To: Chair Bennett-Parker and the VRE Operations Board

From: Rich Dalton

Date: May 21, 2021

Re: Spending Authority Report

On September 18, 2020, the VRE Operations Board approved increasing the Chief Executive Officer’s delegated spending authority from $100,000 to $200,000. It was resolved as part of that increased delegation that any purchase or contract award in the range of $50,000 to $200,000 would be communicated to the Board as an information item.

▪ On April 2, 2021, VRE amended an existing Task Order for Monitoring and Support for Positive Train Control with STV Incorporated under the Mechanical Engineering Consulting Services (MEC) contract to increase the total commitment for the Task Order by $80,033 to an amount not to exceed $179,328.

▪ On April 9, 2021, VRE issued a Task Order in the amount of $61,477 to STV Incorporated under the Mechanical Engineering Consulting Services (MEC) contract to conduct a Railcar Air Filtration System Analysis and to subsequently provide recommended enhancements aimed at improving particulate filtration efficiency.

▪ On April 9, 2021, VRE executed a contract in the amount of $102,296 with Matrix Metals LLC to acquire a total of 400 equalizer seats, which are utilized by VRE’s fleet of passenger railcars. Equalizing beams are an important part of the railcar suspension system which link the suspension of two adjacent axles to share the load. The ends of the equalizing beams are seated atop a forged steel plate called an equalizer seat, and the height of a railcar can be altered by changing the thickness of the equalizer seats.

▪ On April 12, 2021, VRE issued a Sole Source Purchase Order to Paragon Products, LLC in the amount of $55,753 to acquire new fuel pumps for VRE’s fleet of locomotives.
▪ On April 12, 2021, VRE executed a Relocation Agreement with CenturyLink in an amount not to exceed $182,095 to relocate telecommunications facilities to accomplish construction of Quantico Station Improvements.

▪ On April 27, 2021, VRE issued a Task Order in the amount of $60,000 to PFM Financial Advisors LLC under the Financial Advisory Services contract for a one-year subscription to allow for continued use of the Synario Financial Modeling Platform to support long-term financial planning efforts.

▪ On April 28, 2021, VRE issued a Blanket Purchase Order in an amount not to exceed $60,255 to ADT to provide on-call maintenance and repair services for the existing security camera equipment at VRE’s station locations.