

#### WHAT IS A SHORTLINE RAILROAD?

- Defined as a Class 3 railroad, annual operating revenue of less than \$37.4M
- Most were once branch lines of larger railroads, abandoned or spun off
- Entrepreneurial in truest sense, small businesses focused on customer service and cost control
- First and last mile of the freight journey interface between customers and Class 1 railroads
  - providing services that are not profitable for a higher cost, large company
- Reduce public tax and infrastructure burden for roads



## **SHORTLINE RAIL INDUSTRY**

**United States** 

- More than 560 shortline railroads
- Employing over 18,300 people
- Operating 50,000 miles of track in 49 states 38% of rail network
- Serving over 12,000 shippers, that employ over 1,000,000 people
- Paying nearly \$1B in taxes, average of 20% of revenue
- Infrastructure built and maintained with private funds
- Vital role linking rural America to the Class 1 rail network

\*source ASLRRA 2014 facts/figures



## **TEXAS SHORTLINE FACTS**

- 41 shortline railroads, 20% of rail network
- Employ almost 1,000 people
- Handle over 387,000 carloads of freight
  - Takes 1,024,000 trucks off the road
  - Savings of an estimated \$45M in pavement damage
- Infrastructure built and maintained with private funds
- Pay significant taxes on property and earnings
- Often the life blood of small towns and shippers
- We bring jobs, tax base, vitality and growth

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- Railroad and Transportation Logistics focus
- Long-term, grow and hold investment strategy
- A Texas company Corporate offices in Dallas, Tx
- Founded in 1982
- Privately owned by Murchison Capital Partners



- 3 Shortline Railroads
  - Offering complete scope of rail services
  - Great customers, large and small
  - Diverse commodities and markets served
- 3 Logistics Centers
  - Offering storage capacity of over 13,000 railcars
  - Transloading, warehousing, ground storage
  - Excellent highway and rail access



- Strong, Experienced Leadership and Employee Team
- Here to Serve
  - Investing in our customers \$8.5M capital invested in track/structures in 2015
  - Tailored Standard Operating Procedures for every customer
  - 24 Hour Customer Hotline
- Partnership Driven
  - Customers, Class 1 Railroads
  - Communities
  - Economic Development



- A place to work and grow
  - Employees come first Culture of Respect and Engagement
    - Great pay and industry leading benefits
    - Profit sharing for all employees
    - Training, strengths based development, and promotion from within



## **OUR CORE VALUES**

- Integrity "We will act with truth and honesty"
- <u>Safety</u> "We believe all accidents and injuries are preventable"
- Servant Leadership "We will lead by

example to empower each other"

• Quality - "We strive for excellence in all that

we do"



















## **TXNW RAILWAY**

- Texas Northwestern Railway - began operations in 1982.
- Sunray, Tx North of Amarillo in panhandle
- Largest private car storage facility in United States
- 10 miles of mainline track
- Class 1 interchange with
  BNSF
- Commodities include: asphalt, grain, fertilizer, and chemicals
- Customers include Valero, Gavilon, and Continental Carbon













- 640 acre facility
- Railcar Storage
  Capacity of almost
  10,000 cars for both
  short and long-term
  needs.
- Transloading services
- Ground storage
- Excellent Highway and Rail access
- Zoning and Utilities
- Warehouse options





## **TXR RAILWAY**

- Texas Rock Crusher Railway founded in 1998
- Brownwood, Tx
- 13 miles of mainline track
- Class 1 interchange with BNSF
- Commodities include aggregate, asphalt, grain, chemicals, porcelain, and glass
- Customers include Vulcan Materials, Kohler, Chevron Phillips, Wright Asphalt, and VRC













- Brownwood Industrial Park
- Anchored by Kohler and 3M
- Growing! 3 new shippers in 2015
- Exclusively Served by the TXR Railway
- Development sites available
- Excellent highway and rail access
- Car storage options





# **TXGN RAILWAY**

- Texas Gonzales and Northern Railway, founded in 1992
- Harwood, Tx off I-10 -Heart of the Eagle Ford Shale
- 15 miles of mainline track
- Class 1 interchange with Union Pacific
- Commodities include: crude oil, grain, sand, animal feed meals,and metal products
- Customers include Halliburton, Holmes Food, Jimco, Purina, Strataflex, and Wildcat













- 500 acre facility
- N. MAIN TO HARWOOD
- Rail car storage for 3,500 cars
- Loop track full unit trains
- Transloading and Ground Storage
- Major interstate and rail access - I-10, TXGN/UP
- Industrial sites available
- Special Services:
  - Rail car washing
  - Rail car scrapping
  - Sand transloading and storage
  - Truck weighing

EAST YARD WYE INNER LOOP OFFICE NEW TRACKS UNDER CONSTRUCTION DFFICE LIMIL-TRACKS CANNON YARD

TO IH-10

TO GONZALES



S. MAIN TO TOWN





#### NEED

- Recognition of the value shortline railroads bring
- Economic Development programs to help with new construction costs for sidings and new industry service
  - tied to new jobs and tax base
- Increased funding and support for road crossing and signalization maintenance
- Programs to encourage private infrastructure investment
  - Tax benefits
  - State backed rail finance options for 286K and Bridges



#### **WE NEED YOUR HELP**

- More focus on shortlines at future events like Southwest Rail Conference
- Stronger TxDot Rail Division
- An educated legislature
- State economic development leadership that engages with shortline railroads
- Supplier and contractor voice

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