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CLARK COUNTY
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RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015

4:00 PM -5:30 PM

1300 FRANKLIN STREET – PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER

6TH FLOOR – BOCC CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present:	Neil Chambers, Dick Clairmont, Todd Coleman, Scott Dalesandro, Lloyd Lycan, Denise McCarty, Jack Melton, Dave Nelson, John Shaffer, Tom Smith, Dan Weaver	
Excused Members:	Chad Eiken, Eric Fuller, Bill Ganley, Jon Yamashita	
Absent Members:		
Ex-Officio:	Eric Temple (PVJR), Will Pickering (BYCX)	
Public:	Randy Williams (BYCX), Doug Auburg (BYCX), Wayne Harner (Port of Vancouver)	
Staff:	Mark McCauley, Jeff Swanson	
Agenda Item	Facilitator	
Meeting called to order @ 4:00pm	Todd Coleman	
Roll Call/Introductions	Todd Coleman	
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Todd Coleman	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes moved for approval (John Shaffer), seconded (Tom Smith), unanimously approved 	
Communications/Announcements/Citizen Input	Todd Coleman	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
PVJR Activities	Eric Temple	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent and ongoing weather has resulted in some minor landslides near the BPA complex Carloads slightly above record pace annually, but still reflecting volume downturn since late summer; moved another slag carload and magnesium chloride carload Amber Carter working to get Bridge 12 replacement funded and working to move Rep. Pike's GMA bill forward 	
BYCX Activities	Doug Auburg	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Christmas Tree weekend runs coming up (Dec. 19-20); Trains have been sold out with the BYCX seeing 300-400 customers per day Weather has caused issues at Bridge 25, tunnel, and Railroad Avenue crossing south of Yacolt 	
County Activities	Jeff Swanson	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In addition to weather-related issues mentioned previously, north of Battle Ground the railroad drainage ditch silted up and water ran off into an adjacent homeowner's basement; risk has been working with the railroad program to fund repairs of slides and other problems related to the heavy rainfall County Council met with seven of the nine SW WA legislators on Dec. 11th; railroad was one of the capital funding priorities discussed and was received positively; 2016 Chelatchie Prairie Railroad Day in Olympia tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 18th (coinciding with the observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday) Staff met recently with WSDOT rail program staff to discuss the Freight Rail Assistance Program; grant applications for the '15-'17 biennium are currently under consideration with a recommendation to the legislature expected in early 2016; a call for projects for 	

the '17-'19 biennium, in which about \$7 mil is expected to be available, will occur late Spring 2016

- The Planning Commission will consider the proposed rural industrial land bank at a hearing Thursday, December 17th; the RRAB comments submitted into the record will also be under consideration (with other comments submitted to the record); RRAB members suggested inviting applicant's representative, Steve Horenstein, to speak to the RRAB in January

Subcommittee Reports

- None

Unfinished Business

Todd Coleman

- By laws and mission statement approved by county manager
- Board members Lloyd Lycan, Dick Clairmont, John Shaffer, Jack Melton and Neil Chambers, whose terms were set to expire at the end of 2015 have all been reappointed to new three-year terms expiring at the end of 2018 by county manager

New Business

Todd Coleman

- Election of 2016 chair/vice-chair: Jack Melton nominated Todd Coleman to serve as 2016 RRAB chair, Neil Chambers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously; Neil Chambers nominated Dan Weaver to serve as 2016 RRAB vice-chair, Dick Clairmont seconded the motion which was approved unanimously

Good of the Order

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- Mr. Lycan reported on attending a Lyons Club meeting at which Port of Vancouver Commissioner Brian Wolfe was present
- Chair Coleman invited RRAB members to keep board member and Battle Ground City Councilor Bill Ganley in their thoughts and prayers as he continues to struggle with ongoing health issues
- Chair Coleman would like to conduct a strategy session with the RRAB in early 2016; board members welcomed this idea
- County Manager Mark McCauley expressed appreciation on behalf of the county for the service of RRAB members

Round Table

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- None

ADJOURNMENT @ 4:48 pm