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CLARK COUNTY
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RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 9, 2012

4:00 PM -5:30 PM

1300 FRANKLIN STREET – PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER

6TH FLOOR – TRAINING ROOM #679

ROLL CALL:

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| Members Present: | Dick Carrol, Dick Clairmont, Todd Coleman, Bill Ganley, Lloyd Lycan, Jack Melton, Bonnie Moore, Aryana Peiravi, Will Pickering, John Shaffer, Thomas Smith, Florence Wager, Daniel Weaver |
| Excused Members: | Scott Dalesandro, Jon Yamashita |
| Absent Members: | Bryan Snodgrass |
| Ex-Officio: | Will Pickering, Eric Temple |
| Public: | Doug Auburg |
| Staff: | Jon Holladay, Linnea LaRocque, Troy Pierce |

| Agenda Item | Facilitator |
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| Meeting called to order @ 4:00 p.m. | Dan Weaver |
| Roll Call/Introductions | Dan Weaver |
| Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes | Dan Weaver |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The date needs to be changed. Moved and seconded minutes approved as corrected. | |
| Communications/Announcements | Dan Weaver |
| PVJR Activities | Eric Temple |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separation of Business – After 3 years, Eric now owns the PVJR and the Temples have separated their businesses out of Columbia Basin. The new railroad will begin effective Jan 31st. BNSF and Bill Barron have been notified. Customers – Have had the first railcar shipment from new shipper – plastic pellets from Barstow CA – for a new transload outfit working out of Rye Yard. If the future capacity expectation of 18 cars holds, more room will be needed at Rye Yard. Eric is moving forward with moving the Burbuck property fence back, up to 20' in places. | |
| BYCX Activities | Will Pickering |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finished the Christmas Tree event. Will said it was one of the best years. | |
| Status of County Activities | Jon Holladay |
| <p>Status of County Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bridge 6 repairs – Six week delay due to structural timbers not passing specifications. January 19th intended delivery time, Jon estimates completion in early to mid-February. Jon shared recent photos of the burnt bridge. Bridge 23 repairs – New brace timbers have been received. Waiting on the Larch Mt. crew. Jon anticipates mid February for their assistance to get the bridge back together. First draft of new Clark County RR track charts. This is a comprehensive diagram of the railroad. A few things this chart shows is maintenance history, the type of rail, the vertical rise and fall of the rail. This data will be used to help create project estimates. Left over track parts from last summer's upgrades sorted & inventoried. Jon shared photos. | |
| Subcommittee Reports | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CREDC economic development update: Bonnie described the Lands for Jobs analysis which included 13 sites which are greater than 20 acres in Clark County. Even if there were a buyer, the permit process is 18 months which is a long time to wait. Berger ABAM and Group McKenzie are volunteering their time to work on the 18 month permit process. Todd agreed and added that if land/buildings were available, it would be snapped up. Bonnie will ask her committee members for permission to share their executive summary with RRAB. Jon said 25 to 75 acre sites are what are needed to move heavier railcar volumes. 20 acre sites are not large enough. There was more discussion of the Lagler property. One site is 152 acres, another across the street is over 200 acres. The Old International Paper is another 140 acres and zoned correctly. Jon noted that the county owns 6 industrial properties along the rail line. This land could possibly help if it could be made available for industrial use. • Community Neighborhood Ass'n. (Dan & Dick) Nothing at this time. Dan asked if anyone else would volunteer to represent the Board at these meetings as he is stepping down. The meetings are once a month and could be attended alternately between Dick and a replacement. • Web Page (Scott) absent • Legislative (John) Nothing to report other than session starts today. • Community Reps. (Bill, Aryana, Todd, Bryan) <p>Todd: Canfield may be looking for an additional site to do transloading for a new product line. Bill: There is a new Mayor in Battle Ground (Lisa Walters).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street area and a tourist train in Battle Ground. There is an \$88 million project to widen SR502 to 4 lanes all the way to I-5. • RR Master Plan Subcommittee – (Dick, Dan, John) No news to report. • RRAB Makeup/Duties/Expectations (Dick Carroll) Dick Carrol distributed the Bylaws. It had been previously discussed to invite a member of the BOCC to sit in on a meeting with us, and for them to share with us their perspective of the duties/roll of this advisory board as well as their commitment to the rail line. There was a recommendation to invite each as a guest – one at a time to a monthly meeting. Another point to discuss is in regards to who should be selected to serve on the RRAB. There have been people who would benefit the board, but were not appointed. In the next selection process, board members would like to have more input as to how the positions are filled. Dick asked all to review the Bylaws and requested a future discussion be scheduled. | |
| Unfinished Business | Dan Weaver |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Troy Pierce shared with the group that the trail is now open and it is substantially complete. • Rail Day will be determined. The date will be sometime in February. | |
| New Business | Dan Weaver |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40th Avenue road crossing in Rye Yard. Jon discussed his interest in eliminating this road crossing as it is a safety hazard to trains and vehicles, as well as being located in the middle of Rye Yard. Jon has begun collecting information and data, has had some preliminary discussion with Public Works, and will develop this in the coming months. Florence suggested drafting a letter of support. Jon explained the requirement to get Public Works on board and to have budget directed towards this project. • Eric added that the Grace Avenue RR office will be remodeled to accommodate the corporate change. | |
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| Round Table | ALL |
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| ADJOURNMENT @ 5:16 pm | |