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RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2008

4:00 PM -5:30 PM

1300 FRANKLIN STREET – PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER

6TH FLOOR – TRAINING ROOM #679

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:	John Allen, Dick Carroll, Dick Clairmont, Scott Dalesandro, Bill Ganley, Richard Hanford, Lloyd Lycan, Melinda McLucas, Jack Melton, Florence Wager, Dan Weaver
Absent Members:	Dave Hurt, Rodger Lance, Bart Phillips
Ex-Officio:	Eric Temple, Will Pickering
Public:	Doug Auburg (BYCX), Tim Kelly (CBRR)
Staff:	Mary Beth O'Donnell, Madison King - Absent: Fred Abraham

Agenda Item	Facilitator
Introductions	Dan Weaver, Chairman
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dan Weaver opened the meeting and announced Fred Abraham would be absent as he is out of the country on personal business. Dan Weaver introduced Madison King who will be taking over as the recorder of the minutes for the group. Madison will be assisting Fred Abraham now that he has been moved to the General Services department. It was the last meeting for Mary Beth O'Donnell. 	
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Dan Weaver
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Florence Wager motioned to approve minutes from the September 8, 2008 meeting as distributed. John Allen seconded. Richard Hanford abstained as he was not in attendance. The remainder of the membership approved. 	
Communications/Announcements	Dan Weaver
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No communications or announcements. 	
PVJR Activities	Eric Temple
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eric Temple introduced Tim Kelly, newly hired by CBRR as the Chief Operating Officer. Tim is located in Yakima and taking on some of Brig Temple's duties. Eric will remain as the main contact for the county and the RRAB. CBRR has had a great month. Keyera Propane bought the parcel of land on 78th St. from the county and is working on site plan design. They are to be out of their current space by July 2009 and hope to ship their first car in the fall – they anticipate 700-1,000 cars per year. They will take over some of the track maintenance responsibility which will help the county and CBRR. Still working on where to store propane cars. West Rail has begun rehab work under the WSDOT BYCX grant. CBRR working diligently on interchange issues with BNSF. For \$6M a new interchange track system could be built, tentatively between 78th and 88th Streets. Eric wants to see class 6 track from Rye Junction up to 88th Street. There should be just enough ROW in that area to put the tracks in. Eric has funding source but could not disclose that information at this time. He thought steel and ties salvaged from the rehab project could be used for the interchange tracks. Eric is hopeful this could be built by next year and could be done without a permit. Time frame depends on bidding process, etc. BNSF would want track warranty and a per car deduction from CBRR. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Railroad Resource Work Group has completed their task of creating code language for the railroad industrial property in Brush Prairie. Overall things went very well, with involvement on the committee by neighborhood association members Sam King and Neil Chambers. • Scott Dalesandro is a potential new customer to the line. He met with the broker 3 weeks ago regarding property facing 88th Street (south), across from Opus. The company wants to lease rather than own the building. Plans are currently in the engineering phase to determine design and construction costs. The developer wants to put a road through the middle of the property and is considering a spur running east/west so businesses on both sides can be served by rail. Scott expects to hear back from the developer by the end of November. • CBRR has hired a new website developer to improve their site. All related companies will be under one site in the future. 	
BYCX Activities	Will Pickering
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weed spraying was done recently in the Yacolt and Chelatchie areas. • 400 ties have been installed from Lucia Falls south, approximately 1 mile. This completes the grant. • Some coach cars are having repair work done on the roofs and installing new windows. • Fall foliage weekend tours are going well. The Halloween train ride is coming up 10/25 and 10/26. Reservations are coming in now and are recommended. • Eric interjected that CBRR is still working with BYCX on the federal grant for building a locomotive shop. 	
Status of County Activities	Dan Weaver (for Fred Abraham)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Fred's absence, Dan read from a report prepared by Fred as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WSDOT grant rehab project is underway as of September 29. Bid documents went out on September 16 for MP2.59 drainage project with bids due September 22. Nutter Corporation was the successful bidder. A copy of the quote was circulated to the membership. This portion is to be complete by October 15. • The WSDOT grant application for 2009-2010 was received in Olympia. A copy of the county's application was circulated for review by the membership. • The Railroad Resource Work Group held their last meeting on September 16. The group developed code language to be used in developing the railroad industrial property. The designated property is currently under a land use appeal. • Caples Road crossing: Bids went out September 15 under the small works roster by Public Works for repairs to the asphalt road crossing and rails and ties. Bids came in over the maximum limit of \$35,000 and the project had to go out for re-bid. The re-bid is due by October 17. • Caples Road Illegal vehicle access: Fred is working with the property owner and FRA to come up with an agreeable solution to the illegal access road. A report will given to the RRAB as soon as it is available. • Keyera Propane: Keyera was the successful bidder for the county property at 78th St and St. Johns Road. They paid \$1,059,000. They have 90 days to submit site plans to the county. • Legislative action update: The county is seeking grant money through the REET program with the support of Senator Pridemore and Rep. Deb Wallace. The goal is to add language to the RCW's to allow "industrial rail" to be considered for REET funding. Lobbyist Mike Burgess is preparing for another rail day in Olympia and we will be asking for the support of the RRAB once again in this effort. • High Rail Tour: On September 9th Fred took a tour with Will Cahill of the upper 19 miles of track from Battle Ground to Chelatchie Prairie. There is much work to be done to get it into shape to haul freight. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historic Coach Facility: Dave Nelson, developer, met with Fred about building a maintenance facility for an engine/coach repair shop. This would also help BYCX and CBRR with their need for a locomotive repair shop. Discussions are in preliminary stages and we're still looking into locations. Dave would also like to create an historic rail museum. Doug Auburg mentioned they've looked at property north of the BYCX parking lot in Yacolt. He's talked with the client about partnering, with the client providing ties and rock and possibly BYCX providing the steel. They would need an agreement with the property owner (Clark County) and Eric (Operator). Doug has prepared a rough drawing showing 2 tracks going through the building and 2 on the side, with 3 switches. 	
Subcommittee Reports	Dan Weaver
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report on ROW encroachments. • John Allen is attending neighborhood association meetings. The community continues to have a positive interest in the railroad. • Rodger Lance was absent so there was no web report. Mary Beth reported that the railroad website has been moved and is now found under the General Services department rather than Community Planning. 	
Unfinished Business	Dan Weaver
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board reappointment letters have been received by John Allen, Jack Melton, Florence Wager and Richard Hanford. Their new term runs from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2011. 	
Good of the Order	All
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Lantz, CBRR, was unable to attend today. 	
Round Table	ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric said the company's Mark III tamper is in need of repair. Tim Kelly has a contact in Portland who can service the machine so they may bring it down here. They may be able to use it for some repair to the county rail while it's here in the area. • Eric thanked the RRAB for what they do and for volunteering their time for the railroad. • The board members welcomed Tim Kelly and look forward to working with him. 	
Meeting Adjourned at 5:15PM.	