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CLARK COUNTY
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RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 12, 2011

4:00 PM -5:30 PM

1300 FRANKLIN STREET – PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER

6TH FLOOR – TRAINING ROOM #679

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:	Dick Carrol, Dick Clairmont, Bill Ganley, Lloyd Lycan, Jack Melton, Aryana Peiravi, Will Pickering, Thomas Smith, Bryan Snodgrass, Florence Wager, Daniel Weaver, Jon Yamashita.
Excused Members:	Todd Coleman, Scott Dalesandro, Bonnie Moore, John Shaffer
Absent Members:	
Ex-Officio:	Will Pickering, Eric Temple (excused)
Public:	Doug Auburg, John Allen, Dave Gray, Mike Burgess
Staff:	Jon Holladay, Linnea LaRocque, Mark McCauley

Agenda Item	Facilitator
Meeting called to order @ 4:00 p.m.	Lloyd Lycan
Roll Call/Introductions	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike Burgess, county lobbyist, was introduced. 	
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The term for Chair and Vice-Chair positions were corrected to show one year appointments. Minutes were approved and adopted as amended. 	
Communications/Announcements	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Happy Holidays Mike Burgess shared news of the legislature. A Special Session began in December to work on the closure of a 2 billion dollar State shortfall. It is anticipated that this session will cut/close an estimated 500 million dollars from the shortfall. In January they will attempt to close the remaining 1.5 billion. There may be good news for railroads from Olympia as legislature considers a new transportation package. Funding is not yet identified, but possible sources include gas tax, vehicle fees, wheelage fees, etc. These are driven by the Governor's (Washington Connecting) task force. Certain things are doable with simple majority vote which could fund multi-modal projects for transportation as a stimulus measure. Such a package is still far from a sure thing. Rail Day has taken place the last few years with good results. Mike recommends exploring another this year and will get together with Jon and Mark McCauley discuss and/or pick a date. 	
PVJR Activities	Eric Temple
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dave Gray shared that the railroad is operating much better with the improvements made over the last few years. 	
BYCX Activities	Will Pickering
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Christmas tree trains have taken up the whole month with 2 to go. Sales are up a little bit from last year. Profitability is basically from the sale of tree with a free ride. Will mentioned that they're getting most of their trees locally. 	
Status of County Activities	Jon Holladay
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bridge 6 Fire Repairs - Some timbers were rejected by the County and there is a 5 week delay 	

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<p>to get new ones. Repairs should be complete in January.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Bridge #23, the brace timbers are being delivered next week. DNR (Larch Mt.) will be used to provide the labor. There was discussion of the possible closure of the facility due to Governor's proposed budget cuts. • The Washington State Utility Transportation Commission awarded the county a \$20k grant to replace about 2/3rds of the flashing warning lights at roadway crossings with new LED lights. They live longer and cost less. Public Works signal crews will provide the labor. 	
Subcommittee Reports	
<p>Bonnie was unable to attend however Lloyd shared an email from Bonnie whereby she said</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CREDC's board approved the new Clark County Economic Development Strategic Plan in September 2011 and efforts are underway to develop implementation plans for each of the 5 goals (software/IT focus, higher education-industry linkages, foreign direct investment, business vitality, and infrastructure & land development). I am taking the lead on Business Vitality and Port of Ridgefield is taking the lead on infrastructure/land development. Please keep us posted on rail master plan and TIGR grant. • I met with Bill Gulick at Gulick Trucking on 11/17 and there is discussion about developing a rail-truck transfer business at the 20 acres they recently acquired on 88th street. 	
Unfinished Business	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modoc is in fundraising mode. There have been no changes. 	
New Business	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Board Chair, Dan Weaver and John Shaffer as Vice-Chair. 	
Good of the Order	ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
Round Table	ALL
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ADJOURNMENT @ 4:20 pm	