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RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016

4:00 PM -5:30 PM

3103 NW LOWER RIVER ROAD – PORT OF VANCOUVER ADMIN OFFICES

GATEWAY CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present:	Dan Weaver, Elizabeth Scott, Jack Melton, John Shaffer, Jon Yamashita, Kent Cash (POV), Lloyd Lycan, Tom Smith	
Excused Members:	Chad Eiken, Dave Nelson, Scott Dalesandro, Bill Ganley, Dick Clairmont, Eric Fuller, Jeff Swanson, Neil Chambers	
Absent Members:		
Ex-Officio:	Eric Temple	
Public:	Doug Auburg (BYCX), Amber Carter, Wayne Harner (POV), Scott Sawyer (City of BG)	
Staff:	Heath Henderson (Clark County)	
Agenda Item	Facilitator	
Meeting called to order @ 4:05pm	Dan Weaver	
Roll Call/Introductions	Dan Weaver	
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Dan Weaver	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved for approval (Jack Melton), seconded (Elizabeth Scott), unanimously approved. 	
Communications/Announcements/Citizen Input	Dan Weaver	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeff Swanson replaced Bill Ganley as Battle Ground representative. Kent Cash replaced Todd Coleman as Port of Vancouver Representative. Dan Weaver assumed role of Chairman upon Todd Coleman's departure. 	
PVJR Activities	Eric Temple	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the previous month there was a log jam with approvals following Jeff Swanson's departure. Greg Shaffer from the County managed to push most of them through; Still working with Bonneville Power for the other approvals. Received calls regarding railcar storage. The need for rail storage has been discussed in the past and may be examined again. Amber met with FutureWise – They believe County hasn't adequately sought out alternative sites for industrial land bank and haven't looked at appropriate cost benefit analyses. They agree rail is the better way of transporting freight but oppose de-designation of agricultural to industrial. An appeal is anticipated to take place. Recent oil spill regulations have directed Department of Ecology to write additional rules for railroads. Extreme measures have been taken on classes, including smaller rail lines. Lengthy comments have been submitted on either exempting class 3 railroads or severely altering rules to reduce financial impacts. 	

BYCX Activities	Doug Auburg
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steam engine running this weekend until Labor Day. • Waiting on prosecutor's civil division to work out lease. Need revised lease for at least 10 years to be eligible for grant. Eric will look into providing a property lease which may help BYCX attain needed grant. Must be done by June 30, 2017. 	
County Activities	Heath Henderson
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County's plan is to not back-fill Jeff Swanson's position. Duties will be split between Public Works and Community Development. • Community Development will take economic development piece, land-bank • Community Development contact is Marty Snell. • Public Works will take on railroad – Greg Shaffer. • Heath Henderson will be contact in lieu of Greg Shaffer due to conflicts of interest. • Bridge 12 grant will go through Public Works. • FRAP Program has July 15th deadline. 	
Port of Vancouver	Kent Cash
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with Clark County to discuss benefits of rail line and opportunities • Will maintain relationship with county and further discuss benefits 	
Subcommittee Reports	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Unfinished Business	Dan Weaver
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan will serve as chair for rest of the year. Moved for approval (John Shaffer), seconded (Jack Melton), unanimously approved. • John Shaffer elected to serve as Vice Chair. Moved for approval (Jack Melton), seconded (Elizabeth Scott), unanimously approved. 	
New Business	Dan Weaver
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Good of the Order	ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Round Table	ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Battle Ground update from Scott Sawyer: Trying to encourage moving forward with Chelatchie "Rails with Trails" project. • Obtained funding to proceed on a section from Main Street to Rasmussen. Design is anticipated to start soon. 	
ADJOURNMENT @ 5:05 pm	