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**RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2017**

**4:00 PM -5:30 PM**

**1300 FRANKLIN STREET PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER**

**6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR - BOCC CONFERENCE ROOM**

<b>Members Present:</b>	Dan Weaver, John Shaffer, Elizabeth Scott, Lloyd Lycan, Dave Nelson, Patrick Sweeney, Jeff Swanson, Neil Chambers, Jack Melton, John Hansen, Jim Pearson, Kent Cash	
<b>Excused Members:</b>		
<b>Absent Members:</b>	Dick Clairmont, Richard Green, Eric Fuller	
<b>Ex-Officio:</b>	Eric Temple	
<b>Public:</b>	Randy Williams (BYCX), Wayne Harner (POV); Michael O'Connell	
<b>Staff:</b>	Jerry Barnett, Cherie Burmaster	
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>	
<b>Meeting called to order @ 4:00pm</b>	<b>Dan Weaver</b>	
<b>Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes</b>	<b>Dan Weaver</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Move to approve May Minutes (Dave Nelson), seconded (Jack Melton)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Email from Amber Carter, from May 8<sup>th</sup> to be included with May Minutes</li> <li>-Unanimously approved</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Communications/Announcements/Citizen Input</b>	<b>Dan Weaver</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
<b>PVJR Activities</b>	<b>Eric Temple</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record car count from January to May 2017-doesn't appear to be slowing down</li> <li>Governor Inslee vetoed House Bill 1504. Eric asked for a veto override, but this couldn't be done. In its place a new bill will be modified and amended, and possibly signed, which will include 1504's components. The new bill (5517) will also include Liz Pike's bill. It will eliminate other counties and just be a Clark County bill. This may become law sometime in late June or July. It is not retroactive.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Jeff Swanson gave his opinion on the timeframe and possible direction of the bills and the county's possible direction of action.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Have final PSA for 5.2 acre property. Partnership is called Pacific Corp. (a partnership between ADM and Marubeni Corp. [Japanese trading comp.])-they're willing to build a rail spur</li> <li>Eric met with Jerry Barnett and Bob Stevens to reestablish the "handshake deal" previously held with Mark McCauley, about the signal and parking issue at 78<sup>th</sup> Street               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-One concern is giving the parcel an easement (for traffic to go across the tracks and use the traffic light)-don't want to rezone to commercial</li> </ul> </li> <li>Another customer wants to trans-load 300-600 cars/year but they need a wide space. The Public Works space is a little short. Eric would like to move the fence on the Public Works site 10-feet to make the accommodation. As long as the site/county receives compensation, Bob Stevens thinks this may be a solution</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Another customer wants Eric to build 11,000 feet of rail/track in the Lagler Farm area for long-term storage (storing about 170 cars), but they want Eric to make the up-front investment-finance it off of their contract. Eric can buy property from Lagler and put down track.</li> </ul>	
<b>Introductions</b>	<b>Dan Weaver</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dan introduced Kris Greene-candidate for the Port of Vancouver Commissioner position. Chris was interested in the railroad and the meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Everybody went around the room and introduced themselves to Chris and what they do</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>BYCX Activities</b>	<b>Randy Williams</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weed sprayer truck around Milepost 28 &amp; 29 fell through the tracks twice Thursday, May 25th. There were piled up spikes and tie plates-don't know whether this was due to a logging operation or vandalism. Track is now fixed.</li> <li>• Runs went okay and maintenance is good</li> <li>• Running steam engine on Father's Day weekend (Saturday and Sunday)</li> <li>• Doing a wine run on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 5pm with Multnomah Falls Winery-trying to work with businesses and marketing and build relationships</li> </ul>	
<b>County Activities</b>	<b>Jerry Barnett</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jerry's trying to get ahold of Gillette Logging, and will get in touch with Naramore regarding the track for BYCX and the piled tie plates</li> <li>• Tunnel Scaling: Received a report which was reviewed with Randy and Dave, and came up with maintenance and capital projects for the future. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Can expect \$20,000 per year in scaling. Also have costs for bolting and shotcrete, or daylighting whole thing. Jerry can distribute to whomever is interested in the report</li> <li>-Randy from BYCX mentioned they'd like to see the lowest price option</li> <li>-John Shaffer brought up question of who's liable if a rock falls on a passenger. BYCX is responsible for the normal maintenance</li> <li>-Tunnel hasn't been scaled in at least 14 years. According to Randy, the tunnel is dry. It's only a little wet near the north end with the stream of water, and there's hasn't been any scaling or rock falling issues. Only real problem is people walking on the track in the tunnel</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Bridge 12: Received final TS&amp;L Report from HDR for the bridge that crosses Salmon Creek near The Cedars Golf Course. It provided replacement alternatives as well as background information and current restrictions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Alternatives include prestressed, precast concrete, double cell beam approach and a 54-foot single cell girder spanning over Salmon Creek</li> <li>-There are load restrictions, unless approved by the Railroad's General Manager</li> <li>-Jerry Barnett will forward the report to the RRAB Committee.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Chelatchie Trail: Met in May with the City of Battle Ground, Jeff Swanson, and their Director of Public Works for a solution for construction. Construction would take place in 2018. Eric Temple will rely on Cahill to approve and make necessary recommendations.</li> <li>• FRAP Grant: Jerry contacted WSDOT which indicated the \$400,000 (with a \$100,00 county match) grant is available-we just have to get a rail replacement agreement in place. A \$150K is allotted specifically for the tunnel and Bridge 20</li> </ul>	
<b>Port of Vancouver</b>	<b>Kent Cash</b>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
<b>Subcommittee Reports</b>	<b>Dan Weaver</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dan Weaver asked Jim Pearson and John Hansen to read and review/critique the railroad website. After reviewing the website some links worked and other didn't. There are good things, but it sounds like IT may need to be involved to organize and correct issues on the site.</li> <li>• John brought up the issue of trying to find maps that show what properties are available and the roads that go in and out between the county and PVJR sites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Elizabeth Scott and Eric Temple said they don't typically keep a database of available land, but have an inventory of sites that are available that may or may not be on the market or willing to transact (i.e., Port of Vancouver, Lagler, etc.) as options.</li> <li>-Jeff Swanson brought up the challenge in building a property site (what the site is zoned for, its various uses, updating the site, modes of transportation, etc.). There are so many variables. It is easier to list contact information so that people can ask what is available and get current updates. First point of contact should be CREDC if someone is looking for industrial property, especially if the information could be brought up in public record requests</li> <li>-We can work with Jeff Mize to update and modify the RRAB Website</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Unfinished Business</b>	<b>Dan Weaver</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
<b>New Business</b>	<b>Dan Weaver</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dan Weaver would like to help educate our Councilors (many are new), get them up to speed on railroad issues, and have productive councilor interfaces. There are five different Councilors who can have different views. Floor was opened for suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-John Hansen suggested taking people on railroad rides-to see sites and conditions</li> <li>-Jeff mentioned how they were fairly successful on getting some Councilors out with and looking at a rail, and past work sessions that gave an overview of the railroad. Another work session, using an old PowerPoint presentation may be helpful to use again, but maybe doing one-one-ones with Councilors before this (to gauge their interest and impressions) might be most productive</li> <li>-Jim Pearson suggested a minimum effort of having a lunch at The Cedars, with the Councilors, and using golf carts to look at Bridge 12. They can see what's going on this way</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Good of the Order</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
<b>Round Table</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
<b>ADJOURNMENT @ 5:10pm</b>	