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RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

4:00 PM -5:30 PM

1300 FRANKLIN STREET – PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER

6TH FLOOR – BOARD TRAINING ROOM

Members Present:	Neil Chambers, Chad Eiken, Eric Fuller, Bill Ganley, Lloyd Lycan, Denise McCarty, Jack Melton, John Shaffer, Tom Smith, Dan Weaver, Jon Yamashita	
Excused Members:	Dick Clairmont, Todd Coleman, Scott Dalesandro, Dave Nelson	
Absent Members:		
Ex-Officio:	Eric Temple (PVJR), Will Pickering (BYCX)	
Public:	WA State Rep. Liz Pike, Randy Williams (BYCX), Robert Doyle (TSA), Scott Van Hoomissen (TSA)	
Staff:	Jeff Swanson	
Agenda Item	Facilitator	
Meeting called to order @ 4:02pm	Dan Weaver	
Roll Call/Introductions	Dan Weaver	
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Dan Weaver	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved for approval (John Shaffer), seconded (Chad Eiken), unanimously approved 	
Communications/Announcements/Citizen Input	Dan Weaver	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
BYCX Activities	Randy Williams	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ridership holding steady at good volumes Acquired a surplus 120 ton wheel press; performing a power swap on a spare locomotive; applying for grants through the historic promotion program for maintenance on steam locomotive Held a successful Clark County Skills Center event 	
PVJR Activities	Eric Temple	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hired lobbyist, Amber Carter, and looking for other state and federal funding programs for the railroad Seeing increasing interest in the industrial parcel on NE 78th Street Carload volumes have been down since July/August; no one particular customer volumes are off – all are down; customer forecasts have been unreliable 	
County Activities	Jeff Swanson	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2015 capital projects work is complete; some issues remaining with respect to activation of signals at NE 78th Street grade crossing Anticipating a call for projects for the WSDOT FRAP program; \$970,000 is available; strategy would be to secure local (county) match for the state funds and use these combined funds towards federal funding Later in the fall there will be a final open house for the rural industrial land bank project; a draft comment letter has been prepared for the RRAB and is being circulated for review and suggested revision County work on the site readiness project continues with various county departments/staff preparing submissions for the consultant to analyze Other development activity/interest continues; preparing a budget request submittal for grant matching funds to construct rail sidings/access for three development projects 	

Subcommittee Reports	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By laws and mission statement awaiting county manager approval 	
Unfinished Business	Dan Weaver
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
New Business	Dan Weaver
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board member terms expiring at the end of 2015 are: Lloyd Lycan, Dick Clairmont, John Shaffer, Jack Melton and Neil Chambers; members interested in reappointment to new three-year terms are asked to contact Todd Coleman and/or Dan Weaver 	
Good of the Order	ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Rep. Liz Pike is interested in introducing a bill at the beginning of the 60-day session to designate rail-accessible lands as resource lands under the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA); Rep. Pike has asked Rep. Takko and the Local Government Committee to perform a structural review of GMA; Rep. Wylie, who has also expressed interest in this issue may be a good sponsor for the bill in the House, and perhaps Sen. King could sponsor it in the Senate Mr. Doyle and Mr. Van Hoomissen commented on Department of Homeland Security activities with respect to railroad security corridor assessments and related training 	
Round Table	ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
ADJOURNMENT @ 5:04 pm	