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**RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008**

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

**1300 FRANKLIN STREET – PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER**

**6TH FLOOR – TRAINING ROOM #679**

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>Members Present:</b>	John Allen, Dick Carroll, Dick Clairmont, Scott Dalesandro, Bill Ganley, Rodger Lance, Lloyd Lycan, Jack Melton, Tom Smith, Florence Wager, Dan Weaver
<b>Absent Members:</b>	Richard Hanford, Dave Hurt, Melinda McLucas, Bart Phillips
<b>Ex-Officio:</b>	Will Pickering (Eric Temple, Unavailable)
<b>Public:</b>	Doug Auburg, BYCX
<b>Staff:</b>	Fred Abraham

**Agenda Item**

**Meeting called to order** at 4:00PM

There were no guests at today's meeting.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- Bill Ganley motioned to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2008 meeting as distributed, seconded by Dick Clairmont, unanimously approved.

**Communications/Announcements**

- Dan Weaver read a letter from Bill Barron, County Administrator, announcing that the oversight of the railroad would be transferred from the Community Planning department to General Services. This would include the transfer of Fred Abraham to General Services. There was no mention of Mary Beth O'Donnell being transferred and Fred indicated that had not been yet determined. The group deliberated and requested Dan Weaver write a letter urging the transfer of Mary Beth to General Services as well, as her duties are connected with the railroad.

**PVJR Activities**

- Eric Temple was not available therefore there was no report from PVJR.

**BYCX Activities**

- Workers have replaced 400 ties as part of an effort to upgrade the railroad to FRA Class 1 standards towards Heisson.
- Train robbery excursions were successful.
- The 2-8-2T steam locomotive is still at Chelatchie and not in operating condition.

**Status of County Activities**

- A news release was distributed announcing a September 18 start of the rehabilitation project for 14 miles of track between Rye Junction and Battle Ground. It will be completed by December 15. At the same time, at MP 2.59 culvert repair work will be completed by October 15. A bid is due to go out next week with the award on September 22.
- A new grant application to WSDOT has been submitted for \$1.5Million to replace the 65# rail, ties, ballast and surfacing between MP 2 and MP 5.
- The RRWG (Dan Weaver) is continuing on developing code language and development standards to be used in zoning railroad industrial property for submission to the BOCC by the end of this year.
- A meeting with Deb Wallace, Craig Pridemore and Fred Abraham was held to discuss potential Federal grant funding of \$7-8Million for upgrading trackage from Rye Junction to Rye Yard with all new ties, 132# rail (or heavier), and all new ballast surface and lining. Continuing upgrades will help in attracting new facilities along the line.

<b>Agenda Item</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Property at 78<sup>th</sup> Street will be auctioned on September 26 with the hope that Keyera Propane will be the successful bidder.</li> <li>Fred Abraham, Mark Wilsdon of Risk Management, Steve Schulte, and Oliver Orjiako met with Kim Rath Johnson and Beka Yarwood from CBRR regarding reworking of permits for utility access to rail property and right of way entry.</li> <li>The web page had 275 hits last month.</li> </ul>
<b>Sub-Committee Reports:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing to report on ROW encroachments.</li> <li>Community Outreach: John Allen will be attending community/neighborhood meetings.</li> </ul>
<b>Unfinished Business:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul>
<b>New Business:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All nominated Board members are reappointed.</li> </ul>
<b>Good of the Order</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chris Lantz has assumed all track maintenance for PVJR. Fred will attempt to get Chris to attend a RRAB meeting to be introduced to the group.</li> </ul>
<b>Adjournment</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting was adjourned at 5:10PM.</li> </ul>

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