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RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2011

4:00 PM -5:30 PM

1300 FRANKLIN STREET – PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER

6TH FLOOR – TRAINING ROOM #679

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:	Dick Carroll, Dick Clairmont, Todd Coleman, Scott Dalesandro, Bill Ganley, Lloyd Lycan, Jack Melton, Aryana Peiravi, John Shaffer, Tom Smith, Bryan Snodgrass, Dan Weaver, Jon Yamashita
Excused Members:	
Absent Members:	Bonnie Moore, Florence Wager
Ex-Officio:	Eric Temple, Will Pickering
Public:	Doug Auburg
Staff:	Mark McCauley, April Flinn, Lisa Goorjian, Troy Pierce

Agenda Item	Facilitator
Meeting called to order @ 3:59 pm	Lloyd Lycan
Roll Call/Introductions	Lloyd Lycan
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved and seconded minutes approved as circulated. 	
Communications/Announcements/PVJR Activities	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal Grant Letter – The support letter submitted for the appropriations request was read aloud by Lloyd Lycan. Town Hall Meeting – Aryana Peiravi and Lloyd Lycan attended the town hall meeting in Battle Ground where Congresswoman Jamie Herrera Beutler was speaking. Aryana added that the Congresswoman Beutler seemed very genuine and listened and answered questions that were asked. She did not talk about the bridge and got a negative response on light rail. She is on the transportation committee and the chairman of that committee will be in Vancouver on February 21, 2011. She is pro business and should be supportive of the railroad. 	
PVJR Activities	Eric Temple
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Report 	
BYCX Activities	Will Pickering
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Off Season Maintenance – They are working near Heisson to finish up work with the 2010 grant monies. They were given a 90 day extension to use the money. The coach has been sandblasted but not painted. They have a couple of extra months to get that done. They are also working on the train for the spring. 	
Status of County Activities	Mark McCauley
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RR Coordinator Position – Eight applicants were referred by Human Resources for the Coordinator position. Of these eight, four will be interviewed next Friday. The goal is to have this position filled by the March 2011 RRAB meeting. Rail Day – On January 31, 2011 six people went to Olympia to meet with legislators. Overall it was a very successful day. They were able to meet with all of the local legislators except Senators Zarelli and Benton. They told legislators about the \$2.367 million in funding in the 	

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<p>transportation bill for the railroad, and were very appreciative. The attendees told the legislators about the upcoming grant program and asked for consideration for other funding. Follow up letters were sent to each legislator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Omega – The owner of the property that Omega wanted to purchase backed out. They are working with Bonnie Moore of CREDC and brokers to identify property on the rail line that will suit their needs. Some of the \$2.367 million may be used to help mitigate costs for Omega. If they expand it could bring around 60 more jobs to the county. • Current Grant – Will Cahill conveyed that the contractors should be finished by the end of February. The final grant documents will be done shortly after that. Number 23 bridge work is included in the timeline of February. 	
Subcommittee Reports	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighborhood Association – Dick Clairmont will attend this months meeting. • Community Reps – Todd C. – Omega is looking at the Port as well. Farwest Steel is coming to the Port and displacing a current rail customer. He has Eric Temple talking to them. EGC is expanding. The pot-ash facility is expanding as well. The Port is working with UP and BNSF for bridge clearance because of the width of the energy towers they are shipping. 	
Unfinished Business	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RRAB Make-Up Duties – Lloyd distributed copies of the by-laws and mission statement. He wants all members to be ready to discuss them at the next meeting and to prepare talking points. Dick Carroll wants to discuss who the RRAB is, what the RRAB wants to be, and what the BOCC would like us to be. He would also like Mark M. to ask if one of the commissioners would like to attend an RRAB meeting. 	
New Business	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chelatchie Prairie Rail Day – They are planning on having the legislator rail day in June. This is for local legislators to ride the rail line. They will use the BYCX coach and ask Eric Temple for use of an engine and engineer. The FRA will need to inspect the railroad to make it Class I, which will allow for passenger trains. Dick Clairmont thinks it will be fairly close to Class I standards. The FRA will identify areas that are not acceptable for Class I. As well, the coach will have to be inspected. • Rails with Trails – The advertisement for the first mile of trail will be on March 16, 2011, and the opening will be on March 29, 2011. Construction should begin in mid-April with completion in December 2011. Then the soft portion of the trail will be constructed. Trail users and organizations want to get on board to get the soft trail (equestrian trail) built, which will be done by volunteers. Representatives from Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas counties were all impressed with the trail. 	
Good of the Order	ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name Tags – Name tags have been made. 	
Round Table	ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Dalesandro – His company is extending their current lease. Intel will be using ties for a short period of time and they don't know what they will do with them when they are finished with their project. So, ties may be available in 2012. • Aryana – The new clinic in Battle Ground has opened, as well as a few new restaurants. A recognition dinner was recently held. 	
ADJOURNMENT @ 4:53 pm	