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RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2012

4:00 PM -5:30 PM

1300 FRANKLIN STREET – PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER

6TH FLOOR – TRAINING ROOM #679

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:	Dick Clairmont, Todd Coleman, Bill Ganley, Lloyd Lycan, Jack Melton, Aryana Peiravi, Will Pickering, John Shaffer, Bryan Snodgrass, Daniel Weaver.
Excused Members:	Dick Carrol, Bonnie Moore, Thomas Smith, Florence Wager, Jon Yamashita, Scott Dalesandro.
Absent Members:	
Ex-Officio:	Will Pickering, Eric Temple
Public:	Doug Auburg, David Rangel (Modoc Railroad Academy)
Staff:	Commissioner Marc Boldt, Jon Holladay, Linnea LaRocque, Troy Pierce

Agenda Item	Facilitator
Meeting called to order @ 4:00 p.m.	Dan Weaver
Roll Call/Introductions	Dan Weaver
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Boldt and David Rangel of Modoc Academy were guests 	
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Dan Weaver
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved and seconded. Minutes approved as distributed. 	
Communications/Announcements	Dan Weaver
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Boldt thanked the board for their dedication. He shared how he sees the railroad as an economic asset with job potential. Comm. Boldt thanked Eric and expressed his pleasure of the progress he's made with gaining control of this line. Troy Pierce showed photographs of the nearly completed (rail-trail) trail. The photos started at Battle Ground State Park and moved towards the rail line. 	
PVJR Activities	Eric Temple
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eric thanked the county for the help in moving quickly and assistance that helped make the transfer over to the new operating company happen. With this fresh start, he feels this will be the best year ever. With the new customer, Malarkey Roofing, and future opportunities, he sees the possibility of breaking the 1000 car barrier. He thanked and commended Board members who went to Olympia for their volunteerism and dedication to "Rail Day". Modoc: Eric and Modoc are having discussions about locating the school to Clark County and to what extent the two can partner together or trade services. The Burback property fence along Rye Yard between 40th and 43rd (approximately 800 feet) was moved back 10 to 20 feet to the property line by Burback. This adjustment may help accommodate future transload customers. CREDC has provided a few leads to Eric for future shippers. Eric shared with Commissioner Boldt his hope to close the road at 40th that bisects Rye Yard. This closure would accomplish several rail needs by eliminating a dangerous crossing, freeing up more railcar space in the railroad's only yard, and accommodating more transloading business at the yard. 	

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BYCX Activities	Will Pickering
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off season month, things are fairly quiet. • Lots of trees are down due to storms, which BYCX is clearing. • First 2012 trips will be at the end of May. 	
Status of County Activities	Jon Holladay
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge 6 & 23 repairs: Jon shared photographs of Bridge 6 fire repairs. The work is nearly complete, however the contractor has had quality troubles delivering the last few timbers. There is essentially only a week's worth of work remaining once materials are delivered. Bridge 23 is waiting for the Department of Natural Resources – Larch Camp, to finish their tree planting duties before the crew can work on the bridge. They may be available as soon as March 6th. The needed brace timbers have been received. • 40th Ave crossing closure initiative: Jon added to Eric's discussion regarding the closing of 40th and demonstrated, with a video, the hazards associated with the traffic backups when trains are switching at Rye Yard, which blocks 40th and 43rd. Jon added his concern if an emergency vehicle needs to cross while a train is present. Lloyd and Jon pointed out that 5 years ago when only 60 cars were moved in a year, vs. the 600 now, there had not been such a safety concern. If the goal is to increase the rail car count, the safety exposure will also increase. Commissioner Boldt asked whether our Risk Manager, Mark Wilsdon, had seen this. Jon replied that he had not yet, but would. Jon has various recommendations on how to design a successful rail yard, reduce liability exposure and increase mobility for those companies/residents located in the area. Ultimately, 40th and 43rd should be closed since the same blockages and delays occur at both. Jon's first goal is to close 40th, as it is the "low hanging fruit". • A new yard was discussed as opposed to trying to "fix" Rye Yard. Jon estimated the cost to be between \$3-4 million where the closing (re-development) of 40th would be a few hundred thousand dollars to build road improvements/cul-de-sac. • Programming track modernization projects & budgets: Jon is programming how much it will cost to upgrade the railroad – in sections with cost estimations. To complete the modernization of the track would be approximately \$10 million at least. This includes just modernizing the track up to Battle Ground and none of the wish list items such as a new yard, shop, re-built bridges. This exercise, combined with the map handout developed for Rail Day will help sell our project to state legislators. • Olympia Rail Day report: The group used a map handout to show legislators our progress and continuing needs of the line. All but two scheduled meetings were accomplished, and they picked up an additional three. Most contacts were familiar with this project. Different legislators had different ideas about funding sources, though none were sure-fire. The general impression received by our delegation was that any forthcoming funds this year would be smaller amounts than the past. 	
Subcommittee Reports	
<p>CREDC economic development update (Bonnie) Bonnie sent an email:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – So far, work on the Clark County Economic Development Strategic Plan, with regards to target industry needs, emphasizes the importance of rail access in Clark County (though more along Columbia River, less on Chelatchie) – At this time, we have engaged Eric Temple on 2 recruitment projects requiring rail access in Clark County. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Neighborhood Ass'n. (Dan & Dick) Nothing to report. Dick asked again if anyone would fill in for this sub-committee. No takers at this time. • Web Page (Scott) Nothing to report. • Legislative (John) Nothing to report. • Community Reps. (Bill, Aryana, Todd, Bryan) Nothing to report. • RR Master Plan Subcommittee – (Dick, Dan, John) Nothing to report. • RRAB Makeup/Duties/Expectations (Dick Carroll) Nothing to report. (Dick's absence excused) 	
Unfinished Business	Dan Weaver
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None noted 	
New Business	Dan Weaver
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jon was asked about the news article regarding the changes to county advisory boards. He said 	

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he had heard nothing and he didn't feel those changes would apply to this board.	
Good of the Order	ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None	
ADJOURNMENT @ 5:13 pm	