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RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2010

4:00 PM -5:30 PM

1300 FRANKLIN STREET – PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER

6TH FLOOR – TRAINING ROOM #679

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:	John Allen, Dick Carroll, Todd Coleman, Scott Dalesandro, Lloyd Lycan, Bart Phillips, John Shaffer, Tom Smith, Florence Wager, Dan Weaver
Excused Members:	Dick Clairmont, Bill Ganley, Melinda McLucas, Jack Melton
Absent Members:	Rodger Lance
Ex-Officio:	Will Pickering, Eric Temple
Public:	Doug Auburg
Staff:	Fred Abraham, April Flinn, Troy Pierce

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Meeting called to order @ 4:00 PM	Lloyd Lycan
Roll Call/Introductions	Lloyd Lycan
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The date was corrected on the minutes. Moved and seconded minutes approved as corrected. 	
Communications/Announcements	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 78th Street Parcel – The parcel will be going up for auction to sell in May 2010. There is at least one current rail user that desires to use the parcel to expand the business, in addition to using their current location. There is pollution coverage in place for this parcel to cover the problem at the 60 foot level. Jerry Petrick – Jerry Petrick is no longer with CREDC. Bart Phillips will be sitting in on the RRAB meetings until Jerry’s position has been filled with his replacement, then that person will be seated by the BOCC formally. Support Letters – Support letters are coming in from Jurisdictional partners in regard to the federal appropriation requests. The support letter from the advisory board was received today. The City of Vancouver and the City of Battle Ground are currently drafting their letters. 	
PVJR Activities	Eric Temple
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sand Particles – The neighbor near the transload site seems to be satisfied. They have not heard any more from her. Canfield Trucking is a very responsible company, and quick to act on these issues with regard to the dust coming from the sandstone. New Shipper – There has been some frustration this week regarding the new potential shipper on the line. The hopes of landing this customer were on the I-5 agreement where the BNSF and Union Pacific share the line. BNSF is supposed to move cars for Union Pacific on this section of track, between Portland and Seattle, at the I-5 rates. Transload is not subject to this agreement. According to Union Pacific, BNSF will charge \$3000 to move the sand load from the interchange point wherever that is, in Portland or Vancouver, to Vancouver. Eric Temple would like to pursue open access with Union Pacific at somepoint. Olympia – Eric Temple spent the day in Olympia hoping to firm up the \$1 million that the railroad is expected to receive. He spoke with Chair Judy Clibborn and it has passed the 	

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<p>House for inclusion in the transportation budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank You – On April 13, 2010 there is an annual thank you session for the legislators in Seattle. It will be held at the Spirit of Washington Event Center from 4-6 PM. • Lagler Property – Eric Temple had a good conversation with Dennis Lagler regarding his property. Mr. Lagler is supportive of the rezoning of the property west of SR503 for an industrial park. The one particular parcel is 156 acres, but the total land amount is around 220 acres. It is possible that an industrial land bank will be pursued, based on the BOCC direction. 	
BYCX Activities	Will Pickering
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off Season – It is still off season and they continue to work on equipment and track maintenance from Yacont to the south. • Donation – They received a donation of seats for upgrading their old coach. • Chelatchie Yard – Clean up of the Chelatchie yard is still underway. 	
Status of County Activities	Fred Abraham
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.3668 Million Grant – Contract negotiations have finally been completed. The final draft was received by Fred Abraham today and he forwarded to the PA's office as well as to Risk Management for review. Mark Wilsdon has already approved the content of the contract with regard to Risk. Once the PA's office gives approval the contract will go to the Commissioner's for their signatures. The money will then be released and the County will go out to bid. • MP 1 Slide Repair – Repairs have been completed. Just over 1900 tons of rock was added to the hillside to stabilize the hill. There does not seem to be any further erosion occurring at this time. It will continue to be monitored. • Federal Appropriation Requests – Appropriation requests have gone to Representative Baird, Senator Cantwell, and Senator Murray for \$4 million. Fred Abraham has asked for support letters. We anticipate getting those soon. Commissioner Stuart went back to Washington, DC this week to meet with the legislators. • OTS Program – The OTS program went to the FRA today in the mail. The program meets the operating rules of CBRR. No negative comments have come back from the unions or Risk Management on the program. The PA's office is reviewing and once they are ok with it then, it will go before Bill Barron for his approval. Training will begin next month. The time, location and date are yet to be determined. There are around 125-150 people to train. • Economic Development Outreach – Fred Abraham continues to meet with rail shippers. The next step will be to meet with companies that are along the rail line but do not use it. They are going to see if they would be able to use the rail, or to relocate so that the space can be used to house a rail shipper. CREDC and Kelly Sills will be going along with Fred Abraham to continue outreach, to try to bring customers in to the County. Commissioners Mielke and Boldt respond well to the meetings with the businesses, and Fred Abraham looks forward to going out to the community with Commissioner Stuart and anticipates the same from him. Bart Phillips added that CREDC that they are attempting to meet with 100 firms this year. • NACCC Meeting – Fred Abraham went to meet with the members of the NACCC last month. They all seemed supportive of the railroad. They are pleased to be kept up to date of what is happening with the railroad. Tonight they will be discussing the potential shipper, Anderson Plastics, which wants to expand to Brush Prairie, at the old Cenex property. It does need to be rezoned to light manufacturing. • Rural Task Force – Fred Abraham has been asked to put a document together on how Clark County should look in regard to the railroad. Fred gave a presentation to the Rural Task Force. He told them that the lower 14 miles is slated to be a freight rail line, and that the upper line currently has an excursion train. He brought up that more land needs to be set aside for railroad industrial. • DNR Update – It appears, based on news from Olympia, that DNR may be able to stay at Larch Mountain. Senator's Pridemore and Zarelli have proposed to keep Larch Corrections 	

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<p>open, and it has now gone to Governor Gregiore. There is a good possibility that Larch Mountain Corrections will stay open if not at full bed space at least at half bed space and that will allow DNR to stay as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridges – Bridge 6 is almost done. There is one more piling to replace. Work on bridge 12, at Cedars, will start by the end of this week. The work should take 3-4 weeks. After bridge 12 is completed, then work will commence on bridge 23. • 199th Street Crossing – The issue of the 199th Street crossing went to the Battle Ground City Council last week. They have received federal money to overlay 199th Street. Clark County proposed a joint effort or partnership with the City of Battle Ground that Clark County Rail will provide ties, ballast, two each 6” conduit, and railroad accessories if the city provides the base rock, engineering, and concrete panels along with the bid for the work going through the city. A memorandum of understanding was received from the City of Battle Ground today and it will be forwarded to the PA’s office for review. The Grace Avenue and storm water issues are also to be addressed among other rail related projects this year as per City council direction to the City Public Works Director, Scott Sawyer, to work with Clark County. • \$1 Million for Legislature – Fred Abraham received a call from Mike Burgess. Members of the RRAB have been urged to call or write letters to the legislators. The \$1 million is moving through in the budget. 	
Subcommittee Reports	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Outreach – No Update • Web Page – Was recently updated regarding the sink hole. • Safety – OTS has been completed. A 50 question test has also been drafted. • Rails with Trails – No Update 	
Unfinished Business	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rails with Trails – Troy Pierce presented on the Rails with Trails project. The designer has finished offsetting the alignment of the trail to 16 feet. He is still working on a memo summarizing where the trail falls with regard to the rail line for the RRAB group to review. This review will probably start with the subgroup. The appraisal for the property at 174th has not been received. It still has not been decided which way the trail will go at that point. A new firm had to do the appraisal because of a conflict with the old firm and the property owner. The property does have wetlands which means there will need to be more surveys. • Rails with Trails MOU Update – Lisa Goorjian has recently sent the memorandum out. She does not anticipate hearing anything back until June. It has gone to several of the trail user groups and sub-committee members. A reminder will be sent out next week. The resolution’s effect is for the rail operators and the rail operator to be taken care of first and foremost and, in a spirit of cooperation, allowing the trail to be paced on the railroad right-of-way where it is feasible and agreed upon and in cooperation with the groups and the County. • Lobbyist Update – The actions of the County lobbyist was discussed at last months meeting. Fred Abraham addressed this issue with the BOCC and Bill Barron. The consensus was that a point has been made, but at this point it should be put to rest. • Autobiography’s – Several months ago Lloyd Lycan asked for autobiographies of the RRAB members. It was decided that John Allen and Fred Abraham will keep copies of these, if they are needed. They will not be made public. 	
New Business	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt a Rail Program – This program is similar to the Adopt a Highway program. Groups would go out and clean up the rail line of trash and would then have a sign recognizing the group of individual. The groups would not need OTS training and have been covered by Risk Management. Fred Abraham, Lloyd Lycan, and John Allen will formulate a sub-committee group to look into this program. • Military Engineer Teams – The military can be used to fix bridges as an exercise for them. • Local Offender Crews – These crews can be used to clean up brush along the railroad, but 	

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Fred Abraham does not like this idea that much because of the abilities of the crew.	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Ganley – A card was sent to Bill Ganley by Lloyd Lycan on behalf of the RRAB. Lloyd Lycan talked to him on Saturday. He did go back to work last week, and he hopes to be back to the RRAB meetings next month. 	
Round Table	ALL
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ADJOURNMENT @ 5:22 PM	