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RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 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, Bill Ganley, Aryana Peiravi, Bart Phillips, John Shaffer, Tom Smith, Dan Weaver, Jon Yamashita, Bryan Snodgrass, Todd Coleman, Scott Dalesandro, Lloyd Lycan, Jack Melton
Excused Members:	Florence Wager
Absent Members:	
Ex-Officio:	Will Pickering, Eric Temple
Public:	Doug Auburg
Staff:	Jon Holladay, Linnea LaRocque, Troy Pierce

Agenda Item	Facilitator
Meeting called to order @ 4:00 p.m.	Lloyd Lycan
Roll Call/Introductions	Lloyd Lycan
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted 	
Communications/Announcements	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Introductions Linnea LaRocque, introduced as temporary support staff. Florence B. Wager Foundation Award - Parks and Recreation Volunteerism – coming soon. Chelatchie Prairie Railroad Trail bid awarded / April 5th. Awarded to: Northwest Construction General Contracting in the amount of \$ 406,812.27. 	
PVJR Activities	Eric Temple
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separation of Business – No progress has been made on this issue. Resolution may have to come from litigation. Olympia – Eric will continue pressing for funding support in Olympia. \$455k is still possibly left (ed. Note: \$455k was approved by legislature in transportation package). Sometimes residual funds become available. Customers – Car counts are up about 20% for the first quarter from 2010 - up 30% from 2009. Omega is slow which is typical this time of year. Food Express and Anderson are picking up. Linde Gas business is supposed to pick up in the Fall. Eric is unsure about the steel piling company; they closed on the property purchase. It appears progress is being made including meetings with the county. Eric has been trying to secure more business from Malarky. Union Tank Car is looking to put in a repair facility. They would need 2-3 acres of land and a rail spur, which we currently don't have. Another opportunity is a shipper who is looking for between 30 – 50 acres for a distribution center for housing/construction products. Eric will bring this up to the economic development group and BOCC. Eric has given up on it. He's not sure the county could come up with this much land in a short amount of time. Engineer (Dave) feels the track is better than it's ever been. Winter maintenance is unfortunate because there is little rock in the ground which makes it soft. But he's happy! 	

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BYCX Activities	Will Pickering
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant – Finished work at Heissen and they're working on replacing the two switches at the Yacolt station and the majority of switch ties. Mother's Day weekend is the first event • Maintenance – (nothing heard) 	
Status of County Activities	Jon Holladay
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced Jon Holladay, Railroad Coordinator – Jon asked that all be forgiving with him as he learns names and understands issues. He will be listening and reading as he discovers his role. Jon lives in Milwaukie OR with his wife, 18 month old daughter and dog. For 6 years, Jon has worked with HDR – 5 years especially devoted to rail industry projects across the NW, south to California and east. In the last 3 years Jon has been involved with Port of Vancouver, drafted alternatives for BNSF for Rye Junction and has worked on some county inspection projects. Looking forward to getting to know the operation, bettering the county by bringing more industry and increasing the opportunity for Columbia Basin to succeed. 	
Subcommittee Reports	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction – Jon Holladay - Construction is down to the punch list. This is one of Jon's first orders of business. • NACC – Dan Weaver – Home Rule Charter government is being discussed. NACC asked Bill Barron to present to the Home Owners Association. • Web Page – It's looking good. • Legislation and Economic Development – • Battle Ground Chamber of Commerce – There are a few new members. • King County – possibly rail may come available from a track removal project there, but it may be years before it's available. • City of Vancouver – Some people will move to the new building in May, the rest through the summer. • CREDC – most activity has been for manufacturing, without rail requirements. 	
Unfinished Business	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class I Status – The line is still a ways away from being classified as Class I. It is something to strive for in the future. • RRAB Make-Up and Duties – Now that Jon is here, the board continues to want discussion regarding these items that are on the table at this time: 1. What do County Commissioners expect from this board? 2. Who are we and what should we do? 3. How should the RRAB support the railroad? 4. How visible should it be? 5. What is the budget? (expenditures and dedicated funds) 6. Is the size of the board appropriate? 7. As the RR progresses, how should the board progress? 8. In summary, an overall view of accomplishments and goals is in order. 1984 initial rail line purchase – the original design vs. the current county Commissioners goals – is the RRAB fulfilling it's purpose? Bart interjected that he believes the board is doing exactly what the Commissioners want – by discussing issue that may be of interest to the railroad. As the line is improved, it will become a more viable economic asset. Eric sees the RRAB as a community who helps all aspects of current and future promotion of the line. To be successful, what is really needed is land. Two successes of this board: Railroad Grants and the hiring of the Railroad Coordinator. • Land Use Planning – There was discussion about land use planning for manufacturing along the rail line. 	
New Business	Lloyd Lycan
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Good of the Order	ALL
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Round Table	ALL
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ADJOURNMENT @ 5:27 pm	