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RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 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, Bonnie Moore, Aryana Peiravi, John Shaffer, Dan Weaver, Jon Yamashita
Excused Members:	Thomas Smith, Bryan Snodgrass
Absent Members:	Florence Wager
Ex-Officio:	Will Pickering, Eric Temple
Public:	
Staff:	Jon Holladay, Linnea LaRocque

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 with changes. 	
Communications/Announcements	Lloyd Lycan
<p>Bonnie from CREDC will accept and return the appointment letter. The Board went around the table introducing themselves to Bonnie who is replacing Bart Phillips. Bonnie then described her position as the CREDC Director of Business Services. Bonnie is new to the Pacific NW and comes here with 10 years business development experience in high-tech and metals manufacturing. Lloyd shared RRAB Bylaws, etc. Lloyd asked Bonnie to bring Insitu close to the rail line for their shipping needs.</p>	
PVJR Activities	Eric Temple
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separation of Business: Eric expects the resolution process will speed up as a third party is now involved. Eric and his brother will likely dissolve their partnership. Lloyd commended Eric in how he's been handling the issue and his professional dedication. Eric attended a meeting with local government and spoke with local representatives including our new Representative, Sharon Wiley. Mike Armstrong, VP of Transportation, asked Eric for a list of his top three items for his radar if monies became available. Eric feels his efforts now will pay off in the future. Potential new shipper: for future discussion. 	
BYCX Activities	Will Pickering
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular runs are hit and miss due to weather. Ridership hasn't been as good as last year. Track work continues including brushing and spraying including a university test-spray study. Will says they're going to purchase new ties vs. used relay ties going forward. 	
Status of County Activities	Jon Holladay
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant Progress: Construction is complete. Because of low bid prices, there is approximately \$400k remaining which will be devoted to purchasing two rail cars full of brand new 150# rail and other supplies. About 4600' of track. More monies \$70-80k may also become available 	

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<p>as well as the new appropriation that will be used for installation expenses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lewis River bridge repairs: Inmate crew will be swapping timbers, estimated time to completion is 2 weeks. Vegetation control: Mile 0-33 spraying is in process - except for some test spraying areas. Signal maintenance compliance manual (Fed RR Admin.): Railroad/Street grade intersection crossing signals compliance manual is going well. FRA liked the initial draft whereby Jon will do a round of revisions and submit a final document. Dick Clairmont commended Jon on all he's done and is doing. 	
Subcommittee Reports	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Neighborhood Assn. (Dan & Dick): Nothing to report. Web Page (Scott): Nothing to report – Lloyd reminded the Board of the Customer Site Development / Chelatchie Prairie Market Study homework assignment. Jon is happy leaving the video with Fred Abraham on the page. Legislative & Econ. Dev. (John): Session is over. John hopes to have some informal meetings before the next session begins. Rails with Trails (Florence): A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday. Jon and Lloyd plan to attend. Ground has been broken. The meeting will include introducing Jon, updating the trail groups regarding the native surface trail that will run parallel to the paved trail, input of a separation fence between the trail and rail line and discuss the interaction of trail users and future rail operation. Community Reps: Bill (Battle Ground Council), Aryana (Battle Ground Chamber), Todd (Port of Vancouver), Bryan (City of Vancouver), Lloyd will add Bonnie (CREDC). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill: Peterman – bus contractor to school district, is moving their bus operations off the rail line over to the commerce center. This opens rail property for manufacturing/shipping. Aryana: 4th of July event. Todd: the good news is their projects may be a sign of an improving economy. He will look to see if there is any excess steel the RR might be able to use. Bonnie: Professional Services and Manufacturing are leading businesses in SW Washington. With the US dollar being weak, this is encouraging business to come back from overseas resulting in new hires. Working on National Export Initiative – Received a Brookings Institute grant for the Portland Metro Region to help promote business to export etc. Also working on promoting CC Fee Waiver Development Incentives. Lloyd asked Bonnie if there is opportunity to work with firms wanting to locate near the rail line. Bonnie mentioned Dewitt Construction who was looking to relocate. Apparently they may be in contact with Eric however nothing has progressed at this point. Otherwise, she knows of no other opportunities at this time. Jon: Proposed a core group of 2-3 people to help develop a master plan for the railroad that will explain to the County, Legislators, CREDC etc., including a top 10 list of projects. Picture oriented, bulleted overviews with backup written reports with details. Included would be standard documents such as: engineering standards, zoning, physical aspects, as well as better mapping. This may help effectively communicate our expectations of the railroad to all other entities – internal and external. Top 10 projects will be clearly defined. Bonnie noted a group with CREDC who may have resources already available that may compliment this project. Board discussion: Land requirements, car volume and other issues were discussed. Ultimately, this would be a holistic funding action plan to make the railroad sustainable for the county, profitable for Eric, and bring business to the county. Dan Weaver, Dick Clairmont, John Shaffer and Jon Holladay volunteered to meet. Lloyd will attend as ex-officio. 	
Unfinished Business	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RRAB Makeup - Duties – Expectations: tabled 	
New Business	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> County Railroad operating budget explained: July topic Jon will present a State of the Railroad to the BOCC on July 5th and Jon would like to share the 	

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<p>presentation with the group next month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> County RR Master Development & Economic Plan: Lloyd encourages all to read. 	
Good of the Order	ALL
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Round Table	ALL
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ADJOURNMENT @ 5:31 p.m.	