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RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2010

4:00 PM -5:30 PM

1300 FRANKLIN STREET – PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER

6TH FLOOR – HEARING ROOM #680

Members Present:	Dick Carroll, Todd Coleman, Scott Dalesandro, Rodger Lance, Lloyd Lycan, Jack Melton, John Shaffer, Tom Smith, Bryan Snodgrass, Florence Wager
Excused Members:	Fred Abraham, Dick Clairmont, Melinda McLucas, Dan Weaver, Bill Ganley
Absent Members:	Bart Phillips
Ex-Officio:	Will Pickering, Eric Temple
Public:	Doug Auburg
Staff:	April Flinn
Agenda Item	
	Facilitator
Meeting called to order @ 4:02 pm	Lloyd Lycan
Roll Call/Introductions	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No introductions needed. 	
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved and seconded minutes approved as circulated. 	
Communications/Announcements	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No communications or announcements. 	
PVJR Activities	Eric Temple
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customers – September was a very good month. Eric mentioned that there were about 58-59 cars for the month of September. It was later corrected that it was 41 cars for the month of September. The quarterly report will be coming soon. The car counts are coming up and recovering nicely. Andersen Dairy/Plastics is steady for car shipments. They are still working on their new facility. Eric believes it will be the beginning of the year before they will start business. GTS Drywall has moved out of their location. Omega has slowed down. They are mostly trucking out their product. Canfield has been moving a lot of soy. Sand shipments are slightly down. They have nine soy cars in currently. Linde Gas shipped three cars of argon. They have since slowed. BPA had one outbound car. The steel shipper closed on the property. Ties & Rock – Ties and rock are being installed from the current grant money. One mile of track has been worked. Operational Issues – There were two rules violations recently. Someone from Eric's main office in Yakima gave authority, or the wording of her e-mail, to a survey crew to access the track in the same track area that the surfacing crew is working. The other violation was that a Clark County employee took three extra signals out of service during the track work before notifying CBRR that they were out of service. This is the wrong order. The train crew had to flag the crossing in order to pass. Eric is working on getting to the bottom of why these two violations occurred. Legislative Agenda – Eric wants to get started with the legislative agenda for rail day. Last year did not feel organized. He wants to meet with the lobbyist to set an agenda and be organized. Malarky Roofing – This is the company that was mentioned last meeting about using the rail line. They are having budget problems. They have other expansion happening now. 	
BYCX Activities	Will Pickering
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signal – The signal department got called out after their last run on Lucia Falls Road. The lights were on but the gates were still up. On their last trip, they rolled into the circuit by about one foot and tripped the circuit. There wasn't enough momentum when the gates went back up for it to turn the lights off. The lights and gates are back in service. Herbicide – The research people from Purdue University came down from Seattle to view the areas 	

where the test herbicide was used. Fred Abraham should have the information on the results. They were taken along the line in a coach from BYCX to look at the sites. These chemicals are supposed to have less environmental impact and be safer chemicals.

- **Grants** – The coach they are restoring was painted a couple of weeks ago. They received a good discount on the paint and helpers came from DuPont. There is still interior work to do. This is being done through money received from the Historic Preservation Grant.
- **Ties** – They are doing tie replacement between Heisson and Lucia Falls. The ties have been spread out and the spikes have been pulled. As soon as parts come in for the tie machine, they will get the ties installed.
- **Run** – They had a Fall Foliage Run. There were good leaf colors for the run. The Columbian and the Oregonian had coverage of the event.
- **Washout** – There was a washout at MP 32 near Chelatchie. The new culvert that was replaced about seven years ago from a washout is now plugged up. They need to do excavating to clear it out.

Status of County Activities (Read by RRAB Members)

Fred Abraham

- **WSDOT Grant Update** – Some materials have arrived, ties and ballast, and work has begun on the tie replacement and surfacing, as of October 1st by Railworks Inc out of Chehalis, WA. Railworks anticipates doing all the tie replacement and surfacing first and then the rail replacement. The turnout construction will follow. Other line items will follow thereafter. They anticipate being done by the end of December 2010.
- **Andersen Plastics** – Andersen is nearly done with their building modifications and placement of machines. They anticipate start up before the end of the month. The existing 66 lb turnout on the west side will be replaced with a 115 lb turnout on the east end of the property. The spur is owned by Clark County. We will also replace about 125 ties on the spur, surface, line, and dress. The permit process went flawlessly. On September 16th, the Planning Commission unanimously approved the final adoption of the overlay ordinance in a public hearing and recommended it be forwarded on to the BOCC. A public hearing to adopt the final ordinance is scheduled for October 26th. Andersen was a co-sponsor of the one day Brush Prairie Parade held on September 18th. The community has embraced them.
- **78th Street Property Auction** – The County will be re-auctioning the property on 78th Street, which is owned by Public Works, and is road-fund property. The intent is to offer it in the spring of 2011. Eric Temple is ok with that as is the BOCC. This was based on a recommendation from the Real Property Division of Clark County. Market conditions may be more favorable at that time for all.
- **Omega/Burback Update** – The County is seeking to purchase the portion of the Burback property where the current railroad spur into the property resides. Most of it is owned by the County due to the width of the railroad right of way. Only about 2-3 rail lengths are not owned and would constitute a public benefit if it was all under County ownership. In addition, the County is pursuing additional property from the current spur east on the property and all the way north to the existing railroad right of way to lengthen the rail spur and tie it back into the yard tracks in Rye Yard, creating a passing siding. Omega Industries is pursuing purchase of the other Burback property for potential expansion. They have till December to finalize the deal or back out.
- **Expansions** – David Burton will be bringing his steel piling company to the railroad in spring/summer 2011. The 10 acres was purchased on September 23rd. Eric has been working on the shipping agreement with them and they expect up to 400 rail cars to be moving along the rail line. The GTS Drywall location is still for sale and Kelly Shea with Coldwell Banker is pursuing four potential companies that would bring rail service to the line. Gullick Trucking is still pursuing purchase of the 26 acres at 88th street on the SE corner of the railroad. They intend on doing warehouse operations with some cold storage involved. There will be some rail service but we are not certain how much at this time.
- **CVTV Interivew** – As of September 26th, CVTV is intermittently showing a 5 minute video n the progress update of the rail line and the grants applied.
- **68th and St Johns** – Fred met with Will Cahill, Mark Mottola of Omega, and Mike sands of West Rail to discuss the possibility of utilizing a new “tub design” at a test location. This is right outside their facility and it would be easy to monitor, and it is a heavily travelled road. There are many variable to consider upon placement if an agreement could be reached. Omega would provide the tub panels at a reduced cost to the County; West Rail would offer a reduced price to install, and the costs could be covered by the City of the County. Clark County would provide a sub grade rock and re-use the current 115 lb rail from the existing crossing. If the City is able to partner, they could provide the flagging and the asphalt patch as it is in their jurisdictional boundaries. There will be no need for ties in the tub design. It is still in the early stages and would probably not take place for another year.

Subcommittee Reports

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Outreach – Dick attended the September NACC meeting, held at the 78th Street offices. I provided the NACC officers a summary infrastructure improvement and business expansion on the line. Several of the officers commented positively on the progress and potential outlook for the future of the railroad. The Brush Prairie NA representative spoke for several minutes on the positive relationship with Andersen Dairy and how they are quickly establishing themselves as a good neighbor and a positive force in Brush Prairie. The representative said that the Andersen plant was moving along quickly and they are doing everything promised - and more. The kudos included landscaping, general site improvement, and the belief that this facility will be a positive force in the community. The general manager contributed to the Brush Prairie Parade and sponsored Porta-Potties for the event. The NA representatives at the NACC meeting said they attribute the positive outcome of the zoning overlay and the Andersen-Brush Prairie relationship to the work of Fred Abraham, his integrity, and the community outreach he has championed. • Rail/Trails – Florence is not surprised by the speed of the granting agencies on reducing the scope of the project. 	
Unfinished Business	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rails with Trails – Last month it was reported that approval for a scope reduction was being sought from several granting agencies. At that time, one agency had approved the reduction and another had not yet approved it. That is still unchanged. The meeting with the second granting agency occurred, as well as subsequent conversations, but at this time the final outcome or impact to the project is still unknown. Because of this, the meeting with the Battle Ground City Council and the preparation of a broader news release to the public has been postponed for the time being. The design has continued. A diagram has been prepared of the proposed trail crossing at NE 174th Court, a private road. The diagram will be forwarded to the RRAB Trial sub-group for input. The intention is to schedule a meeting prior to the regular RRAB meeting. • MOU – Not discussed. • Track Closure – Not discussed. • Large Segment Maps – Not discussed. Will be discussed next month. • Full Time Assistant – Fred previously asked the group for support after the first of the year. • Basephlueg Property – Bill Ganley did not get back to Eric Temple on this topic. • Attachments – April will send out PDF attachments so that they can be opened by all RRAB members. 	
New Business	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RRAB Member Appointments – Bill Ganley and Dick Carroll have indicated that they would like to be reappointed to the board. Dan Weaver said he would be receptive to a reappointment but if the seat is needed for representation of a specific area, he would step down. Melinda McLucas said she would like to be reappointed. • Resignation – Rodger Lance submitted a letter of resignation effective January 1, 2011. He is retiring and will no longer be a member of the Battle Ground Chamber of Commerce. He also sent this letter the Battle Ground Chamber president. 	
Good of the Order	ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to discuss. 	
Round Table	ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobbyist – Eric Temple would like to invite the County lobbyist, Mike Burgess to address the RRAB group before the legislative session starts in February. 	
ADJOURNMENT @ 5:11 pm	