



MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

WEBEX ONLINE MEETING

Quorum was present and meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm	Dan Weaver, Chair
Participants: Dan Weaver, Doug Auburg, John Hansen, John Shaffer, Lloyd Lycan, Randy Williams, Jennifer Campos, Mark Herceg, Eric Fuller, Dave Rowe, Dick Clairmont?, Neil Chambers, Rick DeNise, Jim Malinowski, Kent Cash, Jim Pearson, Jackie Lane, Heather Tischbein, Michael O'Connell, Jack Melton, Tom Grange	Dan Weaver, Chair
Minutes from March 2021 meeting were accepted and approved without changes or objections.	Dan Weaver, Chair
<p>Communications / Announcements / Citizen Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan, Doug, Jim, and Randy along with Amber testified this morning in the hearing for the transportation bill which includes \$12.5 million for the Chelatchie Railroad. • Letters are going to County Councilors encouraging them to reinstate Senate Bill 5517. Dan has spoken with councilors and will continue to do that. It is time for RRAB to write a letter to Council recommending they go forward. Dan has started letter. Send Dan anything you would like included. Port of Vancouver is going to send a letter to the county manager. • Dan and John met with some of the people from the Brush Prairie homeowner's association. They want to continue the discussion. Dan will attend the next quarterly board meeting. The group is concerned with safety and congestion that would come from an industrial area with heavy truck traffic. • Shipping ballast from the Chelatchie Prairie is out in the future. A lot work needs to be done to the tracks before it is ready for unit trains with ballast. • Eric has had inquiries from customers. Land needed along the tracks for industry. 	Dan Weaver, Chair
PVJR Activities - No one present representing PVJR	Eric Temple, PVJR
<p>BYCX Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Started maintenance last Saturday. Spent the day getting equipment started and running. Didn't do any work on the tracks. • Would like to be running by Mother's Day but it depends on how much track work is needed. Might not be until Father's Day. Steam engine will 	

<p>not run until 2022. They have cleared some track, but there have been storms since.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larch Mountain will be able to start supplying inmates again. • Won't be able to stop at Moulton Falls because of Covid 19. If people get off the train it will need to be sprayed down before passengers get back on. May not be able to have passengers in caboose because of poor air flow. • Also need enough of the public facing volunteers vaccinated to be able to run. • Doug had a discussion with the director of the NW Railroad Museum in Snoqualmie about how to operate and maintain social distance. They have been doing it. 	
<p>County Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair at the s-curve south of Yacolt has been repaired. • Eric and Amber continuing to pursue funding for railroad. • CPU will be replacing pole near Amboy Road crossing. • Should hear back on request for flexibility in spending appropriation for replacing Bridge 12. John not sure that was a good idea since Bridge 12 was described as in desperate need of repair. There are other bridges that need repair as well that the county is responsible for. 	Tom Grange, Clark County
<p>Unfinished Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan to contact the two people that Jim suggested to represent the north end of the line. Dan and John will contact them and include Jim as well. Jim would like to see the county put some effort on the north end of the line instead of just the south. The area needs economic development. Need revenue for schools. 	Dan Weaver, Chair
<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	Dan Weaver, Chair
<p>Good of the Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David suggested thinking about intercity passenger traffic in addition to freight. Eric would need to be onboard. Issues need to be resolved between county and PVJR first. 	Dan Weaver, Chair
<p>Adjourned at 4:30 pm</p>	Dan Weaver, Chair