



MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 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, Jim Pearson, John Hansen, John Shaffer, Lloyd Lycan, Randy Williams, Mark Herceg, Kent Cash, Dick Clairmont, Neil Chambers, Rick DeNise, Jim Malinowski, Jackie Lane, Heather Tischbein, Michael O'Connell, Tom Grange	Dan Weaver, Chair
Minutes from January 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, John Shaffer and Rick have reached out to property owners in Brush Prairie to understand issues and keep an open conversation. • There is a proposal in the state budget with \$12.5 million for Chelatchie Railroad. Eric and Amber working in Olympia to get funding. 	Dan Weaver, Chair
PVJR Activities - No one present representing PVJR	Eric Temple, PVJR
<p>BYCX Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security cameras have been installed at the shop. • Eager for the repairs at the s-curve south of Yacolt. Can't take ballast cars or heavy equipment past the curve. • Continuing with steam engine repairs. Installing the boiler tubes will be the last task. It starts the 15-year inspection clock ticking. • Would like to be operating for Mother's Day. • Not sure what phase of re-opening will allow BYCX to carry passengers. Tillamook continued to run with the assumption that federal rather than state regulations apply. Many of the volunteers in the high-risk category and waiting for the vaccine before returning. • Asked about status of utility work along Amboy Road. • Would like to know what the County's plans are for Cahill's house. Need someone in it to prevent theft and vandalism. Tom to check. 	Randy Williams, BYCX
<p>County Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric and Amber pursuing funding through state transportation bill. • Verizon raised fiber line today at MP 29.5 (Amboy Road near NE 382nd Street). Minimum clearance 24 feet above top of rail. Silver Star Telecom to do work at MP 27.55 and 29.59 this coming Friday. CPU will be doing work out there as well, but date isn't set. 	Tom Grange, Clark County

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair at the s-curve south of Yacolt is not scheduled yet. Need engineering support for bid package. Consultant response has been slow. • Weeds at s-curve need to be trimmed. Needs to be done before BYCX starts running. (Randy) • Question about options for protecting the tracks at the s-curve? Jersey barriers? Would need a traffic engineering review. Deflecting errant vehicles into traffic probably would not be acceptable. (Kent) • Looking at possibility of replacing Will Cahill with a new county position or incorporating with qualified Railroad Coordinator (not Tom). • DNR crews should be available to work again, but only in remote areas away from the public. 	
<p>Unfinished Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kent Cash will review bylaws and send recommended changes to Dan. 	Dan Weaver, Chair
<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan would like Tom to send him a copy of duties for Will Cahill's replacement and approximate hours needed. Important to fill position. Things will fall thru the cracks with responsibilities dispersed. • Dan asked Jim Malinowski to recommend someone from the north end of the line to represent those economic interests. 	Dan Weaver, Chair
<p>Good of the Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Hansen – Suggested seeing if there are any opportunities with the green push for commuter options. Dan - There was controversy with the Columbia River Crossing. Doug - Not sure when the last time there was a commuter rail option crossing the river to Oregon. • John Hansen – Corn and soybeans prices are up, and milk prices are down. This impacts Lagler. 	Dan Weaver, Chair
<p>Adjourned at 4:50 pm</p>	Dan Weaver, Chair