



Clark County Railroad Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 10, 2022, 4:00pm to 4:44pm
Virtual Meeting via WebEx

Advisory Board: Dan Weaver, Eric Fuller, Jennifer Campos, John Shaffer, Ken Cash, Mark Herceg*, Rick DeNise*, Jim Pearson, John Hansen, Lloyd Lycan, Neil Chambers, Dave Nelson*

Clark County Staff and Leadership:

Kevin Tyler, Rocky Houston, Bill Richardson*, Gary Medvigy*, Jose Alvarez*, Kathleen Otto*, Eva Haney*, Chris Walker,

BYCX: Randy Williams, Doug Auburg

PVJR: Eric Temple*

Guests: Mark Daniels, Jack Melton, Heather Tischbein, Jackie Lane, Nancy Halvorson, Jim Malinowski, Denielle Cowley

* Not Present

4:06pm Quorum present and meeting called to Order – Dan Weaver

Time	Action Item
4:08pm	MOTION BY: Kent Cash SECOND BY:
	MOTION: Motion to adopt November 8, 2021 minutes as submitted
	DISCUSSION:
	IN FAVOR: Unanimous OPPOSED: None ABSTAINED: None

Public Comment:

None

Time	Action Item
4:10pm	MOTION BY: John Shafer SECOND BY: Kent Cash
	MOTION: Motion to nominate and elect Dan Weaver as Chair as currently placed
	DISCUSSION:
	IN FAVOR: Unanimous OPPOSED: None ABSTAINED: None

Time	Action Item
4:11pm	MOTION BY: Neil Chambers SECOND BY: John Hansen
	MOTION: Motion to nominate and elect John Shaffer as Co-Chair as currently placed
	DISCUSSION:
	IN FAVOR: Unanimous OPPOSED: None ABSTAINED: None

PVJR Activities – Eric Temple:

No update – Eric Temple Absent

BYCX Activities – Randy Williams/Doug Auburg:

- Canceled 5 of 6 trains on last weekend of year due to issue with locomotive – working on issue
- Boiler tubes for steam engine:
 - Ordered – coming from east coast
 - Historic preservation grant received from the county to cover the cost and freight
 - 15-year calendar/inspection starts when the tubes are put in the machines
- Lots of track work
- Had Christmas trains but not Christmas trees in 2021 – Will stop having trees due to uncertainty of supplies and high pricing due to heat wave - no complaints about not having trees which is the only real change going forward
- WCC coming on Jan 17th, Martin Luther King Day, to clean up landscaping/overgrown shrubbery at the depot
- February issue for Trains Magazine has two-page spread on branch line about PVJR - story is about potential for rail fanning this branch –John Hansen suggested letting The Columbian know about the article as they may want to run a piece in their paper – Doug will call a reporter and mention it

County Activities – Kevin Tyler:

- RRB 1230 – 1.5 million grant for track/roadbed rehab work on lower section up to Battle Ground
 - Amendment with DOT was revised and goes to council on January 18 and then to WADOT for approval
 - Extend time through June 2023
 - Change funding allocation – need more flexibility for preliminary engineering
 - HDR working on initial scoping for track rehab - meet with them soon to talk about next steps
- 2.7 million grant status (Bridge repair mostly in northern sections)
 - Working on agreement language
 - Kevin preparing staff report for council approval – target date is mid to late February
 - Forward to WADOT after council approval
 - Whatever is left over from bridge repair can be used on track rehab for north county
 - Bridge 20 will be restored (Kevin will have meeting with Randy Williams)
- 72nd & St. John’s crossing repairs
 - Two separate accidents involving vehicles (not train related)
 - Working with consultant to determine repairs
 - Then work on hiring contractor
 - Both crossings are out of service
 - PVJR using flares and other methods for crossing safely – looking at message boards to inform public about crossings
 - Working on emergency resolution to speed up repairs
- Swift private crossing (northern section)
 - Landowner making repairs and county will reimburse
 - Deed dates back to when railroad was constructed and bisected the property
- Kevin has a meeting with FRA signal inspector in early February to look at signals/paperwork to ensure we are doing things correctly

New Business – Dan Weaver:

- Update bylaws
 - Subcommittee (Kent, Dan, and John) working on fundamental changes and conforming to charter
 - Hope to be finished in approximately one month
 - Will go over with Kevin, present to RRAB for final approval and forward to Kathleen for her review/approval

- Article 7 of bylaws say chair has authority to form subcommittees
- Kevin will check with county attorney and upper leadership on process
- Expired Board Member Terms
 - Reappointments of John, Neil and Lloyd sent to Kathleen for approval
 - Appointment of Mark Daniels as a replacement for Ken sent to Kathleen for approval
 - One position needs to be advertised
 - One position being held for CREDC (they have been short-staffed)
 - Jim Malinowski expressed interest in becoming a board member
- Meeting schedule and time
 - Meeting date and time will stay the same – Second Monday of each month from 4pm to 5:30pm
 - Meetings will be virtual until notified otherwise

Good of the Order – Dan Weaver:

- Development of property off 78th Street
 - John Shaffer-noticed they are cutting down trees, leveling the land and bringing in rock
 - Kevin said there may be future plans for a rail yard but had no details
- Railroad Coordinator Position
 - Kathleen said it would be a good idea for members of RRAB to participate in interview process
 - Kevin will reach out to Dan and John
- Lawsuit between Eric and Clark County – any progress
 - Kevin said that this topic of discussion is not appropriate for RRAB meetings
 - Dan doesn't know of any recent developments but doesn't think it has been totally resolved

4:44pm Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Chris Walker

Upcoming Meeting:

Date: February 14, 2022
Time: 4:00pm to 5:30pm
Location: WebEx