



Clark County Railroad Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 14, 2022, 4:07pm to 4:37pm
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Advisory Board Present: Dan Weaver, , Eric Fuller, Jennifer Campos, Jim Pearson, John Hansen, John Shaffer, Ken Cash, , Mark Herceg, Neil Chambers, Rick DeNise

Advisory Board Absent: Dave Nelson, Lloyd Lycan

Clark County Staff and Leadership: Denielle Cowley, , Kevin Tyler, Rocky Houston,

BYCX: Randy Williams, Doug Auburg

Guests: Dave Rowe, Nancy Halvorson, James Essig, Jim Malinowski, Margie Burgett

4:07pm Quorum present and meeting called to Order – Dan Weaver

4:08pm January 10, 2022 minutes adopted

Public Comment: None

BYCX Activities – Randy Williams:

- Working on track and equipment maintenance so they are ready for opening – hopefully Mother’s Day weekend
- Monthly meeting tonight to discuss labor challenges
- Steam engine down for 15-year boiler inspection – materials ordered and will take a lot of labor to get back together
- Diesel engine has electrical ground issue
- Randy asked about house Will Cahill was renting - Kevin said a standard home inspection happened. He has the report and needs to review it. He said the inside has some issues and doesn’t know if it is in livable condition. There are no plans for the house right now and he will be talking with Rocky and others to determine next steps. BYCX does not have an interest but hoped if it was rented out that the tenants would be railroad friendly. Also, due to the remote location, the rent would need to be reasonable. Randy knows some local people in the area that may be interested.
- Volunteer Lee Mathews passed away - Memorial will be at the Battle Ground Episcopal Church at 1pm this Saturday
- Doug said the Clark County Historical Preservation Fund awarded a grant to help cover the cost and shipping of the new boiler tubes – tubes are purchased and in-transit from South Carolina – Once received Doug will put in a reimbursement claim
- Excursion trains usually begin operating on Mother’s Day weekend and run until the weekend before Christmas – they have a schedule online
- Randy asked about Bridge 20 – Kevin said they want to look at it with all the bridges as part of the next grant – they will have it inspected to see what repairs are needed

County Activities – Kevin Tyler:

- RRB 1230 – 1.5 million grant for track/roadbed rehab work on lower section up to Battle Ground

- Amendment has been signed by the county and WADOT is next signature – gives another 6 months to get project done
- HDR nearing completion of 90% plans, specs and estimate
- GCB 3592 - 2.7 million grant status (Bridge repair mostly in northern sections)
 - Attorneys came to agreement so final grant agreement is progressing toward council for approval – hopefully March 1st but most likely March 15th – then to WADOT for signature
- Crossing Repairs
 - Lost third crossing on Feb 4th – 119th hit by motor vehicle accident – eastbound side hit – working on emergency resolution to go before council tomorrow night to speed up repairs
 - Kevin working with Exeltech to perform overall inspections of rail and determine plans, specifications, and estimate for repairs – They will help with the St Johns and 72nd Ave crossings
 - Clark County signal tech team is working to get one side of the St Johns crossing working so PVJR will only need to flag one side
- FRA Crossing Inspections
 - FRA signal and crossing inspections happened Feb 1 – 3rd
 - A few minor defects were noted, mostly related to paperwork, and will be updated
 - Crossings that haven't been damaged due to motor vehicles are in good repair
- Microsoft Teams and in-person meetings
 - Teams doesn't appear to work for people who do not have Microsoft – Dan suggested going back to WebEx
 - When we see a change from Kathleen Otto regarding in-person meetings we will implement that

Unfinished Business – Dan Weaver (move up as Kent needs to leave)

- Update bylaws
 - Kent, John, and Dan will meet this week to put together a draft
 - Draft will be presented to Kevin
 - If in agreement draft will be sent forward or voted on at next meeting
- Board vacancy
 - Sub-committee formed
 - Kent agreed to chair
 - Jim Pearson and John Hansen will serve on committee
 - Kevin appointed by Kathleen Otto to be on committee
 - Dan will be on committee to serve as ex-officio and offer opinion
 - Kevin will set up meeting for next week to discuss applicants
 - Jim Malinowski will provide letter of interest by deadline as he is interested
 - Three re-appointments – John, Lloyd and Neil extended through March for this process
 - Five applicants so far for vacant positions

New Business – Dan Weaver: None

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4:37pm Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Chris Walker

Upcoming Meeting:

Date: March 14, 2022
Time: 4:00pm to 5:30pm
Location: TBD