



Clark County Railroad Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 28, 2022, 4:19pm to 4:47pm
Virtual Meeting via WebEx

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

Advisory Board-Not Present: Dave Nelson, Jennifer Campos, Lloyd Lycan, Mark Herceg

Clark County Staff and Leadership: Kevin Tyler, Rocky Houston

BYCX: Randy Williams

Guests: Dave Rowe, Jackie Lane, Jim Malinowski, Mark Daniels, Nancy Halvorson

4:19pm Quorum present and meeting called to Order – Dan Weaver

4:22pm February 14, 2022 minutes adopted – note to change format of meeting minutes per Dan Weaver

BYCX Activities – Randy Williams:

- Vehicle accident last week at 25.1
 - Several ties damaged and need replacing - within their ability but may be county responsibility to bill driver
 - Car was towed
 - CCSO or WSP responded - Will Pickering (safety) has the police report
 - Kevin received notification from county operations staff and is waiting to hear results
 - Kevin will follow up with Randy offline
 - No serious damage to rails
 - Maybe have West Rail look at it – they looked at a previous accident at same place a couple years ago
- Larch Mountain inmates worked at shop today grinding rust off steam engine and needle gunning between the rivets – steam engine attracts people so trying to get it back online
- Water damage to cab of diesel engine plus electrical issues
- Restaurant across from tracks closed in town
- Impact Auto will put on a one-day fair Monday, May 23 – Randy will get indemnification from county so it's insured – They also have a clean-up in April and will use the county parking lot for that

County Activities – Kevin Tyler:

- RRB 1230 – 1.4 million grant for track/roadbed rehab work on lower section up to Battle Ground
 - Working through review of 90% plans, specs, and cost estimates
 - Based on workload of construction managers and inspectors – put out to bid late summer/early fall – have until June next year to finish project – focused on replacement of ties and adding ballast
- GCB 3592 - 2.7 million grant status (Bridge repair and then more roadbed rehab mostly in northern sections)
 - Signed by county and state – agreement effective
 - Work on clean-up of books and close out two former grant agreements specific to bridges 20 and 12

- Kevin working with project manager on next steps regarding hiring a consultant
- New 500K grant from state
 - WADOT and PVJR - Money identified in recent passing of governor's supplemental budget allocated to county
 - Kevin doesn't have info yet, but it is in support of the other two projects (rehab of line)
- Crossing Repairs
 - Hired Exeltech to work on repairs of three signal grade crossings struck by vehicles that are out of service
 - Signals Team found a way to activate warning lights for sides that aren't damaged to notify traveling public
 - Exeltech performed evaluation of crossings and is putting together a memo with parts, repairs, and labor estimates
- Training Requirements
 - Kevin working on hiring local consultant to help with county training requirements such as updating roadway worker protection plan and part 243 of Code of Federal Regulations – training for people who have safety activity on the rail such as signal maintainers – should go to county manager soon for signature
- Lands Coordinator
 - Finalized hiring process for Lands Coordinator – Denielle Cowley will help Kevin, along with Rocky, with the railroad program – she will be formally introduced at the next meeting
- Bridge 20
 - Randy asked about Bridge 20 – Kevin said the grants were repurposed and the timber bridges will be inspected, repairs determined and repaired in-kind

Unfinished Business – Dan Weaver

- Board vacancy
 - Met with selection committee and reviewed people involved
 - Motion by Kent Cash and second by John Hansen to recommend reappointing John Shaffer, Lloyd Lyan, and Neil Chambers to Clark County Railroad Advisory Board passed unanimously
 - Motion by Neil Chambers and second by John Shaffer to recommend appointing Mark Daniels and Jim Malinowski to Clark County Railroad Advisory Board passed unanimously
 - Still holding position for CREDC – committee chose not to fill until they speak with CREDC to see if they are in position after covid to appoint someone to serve
- Update bylaws
 - Dan briefly reviewed – Kent, John and Dan will wrap up in next couple weeks

Public Comment:

Dave Rowe – Asked if still considered for board position – Dan replied he is not at this time as they have selected to fill the vacancies they have

New Business – Dan Weaver: None

Good of the Order – Dan Weaver: None

4:47pm Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Chris Walker

Upcoming Meeting:

Date: May 9, 2022 (cancel April due to non-activity)
Time: 4:00pm to 5:30pm
Location: TBD