



# Clark County Railroad Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 9, 2022, 4:19pm to 4:47pm  
Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., 6<sup>th</sup> Floor BOCC  
Training Room and virtual via WebEx

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**Advisory Board-Present:** Dan Weaver, Eric Fuller, Jim Malinowski, Jim Pearson, John Hansen, John Shaffer, Kent Cash, Lloyd Lycan, Mark Herceg, Rick DeNise

**Advisory Board-Not Present:** Dave Nelson, Mark Daniels, Neil Chambers

**Clark County Staff and Leadership:** Kevin Tyler, Rocky Houston

**BYCX:** Randy Williams

**Guests:** Dave Rowe, Jackie Lane, Margie Burgett

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**4:05pm** Quorum present and meeting called to Order – Dan Weaver

**4:07pm** March 28, 2022 minutes adopted

**BYCX Activities – Randy Williams:**

- Late start to the season due to diesel locomotive repairs
- 3 of 4 traction motors repaired
- Working on generator this weekend
- New floor in cab due to water damage
- Need track work done but short volunteers
- Need to do run down track to check for trees and also activity at 25.2 that needs repaired
- Getting ready to put boiler tubes in for steam engine
- New owners of Back Roads Bar are making it more family friendly – will be something for BYCX guests to do
- Schedule is on website - ticket sales are not open yet

**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
  - Updated schedule – showing bid advertisement in late August with probable start of construction beginning in October – 50 days of construction anticipated to complete project
- GCB 3592 - 2.7 million grant status (Bridge repair and then more roadbed rehab mostly in northern sections)
  - DOT has asked us to update scope of work
  - Will be working with PVJR next to make sure they are in support
  - Project Manager assigned
- Crossing Repairs

- Put lights back into service – when engine approaches crossing bars won't come down but some lights will activate to help with safety
- Received technical memo from Exeltech about repairs, what is needed and cost estimates – being circulated for review internally – hoping to finalize soon
- 25.2 curve by Yacolt
  - Received quote (estimated 4k) from West Rail on repairs
  - Received feedback from Randy and Will Pickering
  - Kevin will try to execute this week and repairs dependent on West Rail schedule
- Lands Coordinator
  - Denielle Cowley will be introduced at June meeting – she will help Kevin and Rocky, with railroad program
- Training Requirements
  - Hired Train Safe Eccentrics to make sure we are current with FRA standards

#### **Unfinished Business – Dan Weaver**

- Update bylaws
  - Need to be reviewed with Kevin and get finalized
  - Code changes
- Board Appointments
  - John Shaffer and Mark Daniels will be on council agenda May 17

#### **New Business – Dan Weaver**

- Board Members
  - Resignation of Jennifer Campos/City of Vancouver
  - Dan will see who replacement will be
  - Held back on CREDC due to schedule/lack of activity
- Dan would like to set up a sub-committee for agenda items for future meetings
  - Two council positions up for election in November – should inform candidates about Railroad
  - Anything written for advocating the railroad – mostly verbal/in-person – Need approved talking points advocating for retaining and upgrading railroad – work with Eric and Amber Carter
  - Kevin asked about a retreat – they have taken a trip to Olympia, in February, but not for a few years – other advisories have a retreat to plan for coming year
- Lawsuit status
  - In negotiations and restricted communication with arbitration
- Include Rock Quarry in Chelatchie in Clark County reserves
  - Rejected by board due to only three councilors present – question whether they can bring up again
  - Need for more rock – Eric Temple would like as customer
  - Can't bring any cars in due to track condition
  - BYCX in favor of commercial operation as all track from Battle Ground to Chelatchie would need to be replaced – Some of the curves are too tight for rock cars so should be some straightening also
  - Willing to put money into track as it's cheaper to bring in by rail
  - There is a demand for aggregate
  - Gravel and quarry rock work for asphalt – quarry rock does not work for concrete
  - MP 27 to 31 are really wet – needs replaced – all light rail – nothing can go across bridge 20 other than maintenance equipment
  - Approximately 80 million to replace track
  - Need another comprehension plan
- Greater Brush Prairie HOA

- Several meetings with HOA and some conclusions reached – will put together a summary
- In-person meetings or virtual
  - Need input – send email to Dan or vote right now
  - May be some caution in the fall due to flu season
  - County is in-person with virtual (hybrid) option
  - Kevin will get feedback from people attending virtually
  - BYCX having Zoom meetings due to distance people need to drive
- Open Public Meetings Act
  - New members joining and will need run through open public meetings act
  - Kevin can do privately or as a group
  - Dan suggested sending link and have members view it on their own
  - Kevin will send link to everyone
- Infrastructure and jobs act – can county tap into that?
  - This money would be helpful to upgrade the track
  - 500k was part of states supplemental budget
  - Kevin and Amber have been discussing grants
- Margie Burgett comments
  - Kevin visited the railroad right-of-way with Margie near Yacolt
  - Margie stated significant labor, equipment and resources anticipated for BYCX and Clark County
  - BYCX did some trenching
  - Old cattle guard boxes – slide in one location and some work private property owners doing adjacent to road – County retained an inspector three years ago and cattle boxes are hazardous to pedestrians and dirt bike riders riding in ballast – County wanted to fill them in – membership said no as you can't maintain them but they could be covered – BYCX can get materials up there with their cars but county has to handle the labor – could be planked over – Kevin and BYCX will discuss further
- Town of Yacolt – one day carnival sponsored by Impact Auto
  - Certificate of Insurance – BYCX will send to Kevin electronically

**Public Comment – Dan Weaver:** None

**Good of the Order – Dan Weaver:** None

**5:00pm Meeting Adjourned**

Submitted by Chris Walker

**Upcoming Meeting:**

**Date:** June 13, 2022  
**Time:** 4:00pm to 5:30pm  
**Location:** TBD