



# Clark County Railroad Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 13, 2022, 4:09pm to 5:17pm  
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, John Hansen, John Shaffer, Kent Cash, Lloyd Lycan, Mark Daniels, Mark Herceg, Neil Chambers, Rick DeNise

**Advisory Board-Not Present:** Dave Nelson, Jim Pearson

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

**BYCX:** Randy Williams (Not present-emailed communication)

**Guests:** Ben Ritter, Jackie Lane, Steve Jagelski

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**4:09pm** Quorum present and meeting called to Order – Dan Weaver

**4:11pm** May 9, 2022, minutes adopted (Motion by Jim Malinowski, Second by Lloyd Lycan)

**BYCX Activities – Randy Williams:**

- Engine 1 repaired
  - Minor electrical issues corrected
  - Water leaks that damaged cab repaired
  - New flooring installed
  - Will allow BYCX to resume normal business operations starting Father's Day weekend
- Track repair at MP 25.3
  - Damaged caused by vehicle at curve repaired by West Rail
- Track Inspections
  - WA State Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) conducted track inspections from MP 24.5 to MP 20 over 3 days in mid-May
  - UTC inspector, Dan Larson, said tracks were looking much better
  - There were minor items such as loose bolts and a few bad ties at joints but no violations or conditions that would prevent operations
  - Planning track repair late June and early July
- Vandalism to caboose 10559
  - Due to diesel engine issues two cabooses were dropped at Moulton Falls Station – MP 24.3
  - Over Memorial Day weekend teens pelted the caboose with rocks, breaking three windows
  - In process of procuring FRA type II safety glass replacements
  - Report filed with CCSO
  - BYCX alerted of posts on Instagram showing damage
  - No security cameras

- Town of Yacolt Carnival held May 23, 2022
  - Sponsored by Impact Auto Repair
  - Set up on vacant acreage north of the railroad parking lot
  - Certificate of Liability Insurance, both from carnival provider and Impact Auto, were furnished to Clark County, BYCX and PVJR
- Steam Engine #10
  - 1472 inspection going well
  - Waiting for replacement stay bolts-manufacturer having production issues due to manpower shortages- once bolts are received/installed we can proceed with replacing boiler tubes
  - Steam mechanic has been in contact with traveling FRA inspector to coordinate inspections in a timely manner
- Upcoming Activities
  - Rumor has it that the traveling train robbers may be in the area, targeting our trains the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in July and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in August
  - Also, during a recent séance, it was predicted that a headless horseman may appear on the last weekend in October, just before Halloween.

#### **County Activities – Kevin Tyler:**

- Introduce Denielle Cowley – New Lands Coordinator and will be helping Kevin and Rocky with the railroad
- RRB 1230 – 1.4 million grant for track/roadbed rehab work on lower section up to Battle Ground
  - Working toward final set of specifications and estimates for bid
  - Looked at Staff Report and notice to contractors today – target date of 9/6/22 for when bids would be received
  - Notice to contractors will be published early August
- GCB 3592 - 2.7 million grant status (Bridge repair and then more roadbed rehab mostly in northern sections)
  - Continue to work with Eric Temple at PVJR and our partner at State of Washington State to get the scope of work finalized with what we're building
  - Project Manager will be taking over to get project rolling
- OPMA Training Requirements
  - Should have received link to training – if not, contact Kevin
  - Certify you've taken the training by signing certificate
- RRAB Roster/Email Updates
  - Make sure contact information on roster is correct and up to date

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

- Update bylaws, county code and mission statement (Kent Cash)
  - Bylaws
    - Took existing bylaws and edited and formatted that was more routine – not a lot of significant changes
    - Review bylaws – questions can be brought up at next meeting
  - Mission Statement
    - Review revised statement – better describes what we want to accomplish – talk about at next meeting
  - County Code
    - When initially set up there was more interest (DOT, USFS, Chamber of Commerce)
    - Board has evolved

- Changed code so there are no reserve spots for individual groups
- Proposing board evaluates needs going forward and adjusts board accordingly
- Needs to go through County Council – Kevin will find out process
- Code also changed because we are now County Council as opposed to Commissioners
- Send comments to Dan by next meeting
- PVJR Car count – close to level that he was at in 2017/2018

#### **New Business – Dan Weaver**

- Greater Brush Prairie Neighborhood Meeting Summary – See handout
  - Meeting held at Hockinson High School – poorly represented the railroad to community by planning group
  - Sub-Committee met with Brush Prairie – tried to address concerns raised by neighborhood
  - Recommendation to County Council to give railroad the Lagler property (primarily)
  - Dan attended meetings after being contacted by the transportation group regarding the uncontrolled railroad crossings in the neighborhood – concerns about safety and access to roads should an accident occur
  - Results are in the memo from Rick dated December 17, 2021
  - Neighborhood not in support of freight rail dependent use
  - Needs to be balance of rights per Jim Malinowski
  - Need to be more conversations and education per Rick DeNise
  - Map shows freight rail dependent use overlay can be modified to mitigate some neighborhood concerns
- Sub-committee for agenda items
  - Up-coming elections – how can we best present the railroad to elected officials
  - Update property taxes –John putting together fact sheet
  - Talk to current County Councilors – majority are railroad supporters

#### **Public Comment – Dan Weaver:**

- Steve Jagelski
  - Lives on Laurin Rd which was mentioned in Greater Brush Prairie report
  - Believes it would be great improvement for schools – beneficial for kids to see different jobs available through railroad and businesses going around it
  - Ag 20 where he lives, and you cannot make a business out of this – when farmers spray he gets concerned when kids are playing at recess
  - Time for change called growth
  - Thanked everyone for their work with Greater Brush Prairie neighborhood
- Ben Ritter (Train Safe Eccentrics)
  - Recently hired to help the county update its Roadway Worker Protection Plan and other FRA requirements
  - Looking forward to working with RRAB

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

**5:17pm** Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Chris Walker

#### **Upcoming Meeting:**

**Date:** July 11, 2022  
**Time:** 4:00pm to 5:30pm  
**Location:** TBD