



Clark County Railroad Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 10, 2023, 4:01pm to 4:32pm
Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., 6th Floor BOCC
Training Room and virtual via WebEx

Advisory Board-Present: Dan Weaver, Eric Fuller, Gregg Smith, Jim Malinowski, Jim Pearson, John Hansen, John Shaffer, Lloyd Lyan, Mark Daniels, Mark Herceg, Neil Chambers, Zack Keith

Advisory Board-Not Present: Kent Cash, Chad Eiken (Interim, City of Vancouver)

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

BYCX: Randy Williams

PVJR: Nathan Bruce

Guests: Jackie Lane, Jeff Stewart (FRA), Jon Cotton, John Jagelski, Kimberley O'Hara, Les Cotton, Linda Cotton, Michael O'Connell

4:01pm Quorum present and meeting called to Order – Dan Weaver

4:06pm March 13, 2023, minutes adopted (Motion by Neil Chambers, Second by John Shaffer)

Comments from the Chair – None at this time

PVJR – Nathan Bruce

- Record Levels
- State of the railroad is good
- Final walk-through of rehab project – minor items left, otherwise looks great
- Eric working on 1.75 million grant – now down to 1 million
- Tax credit bill passed floor of house

BYCX Activities – Randy Williams

- Focusing on maintenance
- Scheduled runs should start Mother's Day weekend, subject to equipment availability
- Received final parts for steam engine
- More work on clearing trees
- Accident around MP 18.7 (Heisson Store) – About 40' of track damaged
- Landowner will take care of one private crossing (around MP 24.6) with assistance from BYCX - landowner has access to timber mill

County Activities – Kevin Tyler:

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

- Will be closing out contract in the next couple weeks
- GCB 3592 - \$2.7 million grant status (Bridge repair and then more roadbed rehab mostly in northern sections)
 - Amendment to grant to clarify scope of work and extend until June 2025
 - Under contract now with OTAK who will be helping get the bridge repair project out to bid – kick-off meeting is Wednesday this week – John asked if the meeting is just for priority 1, 2, and 3 bridge repairs – once those are complete PVJR would take responsibility for south line – county would still have responsibility of north line until PVJR takes responsibility for that – John asked about insurance and Kevin will look into that
 - Working on getting another request for proposals out which will be for a consultant to help put the roadbed rehab work out to bid
 - Will package money from 3592 with money for 1249 – bidding will go all at once
- GCB 1249 - \$500k grant from State of Washington
 - Money being packaged with money from 3592
- Signal Repairs
 - St. John's and 119th St are back in service
 - 72nd Ave – waiting on materials that are out about 6-7 months – Summit Signal will finish project then
- Bridge Inspections and Bridge Management Program
 - Under contract with KPFF – will help us do annual inspections and update bridge management plan
 - Safe load ratings of bridges so we know capacity
- Open Public Meetings Act – Kevin will send email to new members

Unfinished Business – Dan Weaver

- RRAB bylaws – Dan has concerns and will discuss with John and Kent and come back with recommended changes
- RRAB County Code Change
 - Code has been reviewed by attorney and confirmed it will require an ordinance – goes to council in form of public hearing – attorney asked about keeping seats open for a period of time and specify the time period – ready to move forward with minor change – Kevin will bring to next meeting
- Freight Rail Dependent Use (FRDU) and Senate Bill SB 5517
 - No movement since last time Dan reported

New Business – Dan Weaver

Public Comment – Dan Weaver

Good of the Order – Dan Weaver: FYI – I5 North closed due to landslide

4:32pm Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Chris Walker

Upcoming Meeting:

Date: May 8, 2023

Time: 4:00pm to 5:30pm

Location: Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., 6th Floor BOCC Training Room and virtual via WebEx