



Clark County Railroad Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 12, 2023, 4:00pm to 5:15pm
Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., 6th Floor BOCC
Training Room and virtual via WebEx

Advisory Board-Present: Chad Eiken (Interim, City of Vancouver), Dan Weaver, Eric Fuller, Jim Malinowski, Jim Pearson, John Hansen, Kent Cash, Mark Daniels, Mark Herceg, Neil Chambers, Zack Keith

Advisory Board-Not Present: Gregg Smith, John Shaffer, Lloyd Lycan

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

BYCX: Randy Williams, Doug Auburg

PVJR: Nathan Bruce, Amber Carter

Guests: Jackie Lane, Kimberley O'Hara, Michael O'Connell, Nancy Halvorson, Steve Jagelski

4:00pm Quorum present and meeting called to Order – Dan Weaver

4:00pm May 8, 2023, minutes adopted (Motion by Kent Cash, Second by John Hansen)

Comments from the Chair

- None

PVJR – Nathan Bruce

- Numbers continue to trend upward
- Accommodating OTAK regarding review – should see punch card shortly
- No injuries, accidents, derailments or loss of material in approximately twenty years

BYCX Activities – Randy Williams

- Season will start Father's Day weekend and ticket sales are open
- Track work and tie replacement in last couple weeks
- OTAK contacted him and they took out one surveyor and she completed her work
- Steam engine is in 1472 inspection – should be ready to go late July or early August
- Several events happening throughout the year such as train robberies, headless horseman and someone wearing a red suit

County Activities – Kevin Tyler:

- GCB 3592 - \$2.7 million grant status (Bridge repair and then more roadbed rehab mostly in northern sections)
 - OTAK survey work underway, next steps starting to put together draft bid packages
 - Roadbed rehab – Interviews this week with consultants that will help with developing roadbed rehabilitation bid packages; same consultant will be used for the \$500,000 grant

- Bridge Inspections and Bridge Management Program
 - KPFF has reached out to BYCX and PVJR for information about loads so they can do load rating analysis
 - Working on scheduling inspections and getting access to I5 with WSDOT
 - Looking at late July for bridge inspections to be done by KPFF
 - Should have draft of management plan shortly – anyone on this board interested in reviewing please reach out to Kevin separately
- Crossings
 - Working on getting quotes for repairs on crossing damage

Unfinished Business – Dan Weaver

- RRAB bylaws – Will try to get together this Friday
- Freight Rail Dependent Use (FRDU) and Senate Bill SB 5517
 - Summation of work session:
 - Clarify sewer allowable uses with legislation
 - Identify which schools have sewer
 - Small footprint, 500’ from track

New Business – Dan Weaver: None

- Dan put in an application for a work session regarding FRDU
 - See RRAB-FRDU document
 - Motion to approve document as framework for presentation (Jim Pearson, 2nd Neil Chambers)

Public Comment – Dan Weaver

- Email from someone undisclosed regarding solar panels built into rail bed
- Amber Carter – thanked board for diligence on FRDU issue – reminded folks to not lose site and there is a lot that can be done immediately with existing overlay and area
- Nancy Halvorson – Comment about process – any action taken usually allows public comment and she found it surprising that it wasn’t allowed for the motion regarding the FRDU document
- Kimberley O’Hara – Expressed gratitude to board’s attention to detail regarding FRDU but is concerned that outdated information and rushing through will be an issue with the public and neighbors – she suggested doing the correct research and doing environmental studies – she was surprised the council didn’t think an economic study was appropriate. Hopes RRAB takes considerations and includes in county discussions
- Michael O’Connell –said we have to be very careful about car count because that is what is important to Mr. Temple – it’s important to have a true mixed-use development regarding the Lagler property and shouldn’t let opportunity pass by – Nathan said they are a business and car counts are important but at the same time it behooves them to make sure it’s handled responsibly
- Steve Jagelski – discussion about fiber optics under track and how quick and efficient

Good of the Order – Dan Weaver: None

5:15pm Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Chris Walker

Upcoming Meeting:

Date: July 10, 2023

Time: 4:00pm to 5:30pm

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