



Clark County Railroad Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 10, 2024, 4:03pm to 4:44pm
Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., 6th Floor BOCC
Training Room and virtual via Microsoft Teams

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

Advisory Board-Not Present: Zack Keith

Clark County Staff and Leadership: Denielle Cowley, Kevin McDowell, Kevin Tyler

Battle Ground, Yacolt, Chelatchie Prairie Railroad (BYCX): Randy Williams

Portland Vancouver Junction Railroad (PVJR): None

Guests: Dave Rowe, Jackie Lane, Jerry Jacobus, Kim O'Hara, Maggie Derk (City of Vancouver), Michael O'Connell, Ronald Homola, Terry Gardner (Town of Yacolt)

4:03pm Quorum present and meeting called to Order – Dan Weaver

4:02pm May 13, 2024, minutes adopted (Motion by John Hansen, Second by Neil Chambers)

Comments from the Chair - None

Portland Vancouver Junction Railroad (PVJR) – No one in attendance

Battle Ground, Yacolt, Chelatchie Prairie Railroad (BYCX) – Randy Williams

- Doug Auburg passed away last week
- Volunteer Jim Styers passed away, along with two others previously
- The locomotive volunteers purchased should be ready to run this weekend
- Maintenance on Diesel due to cylinder issue
- Steam engine may not run until next year
- Impact Auto circus generated \$2600

County Activities – Kevin Tyler

- Bridge Repairs Project Update
 - Finalizing contract with Railworks and site visit may happen this week
- Railroad Roadbed Rehabilitation Project Update
 - Exeltech working on 90% plans, specs and estimates – deadline within next week to ten days and then county will review
 - Kevin met with FRA (Federal Railroad Administration) last week to hear their review of the bridge management plan

- Randy asked who is responsible for bed damage repair that may be under the rock slide – Kevin will look at the contract and report back

Unfinished Business – Dan Weaver

- RRAB Subcommittee interviewed candidates for vacant RRAB positions and the board recommended the following for appointment:
 - Terry Gardner
 - Jerry Jacobus
 - Dave Rowe
 - David Millar
- Open House/Presentation
 - Consultant has not been appointed to implement 5517 and once they do they need to have three public meetings
 - Will have open house in a couple months
 - Would like to have a vision of what the railroad is going to look like
 - Need to have answers for frequently asked questions
 - Rail with trail concept falls under Parks – no plans for additional trail segments in six-year capital plan
 - John asked when they would know from the council if 5517 will be implemented this year as two councilors are leaving and the new group should hire the consultant
 - Discussion about a banner across the county homepage

Public Comment – Dan Weaver

- Dave Rowe - Suggested having the Sierra Club rail transportation statement in the presentation
- Ronald Homola – Likes the idea of having answers to all the public’s questions

Good of the Order – Dan Weaver

4:44pm Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Chris Walker

Upcoming Meeting:

Date: July 8, 2024

Time: 4:00pm to 5:30pm

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