



Clark County Railroad Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 14, 2024, 4:03pm to 5:04pm
Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., 6th Floor BOCC
Training Room and virtual via Microsoft Teams

Advisory Board-Present: Dan Weaver, Dave Rowe, David Millar, Gregg Smith, Jerry Jacobus, Jim Malinowski, Jim Pearson, John Hansen, John Shaffer, Mark Daniels, Neil Chambers, Terry Gardner

Advisory Board-Not Present: Eric Fuller, Mark Herceg, Zach Keith

Clark County Staff and Leadership: Denielle Cowley, Glen Yung, Kevin McDowell, Kevin Tyler, Sue Marshall

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

Portland Vancouver Junction Railroad (PVJR): None Present

Guests: Jackie Lane, Kim O'Hara, Maggie Derk, Marvin Mathison, Michael O'Connell, Nancy Halvorson,

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

4:08pm September 9, 2024, minutes adopted (Motion by Neil Chambers, Second by Dave Rowe)

Comments from the Chair – Please be thinking about the quarry in north county and the Comprehensive Plan

Portland Vancouver Junction Railroad (PVJR) – Non-Present

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

- Still running shortened ride due to rockslide damage
- Sold out last weekend; 304 passengers Saturday, 329 Sunday
- Thanked PVJR for the two bollards donated, picked up and brought in by Railworks, helps with securing the parking lot
- Railworks easy to work with, working on rockslide, Bridge 20, etc.
- Next big event will be the Headless Horseman, weekend before Halloween
- Doing minor track work, secured a high rail crane
- Getting ready for Christmas

County Activities – Kevin Tyler

- Bridge Repair Status
 - Kevin shared a three-week look ahead schedule
- Member Appointments
 - Dave Rowe, Terry Gardner, Dave Miller, and Jerry Jacobus has been appointed
 - Eric Fuller and Mark Herceg were reappointed
- Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA)
 - Kevin will send email with training information

- Kevin McDowell (Prosecuting Attorney's office) mentioned there is authority that states the OPMA does not apply to purely advisory boards and commissions. He said having the training and following OPMA procedures, to the extent practicable, is a great idea but wanted to make it clear that simply because members are receiving this training and endeavor to follow the OPMA as closely as practicable does not mean and should not be construed as an indication that the OPMA does apply to the Railroad Advisory Board as it is purely an Advisory Board or Commission.
- Car Counts – Kevin will get that info out to everyone
- Discussion about painting bridges, graffiti, and illegal camping

Unfinished Business – Dan Weaver

- Open House/Presentation – On hold, continue to accumulate information with assistance from county staff, new councilors, rock sources

New Business – Dan Weaver

- Comprehensive Plan – Need to get this together and present to new councilors
- Chelatchie Bluffs Surface Mining Overlay – Meeting/Hearing has been scheduled, out of compliance with growth management
- Advisory Board terms expiring – John Shaffer, Neil Chambers, Mark Daniels, Jim Malinowski

Public Comment – Dan Weaver

- Michael O'Connell – Suggests contacting entities with similar situations to help promote the rail to the public

Good of the Order – Dan Weaver

- None

5:04pm Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Chris Walker

Upcoming Meeting:

Date: December 9, 2024

Time: 4:00pm to 5:30pm

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