



Clark County Railroad Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 10, 2025, 4:00pm to 4:35pm
Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., 6th Floor BOCC
Training Room and virtual via Microsoft Teams

Advisory Board-Present: Dave Rowe, Gregg Smith, Jerry Jacobus, Jim Malinowski, John Hansen, John Shaffer, Mark Daniels, Terry Gardner

Advisory Board-Not Present: Dan Weaver, David Millar, Eric Fuller, Jim Pearson, Mark Herceg, Neil Chambers, Zach Keith

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

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

Portland Vancouver Junction Railroad (PVJR): None Present

Guests: Charles Hancock, Kim O'Hara, Maggie Derk, Marvin Mathison, Michael O'Connell, Nancy Halvorson, Steve Jagelski

4:00pm Quorum present and meeting called to Order – John Shaffer

4:13pm January 13, 2025, minutes adopted with a request to modify the minutes and clarify RRAB's, which is to make recommendations to Clark County Council and not to lobby on behalf of the county (Motion by Jerry Jacobus, Second by Jim Malinowski).

Comments from the Chair – None

Portland Vancouver Junction Railroad (PVJR) – Not present

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

- Will start running again for Mother's Day Weekend
- Doing shop work on equipment and have started putting the steam engine back together
- Working with Railworks on the bridges
- PVJR put out an RFP for vegetation clearing from mp18.7 to 20.45 (Heisson store up to bridge 20)
- Working on 1472 fifteen-year inspection – 2025 will be the first year of the 15 years

County Activities – Kevin Tyler

- Bridge Repair Updates
 - Working on the last bit of bridge 12, and a little bit on 6 and 18 – goal was to be done this week
- Railroad Roadbed Rehab Status
 - Bid advertisement is out and bid opening is this Wednesday – should then be able to see how much money is left for the roadbed rehab near Yacolt
- PVJR Environmental Update – Kevin shared new information added to the FAQ website – there were two notices issued by the EPA; one regarding the Vancouver site (Barborton) and one regarding the Chelatchie

site – Information may be found here: <https://clark.wa.gov/public-works/portland-vancouver-junction-railroad-faqs>

Unfinished Business – John Shaffer

- Railroad presentation and open house – on hold

New Business – John Shaffer

- Motion to authorize Dan Weaver and John Shaffer to review senate bill 5667 and if it is something they support to either go to Olympia or contact Olympia to indicate they support the bill (Motion by Jim Malinowski, Second by Jerry Jacobus)
- Meeting frequency – Discussion about having meetings every other month
- Climate Change Policy – RRAB would like to be briefed on this new policy the county is writing as the board could have input regarding energy efficiency

Public Comment – John Shaffer – None

Good of the Order – John Shaffer - None

4:35pm Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Chris Walker

Upcoming Meeting:

Date: March 10, 2025

Time: 4:00pm to 5:30pm

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