



proud past, promising future

CLARK COUNTY
WASHINGTON

RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2011

4:00 PM -5:30 PM

1300 FRANKLIN STREET – PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER

6TH FLOOR – TRAINING ROOM #679

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:	Dick Carroll, Dick Clairmont, Bill Ganley, Aryana Peiravi, Bart Phillips, John Shaffer, Tom Smith, Florence Wager, Dan Weaver, Jon Yamashita
Excused Members:	Todd Coleman, Scott Dalesandro, Lloyd Lycan, Jack Melton
Absent Members:	Bryan Snodgrass
Ex-Officio:	Will Pickering, Eric Temple
Public:	Doug Auburg, John Allen
Staff:	Mark McCauley, April Flinn, Troy Pierce

Agenda Item	Facilitator
Meeting called to order @ 4:03 pm	Dick Clairmont
Roll Call/Introductions	Dick Clairmont
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Dick Clairmont
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The date needs to be changed. Moved and seconded minutes approved as corrected. 	
Communications/Announcements	Dick Clairmont
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dick Clairmont, Vice-Chair is filling in for the Chair, Lloyd Lycan. 	
PVJR Activities	Eric Temple
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separation of Business – Eric wants to buy out his brother for the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad. An offer has been made. Olympia – Eric stopped in Olympia on his way to the meeting. He indicates that the \$2.367 million is still in the transportation bill for the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad. Last year he was successful in getting money for the Port of Moses Lake and Clark County. If the money for Moses Lake cannot be spent, he wants to try to get it redirected to Clark County. He talked with Mike Burgess and the legislators about the extra money. Construction – The current construction phase for the railroad is finally completed. Will Cahill signed off on all of it except for some signal work. Signal lines were damaged during construction. Clark County’s signal department still needs to verify they have been fixed. Customers – Linde Gas has signed a contract with a technology company in Oregon. They will be shipping about one car per week for this company. Omega is still using about the same amount of cars. Food Express has started shipping again. They have about five cars. Andersen Plastics has started production at the Brush Prairie site. They asked for a half full car to be moved from Battle Ground to Brush Prairie. The new steel piling company will be having a meeting with Community Development regarding putting in a spur. Eric will contact them to discuss it. 	
BYCX Activities	Will Pickering
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant – The clean up is being done from last years grant. The equipment will be moved to Yacolt to rebuild two switches in Yacolt before the season. Maintenance – Winter maintenance is still being done. 	
Status of County Activities	Mark McCauley

Agenda Item	Facilitator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Railroad Coordinator – Four people were interviewed by a five member panel for the railroad coordinator position. The decision was unanimous for one candidate. Mark performed reference checks and will be drafting an offer letter. This candidate would represent the County and the railroad program well. 	
Subcommittee Reports	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NACC – Dan Weaver will attend tonight’s meeting. An NACC member asked Dick Clairmont if the current grant money was secure. • Legislative – It may be a good idea to send the legislators an e-mail to keep our railroad in the forefront. John will work on this. • Rails with Trails – The project goes before the BOCC tomorrow. The bid award should be April 5, 2011. Will Cahill needs to give the go-ahead for rail access. WUTC has the information about the trail. • Construction – Construction is over for the time being and looks good. • Community Reps – Bill Ganley talked with Doug about a tourism train that used to start in Battle Ground. There will be a meeting with the City Council. A workshop on Grace Avenue between Rasmussen and Eaton will occur in the near future. 	
Unfinished Business	Dick Clairmont
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class I Status – The line is still a ways away from being classified as Class I. Ride the Rail Day will most likely be cancelled. Dick Clairmont will meet with Will Cahill on this. • RRAB Make-Up and Duties – Several questions were proposed to the group for them to think about. 1. What do County Commissioners expect from the board? 2. What do members think the advisory board should be/do? What we are not. Suggestions/expectations. 3. How should the RRAB support the railroad? Marketing, lobbying, how do we raise RR profile in the county? 4. What is the budget, if any, for the RR? Annual cost. 5. Is the size of the board appropriate, now and for the future? Should there be designated agency representatives on the board? Selections process. 6. Are there other similar operations? Government owned railroad with leased or contracted operations? 	
New Business	Dick Clairmont
•	
Good of the Order	ALL
•	
Round Table	ALL
•	
ADJOURNMENT @ 5:03 pm	