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CLARK COUNTY
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RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 9, 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, Aryana Peiravi, John Shaffer, Tom Smith, Florence Wager, Dan Weaver, Lloyd Lycan, Jack Melton
Excused Members:	Bill Ganley, Jon Yamashita, Todd Coleman, Bryan Snodgrass
Absent Members:	Scott Dalesandro
Ex-Officio:	Will Pickering, Eric Temple
Public:	Doug Auburg
Staff:	Jon Holladay, Linnea LaRocque, Troy Pierce, Lisa Goorjian

Agenda Item	Facilitator
Meeting called to order @ 4:00 p.m.	Lloyd Lycan
Roll Call/Introductions	Lloyd Lycan
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted with changes 	
Communications/Announcements	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jon addressed the temporary secretary position currently held by Linnea will hopefully be filled in January 2012. The position will have part time hours devoted to the RR (15-20 hrs/week?) Florence B. Wager Foundation Award - In June, three individuals will be recognized with award. There will be one professional, two community members who have given a great deal to the parks. 	
PVJR Activities	Eric Temple
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separation of Business: Papers have been served. The matter will move through arbitration first but likely will end in litigation. Customers: They did 16 cars last week which was good. Food Express is doing some business. Anderson Dairy is slow and steady as always. Omega has been more active lately. Linde Gas – They will begin (3rd quarter) moving 4 to 5 cars per week for several months and then dial back to 2-3 cars per week, which will be an ongoing demand. The new business is related to argon gas for an expanding customer. Potential new shipper: Major US company looking for 60 – 70 acres. Possibly 10/15/20 cars a day. Lagler property is in consideration if it can be brought into the urban area and zoned appropriately. The Commissioners are rolling up their sleeves and looking for ways to do this. Possibly 10/15/20 cars a day. Dedicated 8 million dollar rail loan program: Senator Haugen has a zero interest loan - she wishes someone would use that loan. Car Counts: <i>Eric will resend the previous quarter car counts.</i> 	
BYCX Activities	Will Pickering
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mothers Day: Went well. Huge downpours and some sun breaks. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance: Yacolt station had switch ties replaced. It was a hard place to get to. Things were ripped out so as to start fresh. This should last another 50 years. 	
Status of County Activities	Jon Holladay
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For only 33 miles, there is a lot happening. Jon provided more back ground about himself. • Construction: The project is complete. Railworks is finished with the punch-list. • Extra Grant monies: Approx. \$400,000 remains from the '09 to '11 grant to procure more materials. County will purchase rail and steel hardware with the intent to start laying it near Milepost 0.0 and working up the hill. Jon will work with WSDOT to apply for a grant extension to the end of the year, which will provide for the desired type of rail for the dollar. The supplier will order for Jon without a purchase order. Legislature did pass transportation package for (\$455,000) Clark County rail project, which should provide for monies to install the steel and ties/ballast. Possibly other smaller areas that need attention. • FRA: They were not impressed with some of the practices for maintaining road crossing signal systems. Our contractor played into these issues/damages while completing the rehabilitation project. Together, Clark County and FRA will work with signal folks (with help from Dick Clairmont) to develop a program that will bring county into compliance. • Old Rail from the grant project: will be retained and used to replace deteriorating 66# rail. 	
Subcommittee Reports	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NACC: Dan Weaver and Dick Clairmont attended a meeting where Home Rule Charter government was presented by Bill Barron. This is not new. Last time, it was voted down. • Web Page: <i>Lloyd recommends the Board review the web site and read the "market study".</i> • Legislation and Economic Development: John Shaffer expressed disappointment when they thought they had received millions more funding, and thanked the legislature, when in reality they had received only \$455,000. Jim Jacks was replaced by Sharon Wiley, which is a bonus as she has knowledge of and will be supportive of the rail projects. Mike Armstrong (12th district) would like a list of our projects. He anticipates future short line rail monies. He also has a good relationship with Mike Burgess (lobbyist). • Rails with Trails: (Troy Pierce and Lisa Goorjian) Chelatchie Prairie Railroad Trail is moving forward. Bid awarded to Battle Ground company Northwest Construction General Contracting. Contractor is intended to start no later than the end of May to meet grant deadlines. There will be no ground breaking – but will have a strategy including a presentation to the BG City Council and article in The Reflector to raise awareness for public participation. • Battle Ground Chamber of Commerce: (Aryana) There are a few new members. She has been busy going to meetings and luncheons and is thinking about running for City Council. • CREDC: Bart Phillips has resigned. No immediate replacement but a wide search will be made. 	
Unfinished Business	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacant Board position: remains vacant. BOCC appoints RRAB members. Tabled until future notice. • Class I Status – Tabled for the next meeting • RRAB Make-Up and Duties – Tabled for the next meeting 	
New Business	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Washington is researching weed/chemical tests and may do a test along a portion of the railroad operated by BYCX. (Will Pickering) 	
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Round Table	ALL
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ADJOURNMENT @ 5:27 pm	