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**RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, MAY 14, 2012**

**4:00 PM -5:30 PM**

**1300 FRANKLIN STREET – PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER**

**6TH FLOOR – TRAINING ROOM #679**

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>Members Present:</b>	Dick Clairmont, Bill Ganley, Lloyd Lycan, Jack Melton, Aryana Peiravi, John Shaffer, Bryan Snodgrass, Daniel Weaver, Jon Yamashita
<b>Excused Members:</b>	Dick Carrol, Todd Coleman, Scott Dalesandro, Thomas Smith, Florence Wager (resigned)
<b>Absent Members:</b>	Bonnie Moore
<b>Ex-Officio:</b>	Will Pickering, Eric Temple (absent)
<b>Public:</b>	John Allen, Doug Auburg, Donald Olson
<b>Staff:</b>	Mark McCauley, Jon Holladay, Linnea LaRocque

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>
<b>Meeting called to order @ 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Dan Weaver</b>
<b>Roll Call/Introductions</b>	<b>Dan Weaver</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No commissioner visit this month.</li> <li>Mark McCauley commented on how nice it was to receive \$700k from the legislature.</li> </ul>	
<b>Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes</b>	<b>Dan Weaver</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moved and seconded. Minutes approved as circulated.</li> </ul>	
<b>Communications/Announcements/PVJR Activities</b>	<b>Dan Weaver</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Florence Wager has resigned due to health issues. Dan read her letter to the Board. An appreciation certificate has been designed and signed by the BOCC. Jon will have a piece of railroad rail custom engraved as a thank you.</li> <li>Governor signed 2012 Capital Supplemental Budget with \$500k more for County railroad. This grant will be administered by Dept of Commerce. Total \$1,155,000 in two separate projects. Dan thanked the group who attended the Rail Day in Olympia who played an important part in acquiring these monies.</li> </ul>	
<b>PVJR Activities</b>	<b>Eric Temple</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jon mentioned that Eric may look to extend the Canfield spur track a few hundred feet to accommodate more sand cars. The County, Eric, and Canfield may all contribute to get it done. The County can provide some track materials since it is on County right-of-way.</li> </ul>	
<b>BYCX Activities</b>	<b>Will Pickering</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opening week was last week. There was good turnout and the weather was excellent.</li> <li>BYCX photo presentation: Photos showed the engine and parts that were repaired.</li> <li>Will mentioned BYCX's involvement with a local winery's grand opening.</li> </ul>	
<b>Status of County Activities</b>	<b>Jon Holladay</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bridge 23. DNR crew continues to work. They currently are coming for 3 to 4 days about every other week. More defective timbers continue to be found in the bridge as work continues, which will extend the work. Will Cahill's son is supervising this project. Jon showed photographs.</li> <li>WSDOT and County are amending the \$455K grant to include the extra \$200K. Hope to be ready to begin work in mid-summer. This will be a combined project of \$655K. The added \$200K will be used to replace track switches at Rye Yard.</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LED light grant. Advantageous pricing will allow us to re-fit the rest of the crossings. Working with WUTC to amend that grant to allow County to purchase more units. Jon showed a sample LED unit.</li> <li>• MODOC update: At this point, it appears Clark County will not host the school. Jon is not expending any further effort on Modoc at this time.</li> <li>• Developing a Bridge Management Plan, as required by the FRA by September 2012. There are 8 bridges and one culvert covered by the plan. The FRA essentially requires regular inspections and good record-keeping for maintenance work. Jon is qualified to inspect bridges, but some portions of out bridges will require an outside consultant to assist because of complexity, lack of access, etc. There is also a requirement to compute the load capacity of bridges, which will have to be done by a consultant as well. These items will have to be budgeted for and will be an on-going expense to the County.</li> </ul>	
<b>Subcommittee Reports</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CREDC economic development (Bonnie) - No update</li> <li>• Community Neighborhood Ass'n (Dick, Dan) - No update.</li> <li>• Web Page (Scott) - No update</li> <li>• Legislative (John) - When Craig Pridemore steps down, his replacement will be a junior senator with less clout. This may have a negative effect on our future success in Olympia.</li> <li>• Community Reps. (Bill, Aryana, Todd, Bryan) - Aryana announced that Harvest Days in Battle Ground will be July 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• RR Master Plan Subcommittee – (Dick, Dan, John) No update.</li> <li>• RRAB Makeup/Duties/Expectations (Dick Carroll) – No update.</li> </ul>	
<b>Unfinished Business</b>	<b>Dan Weaver</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
<b>New Business</b>	<b>Dan Weaver</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revisions to RRAB By-Laws Jon is recommending a couple changes that are currently inconsistent due to changes when the Coordinator position moved to General Services. Dan and Jon will discuss these changes for a future meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b>Good of the Order</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donald Olson introduced himself and expressed interest on behalf of his wife to join the board. She is an engineer from Romania with a railroad background.</li> </ul>	
<b>Round Table</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<b>ADJOURNMENT @ 4:58 p.m.</b>	