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CLARK COUNTY
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RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 12, 2010

4:00 PM -5:30 PM

1300 FRANKLIN STREET – PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER

6TH FLOOR – TRAINING ROOM #679

Members Present:	Scott Dalesandro, Bill Ganley, Rodger Lance, Lloyd Lycan, Bart Phillips*, John Shaffer, Tom Smith, Dan Weaver
Excused Members:	Dick Carroll, Dick Clairmont, Todd Coleman, Melinda McLucas, Jack Melton, Florence Wager
Absent Members:	
Ex-Officio:	Will Pickering, Eric Temple
Staff:	Fred Abraham, April Flinn

* He is seated to represent CREDC, but is not a voting member.

Agenda Item	Facilitator
Meeting called to order @ 4:03 pm	Lloyd Lycan
Roll Call/Introductions	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Introductions were needed. 	
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved and seconded minutes approved as circulated. 	
Communications/Announcements/PVJR Activities	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you letters from the BOCC and addressed to Jerry Petrick and John Allen were read. 	
PVJR Activities	Eric Temple
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Car Counts – The 2nd Quarter of 2010 tied the high record quarter. Customers – Eric has been speaking to several potential customers recently. Also, some customers were lost due to lack of property. Opportunities – Eric feels very optimistic about the future. The auction of the 78th Street property will be taking place on July 15th. Canfield has asked PVJR to put up additional structures on the sand spur property to accommodate added business. Track – Eric walked the track in the St. Johns/78th Street area. It looks very good. It will look even better after the \$2.3M has been put into the track. 	
BYCX Activities	Will Pickering
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ties – Their load of ties should be in this week. They were delayed; they were supposed to be in last month for additional tie renewal on the northern line. Brush – They were able to get a lot of brush work done last weekend. Weed Spray – Weed spray was applied last month by Clark County. It appears to have worked well. Test Weed Spray – A car will be offered to transport people to the site of the spray testing to look at the area. This will alleviate cars being parked on the road. This work is being done by a consultant formerly with Purdue University. Weekend Runs – 4th of July run had a great turnout. They did an evening run for the Yacolt fireworks. The next trip will be the end of the month, which will be a train robbery run. 	
Status of County Activities	Fred Abraham
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andersen Plastics – They closed on the Brush Prairie property last week. Andersen staff had meetings with key County staff regarding the permit process, and what needs to be done to comply with the Fire Marshall's office. The interim overlay ordinance was put in on June 22nd. Public process and State law requires a public hearing for public comment within 60 days of interim ordinances. There will be a public meeting on July 27th, which is within the 60 days State law requires to conduct a public hearing. Andersen hopes to be in business at that location in late September or early October. Letters and documents have been submitted to Commerce and SEPA. WSDOT Grant – Today started the grant process in regards to a contractor on the ground working. 	

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<p>Nutter started the work at MP 0.2 for the drainage improvement project. The tie bids came in last week. They were well below estimates by 25%. The ballast bids came in last week at 25% lower than estimated as well. The steel bid will be opened August 3rd. The contractor bids will be opened one week later. We should have the contractor on site doing the rehab work by the first part of September.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride the Rails – Local and federal legislators, elected officials, and BNSF will be brought together to ride the rails. The date established is September 13th. The problem now is how to accommodate that many people. With excepted class track, FRA rules state that we are not allowed to run passenger car behind a locomotive. A letter was sent to the FRA in D.C. to see if we can get an exception. We have a 50/50 chance of getting it accepted. If that doesn't work, high rails may be needed or the trip cancelled. • 78th Street Auction – The auction will take place on July 17th. If a lower bid is accepted by a rail served customer, the buyer must show how the difference in price can be made up in reduced road maintenance costs and that the rail will be used. A provision in the sale agreement will require that whatever amount of payback to the road fund remaining if any will be required to be paid in full upon a sale. • Federal Historic Preservation – An application was submitted through a public works project to make the railroad north of 119th street to be put on the National Historic Register. It needs a sponsor and no sponsor has come forward. It may not move forward and it will be monitored closely. • Bridge 23 – The timbers have arrived for bridge 23. DNR crews are now fighting fires, so they are unable to put them in at this time. It will have to be coordinated with DNR crews to get them installed at the earliest opportunity. • Speeder Run – The FRA sent back a letter regarding the speeders. They are allowed to run on excepted class track. There are guidelines that need to be followed while the speeders are using the track. The letter was read to the group. This needs to be worked out between PVJR, BYCX, and Clark County. A subsequent letter or e-mail defining excepted class track exemption as well is to be forthcoming. 	
Subcommittee Reports	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Outreach – There is nothing significant going on. Dan Weaver will attend tonight's meeting. • Web Page – Needs updated with fresh news. Is easy to access, and find contact information. • Legislative & Economic Development – They have seen all local legislators except Rep. Moeller and Senator Benton. These meetings allow for more time and information to get to the legislator. All of them are very supportive. The meetings are very productive. • Rails with Trails – No Update 	
Unfinished Business	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Positions Update – We have not heard back from the City of Vancouver about a representative from them. Bart Phillips will sit in on the meetings for CREDC until a person can be appointed. It was brought up that there should maybe be a representative from BNSF in the future. • Business Card Update – The cards have been printed and are now available to be distributed. They were passed around the room. We will bring them to the next couple of meetings. • August Meeting – A motion was approved to suspend the August meeting. We will call a meeting if necessary. 	
New Business	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing 	
Good of the Order	ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing 	
Round Table	ALL
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ADJOURNMENT @ 4:59 pm	