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**RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**

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

**1300 FRANKLIN STREET – PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER**

**6TH FLOOR – TRAINING ROOM #679**

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>Members Present:</b>	John Allen, Dick Clairmont, Scott Dalesandro, Bill Ganley, Dave Hurt, Rodger Lance, Lloyd Lycan, Melinda McClucas, Will Pickering, Thomas Smith, Florence Wager, Dan Weaver
<b>Excused Members:</b>	Jack Melton, Jerry Petrick
<b>Absent Members:</b>	Dick Carroll
<b>Ex-Officio:</b>	Eric Temple, Will Pickering
<b>Public:</b>	Mike Rose (Alta Design)
<b>Staff:</b>	Fred Abraham, April Flinn, Troy Pierce, Lisa Goorjian

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>
<b>Meeting called to order @ 4:01 pm</b>	<b>Dan Weaver</b>
<b>Roll Call/Introductions</b>	<b>Dan Weaver</b>
<b>Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes</b>	<b>Dan Weaver</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rodger Lance would like the August 2009 minutes to reflect that the current news area on the web page needs updated, not that we need a current news area.</li> <li>Moved and seconded minutes approved as circulated and amended from the board.</li> </ul>	
<b>Communications/Announcements/PVJR Activities</b>	<b>Dan Weaver</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A draft letter was sent to Kevin Tyler in Public Works, as well as sent to Eric Temple for review. Kevin Tyler asked Fred Abraham to draft a letter that has to do with the State permitting process. Fred read the letter to the board. The board offered no changes.</li> </ul>	
<b>PVJR Activities</b>	<b>Eric Temple</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Activity</b> - There has not been a lot of activity in the last month.</li> <li><b>Meetings</b> – Eric has had meetings with the Commissioner’s regarding land and rail issues.</li> <li><b>Potential Customers</b> – Eric has had a potential customer wanting to locate on the rail line that would potentially bring 3000 cars a year up the line. He is loosing this potential customer because the track is not in good enough shape, and he doesn’t have the room to store their cars. There is a lot of opportunity for rail business, but Eric can’t get them here without the rail infrastructure and the land available to locate the business.</li> <li><b>Bond Issues</b> – The idea was brought up about the possibility of looking into bonds.</li> </ul>	
<b>BYCX Activities</b>	<b>Will Pickering</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Movie</b> – A children’s movie was filmed on the rail line near Moulton Falls by a Portland production company. A nice donation was paid to the railroad and the employees from BYCX were paid. Some kids from Yaoclt were able to be extras in the movie.</li> <li><b>Track Work</b> – Track clean up is in the works. The schedule depends on DNR’s fire schedule. The BYCX is in search of a truckload of ties that would be put in before Christmas.</li> <li><b>Train Run</b> - There was going to be a weekend run coming up.</li> </ul>	
<b>Status of County Activities</b>	<b>Fred Abraham</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Overlay Zoning</b> – This will start in Community Planning between Oliver Orijiako and Gordon Euler. Fred Abraham will be contacting the local jurisdictional partners to get them on board with the overlay concept. Their support is needed. Fred will get Eric Temple and possibly some members from the RRWG to review the overlay concept.</li> <li><b>HSPiR Grant</b> – WSDOT did research with BNSF and Amtrak and at this point we would not reduce</li> </ul>	

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<p>the impact on their ability to run trains through the corridor that the County would not qualify at this time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bridge Assessment</b> – The bridge assessment was done by HDR. Fred should be receiving the first draft of the report from the project manager at HDR soon. It will be looked at to see if it meets the State and Federal requirements and will make necessary changes to the report. Fred will have Eric review it. The one major thing that comes out is that it may appear that the bridges are in worse shape than originally thought. BYCX had to be shut down from going across Bridge #23 because of a crushed cap and blown out cap. There are concerns about rot, and it may require a major rebuild.</li> <li>• <b>Caples Road</b> – The signs and lights have been finished. Also, the bicycle signs have been installed near the tracks.</li> <li>• <b>Slide at MP20</b> – A minor slide of about 740 feet of hillside is giving away. A report with pictures has been submitted to Risk Management to incorporate their help.</li> <li>• <b>\$1.366 Million Grant</b> – The charter is complete. Fred is waiting for the contract. He should see it the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week in October. He will go over it with CBRR and the PA's office. Then it goes on to the Attorney General's office for review. It will probably be January before the County gets the money.</li> <li>• <b>TIGER Grant \$21 Million</b> – The application was submitted on September 15<sup>th</sup>. We will not hear anything on this until probably the beginning of 2010.</li> </ul>	
<b>Subcommittee Reports</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ROW</b> – Nothing new.</li> <li>• <b>Outreach</b> – Fred will be put on the agenda to talk for community outreach.</li> <li>• <b>Web Page</b> – April will get the page updated to reflect current information.</li> </ul>	
<b>Unfinished Business</b>	<b>Dan Weaver</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expiring Terms</b> – April read the names of the board members whose terms are expiring at the end of the year. (Tom Smith, Jerry Petrick, Dick Clairmont, Scott Delesandro, John Allen, and Dave Hurt) The mentioned board members need to contact Fred to let him know if they would like to continue on the board.</li> <li>• <b>Unfilled Term</b> – There was some discussion about the applicants for the unfilled term on the board. The names were written on the board. After discussion, it was unanimously voted to have John Schaffer fill the vacancy. Fred will give Mr. Schaffer a call to let him know and will present his name to the BOCC.</li> <li>• <b>Rails with Trails</b> - A subcommittee meeting was held just prior to the RRAB meeting. Eric Temple expressed his concern over horses near the trains. Fred Abraham stated that in the book it shows that there is a separation of equestrian traffic from the rail and the pedestrian traffic. Eric stated that a physical barrier helps with his concerns but does not completely alleviate them. Lisa Goorjian added that many trails in the area are already shared, and display signage. The BOCC has expressed an interest in having more equestrian facilities in the County. Eric Temple wants assurance of the rail being the first priority. The PA's office and Risk Management will be contacted about the risks and insurance associated with the trail project by the PW's project manager. Fifty percent plans were passed out to the subcommittee. During the RRAB meeting it was mentioned that 60 people attended the open house. Property owners shared their support and concerns with the project.</li> </ul>	
<b>New Business</b>	<b>Dan Weaver</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Safety Sub-Committee</b> – Dick Clairmont officially assigned as the safety coordinator for the RRAB board.</li> </ul>	
<b>Good of the Order</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nothing</b></li> </ul>	
<b>Round Table</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bill Ganley thanked Fred for speaking at the City of Battle Ground's quarterly meeting.</li> <li>• Rye Jct crossing's southbound lane is getting rough. This is an issue for the City of Vancouver and they will be notified.</li> </ul>	
<b>ADJOURNMENT @ 5:25 pm</b>	