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RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2011

4:00 PM -5:30 PM

1300 FRANKLIN STREET – PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER

6TH FLOOR – TRAINING ROOM #679

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:	Dick Carrol, Dick Clairmont, Todd Coleman, Scott Dalesandro, Bill Ganley, Lloyd Lycan, Jack Melton, Aryana Peiravi, Will Pickering, John Shaffer, Thomas Smith, Eric Temple, Florence Wager, Daniel Weaver.
Excused Members:	Bonnie Moore, Bryan Snodgrass, Jon Yamashita
Absent Members:	
Ex-Officio:	Will Pickering, Eric Temple
Public:	Doug Auburg
Staff:	Jon Holladay, Linnea LaRocque, Troy Pierce

Agenda Item	Facilitator
Meeting called to order @ 4:02 p.m.	Lloyd Lycan
Roll Call/Introductions	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike Burgess was not available for the November meeting, he may join in December. 	
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes approved and seconded. Approved 	
Communications/Announcements	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Troy Pierce provided an update on the Rail Trail. The trail is essentially done, with the exception of the illumination system (street light) at NE Palmer Road and the installation of the some additional crossing signage at NE 174th Court. The trail will be officially opened once the illumination system is completed. When the signing is in at the crossing, notification must be made to WUTC for review. The volunteer work still remains to be done, but will be done by the end of the year. (It has actually been completed now.) Once everything has been done, a pictorial presentation will be made to the Railroad Advisory Board (probably not in December). 	
PVJR Activities	Eric Temple
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eric and his brother completed arbitration. Mediation is scheduled for December 1st. Eric is intent on retaining control of PVJR. A final agreement should be finished tomorrow for new trans-load customer. This will provide for them to store cars on the line. Eric does not anticipate many cars at this time, although their business could ramp up quickly. There are two fences that will need to be addressed and moved as this business grows. The 20 acre parcel (Breslow property) was purchased by a trucking company. This may provide for opportunity/partnership. The containers on the trans-load site were addressed. They are not permanent structures. They are currently being used to store several blends of roofing granules. 	
BYCX Activities	Will Pickering
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halloween rail trips did well. Upcoming Christmas trains are the biggest passenger/revenue draw, this takes lots of work. The engine is up at the shop. Below freezing requires the draining of fluids each night. The track has 800-900 ties that will need to be disposed of by shredding by Waste 	

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Management. Additional new ties are being installed south of Yacolt.	
Status of County Activities	Jon Holladay
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tiger III Grant: This is a competitive grant and funds large and small projects. The federal distribution requirements for awards stipulate that the monies must be divided equitably between regions and urban/rural projects. Jon said to get an “urban” grant, you must have 20% cash match, which we don’t have, so we looked at the rural criteria (Yacolt). Our application fits the DOT criteria and we asked for \$2.8 million for upgraded rail, new ties and ballast rock above Battle Ground (mile post 15 to the end of the line). Should know the results before the end of the year. • Modoc RR Academy: Modoc held a public town hall meeting at Yacolt for citizen Q & A. Modoc is in a fund-raising mode to raise the money needed to move. • Bridge 6: Jon provided a slideshow of photo’s of the removal of burnt timbers and detailed the repairs that will take place. He anticipates repair to be complete around the end of year. • Bridge 23: A new cooperative work agreement has been executed with DNR to allow Larch Mtn crews to work on the railroad through 2012. Three new brace timbers have been ordered and should be delivered in mid-December. Once the timbers are delivered, Jon will work with Cahill and DNR to re-start repair efforts. 	
Subcommittee Reports	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Neighborhoods (Dan & Dick): nothing new • Web page (Scott): nothing new • Legislative (John): nothing new • Community Reps (Bill, Aryana, Todd, Bryan): Bill – elections are over. Todd – Port of Vancouver is starting construction on Project 9, and new United Grain silos are going up quickly. Farwest Steel has their building going up as well. • RR Master Plan subcommittee (Dick C, Dan, John Shaffer, Jon Holladay): Committee met with Commissioner Boldt to discuss options for finding additional industrial lands along railroad. The most critical needs compiled from all the Board recommendations were found to be infrastructure of the railroad itself and space/land for development. The meeting was encouraging. At this preliminary stage, there will be another meeting with Commissioners and compilation of more input regarding how to proceed. • RRAB Makeup/Duties/Expectations (Dick Carroll): One topic was review of the Board size and composition. Specifically, when there is a future Board vacancy, it’s recommended that specifications be discussed and marketed to provide for needs that are currently lacking in the Board. Dick is not certain when this subcommittee will again meet due to Dick’s unavailability. 	
Unfinished Business	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RRAB Term expirations (5) and Officer elections: Lloyd asked for discussion regarding the term limits and reappointments of existing members. The Board voted to recommend reappointment of Lloyd, Florence, Jack, John Shaffer and Aryana for 3 year appointments. • Jack Melton nominated Dan Weaver as Chair. This nomination was seconded. Dan accepted the nomination. Nominations were closed. Dan Weaver was elected as 2012 Chair. • Dick Carroll nominated John Shaffer as Vice-Chair. The nomination was seconded by Jack Melton. John accepted the nomination. John Shaffer will serve as 2012 as Vice-Chair. • John Shaffer shared the news that Senator Craig Pridemore will run for State Auditor. Craig was directly responsible for a lot of the monies we got. The other two Senators are senior, but are in the minority party. 	
New Business	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December meeting will be short with holiday refreshments provided by members. 	
Good of the Order	ALL
Round Table	ALL
ADJOURNMENT @ 5:15 pm	