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**RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012**

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

**1300 FRANKLIN STREET – PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER**

**6TH FLOOR – CONFERENCE ROOM #678**

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>Members Present:</b>	Todd Coleman, Lloyd Lycan, Thomas Smith, Daniel Weaver, Jon Yamashita, John Shaffer, Alisa Pyszka;
<b>Excused Members:</b>	Scott Dalesandro, Bonnie Moore, Dick Carroll, Dick Clairmont, Bill Ganley, Aryana Peiravi,
<b>Absent Members:</b>	Jack Melton,
<b>Ex-Officio:</b>	Will Pickering, Eric Temple
<b>Public:</b>	
<b>Staff:</b>	Jon Holladay, Roxie Olsen, Mark McCauley

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>
<b>Meeting called to order @ 4:02 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>Moved and seconded. Minutes approved:</li> </ul>	
<b>Communications/Announcements/Citizen Input</b>	<b>Dan Weaver</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jon reports: State Rail Plan SW Washington workshop – open to public, to be held sometime early 2013 in Longview</li> <li>Jon reports: Coal Train open house – Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm at Clark College Geyser Student Center, City of Vancouver may have additional opportunities Alisa will be checking into it.</li> </ul>	
<b>PVJR Activities</b>	<b>Eric Temple</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eric received his first waiver request for the Railroad Industry Agreement, which if successful would allow that party to ship railcars by both BNSF and Union Pacific, whereas the County Railroad had previously been restricted to BNSF only.</li> <li>Battle Ground fire update: Eric’s employees are making due and are operating out of their homes and vehicles. Eric is looking for temporary space to house his employees and their equipment.</li> <li>Track reconstruction: going well</li> <li>Eric’s 78<sup>th</sup> Street parcel: some inquiries received but none wanting railroad use yet</li> </ul>	
<b>BYCX Activities</b>	<b>Will Pickering</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landslide: boulders fell on the track, County’s contractor cleared them in two days</li> <li>Bridge: Some remaining work to be done regarding loose rail joints and bolts</li> <li>Runs: Fall winery runs are good, soon will start the Christmas runs</li> <li>Steam Engine: legal issues have been resolved and hope to have it up and running by summer</li> </ul>	

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>
<b>County Activities</b>	<b>Jon Holladay</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• West Rail Construction continues the track reconstruction project. Rail mostly complete between Rye Yard and 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Ties, switches, ballast, and street crossing coming up, included visual aids</li> <li>• Dept of Commerce grant – Bid for rail won by A&amp;K Track. Materials for ½ mile of new track ordered and on their way for West Rail to install</li> <li>• Battle Ground railroad shop fire update: Jon showed a rough sketch for a new facility that could be located near NE 78<sup>th</sup> Street alongside Public Works and included pictures of similar structures on other railroads. The insurance claim is being processed – the next step is to have an on-site open investigation for those parties that are potentially liable for damages (the parties include primarily manufacturers of electronic office devices). Once the on-site investigation happens, County/PVJR will be able to clear out salvageable belongings and begin demolition process.</li> <li>• 2013-2015 WSDOT grant application status – no update yet</li> <li>• Last of new LED lights installed at RR crossings – project complete</li> </ul>	
<b>Subcommittee Reports</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CREDC: None</li> <li>• NAC's: None</li> <li>• Web Page: None</li> <li>• Legislature: The Board discussed ways to step up the lobbying effort in light of the fact that there will be no senior representation on the transportation committees in the next session. There may be ways to engage the legislators prior to the next "rail day" event. Jon will contact the county lobbyist to schedule a rail day in Olympia.</li> <li>• Community Reps: None</li> <li>• RR Master Planning: None</li> <li>• RRAB Makeup/Duties/Expectations: None</li> </ul>	
<b>Unfinished Business</b>	<b>Dan Weaver</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Olympia Rail Day 2013 noted</li> </ul>	
<b>New Business</b>	<b>Dan Weaver</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting shall have a light agenda in order to provide refreshments and social time to celebrate the holidays. County will provide drinks, snacks.</li> <li>• RRAB officer elections shall take place at January's meeting. Contact Dan if interested in serving as Chair or Vice-Chair.</li> </ul>	
<b>Good of the Order</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
<b>Round Table</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
<b>ADJOURNMENT @5:17 pm</b>	