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RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009

4:00 PM -5:30 PM

1300 FRANKLIN STREET – PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER

6TH FLOOR – TRAINING ROOM #679

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:	John Allen, Dick Carroll, Dick Clairmont, Scott Dalesandro, Bill Ganley, Rodger Lance, Lloyd Lycan, Jack Melton, John Shaffer, Thomas Smith, Florence Wager, Dan Weaver
Excused Members:	Todd Coleman, Melinda McLucas, Jerry Petrick, Eric Temple
Absent Members:	
Ex-Officio:	Will Pickering
Public:	
Staff:	Fred Abraham, April Flinn, Mark McCauley

Agenda Item	Facilitator
Meeting called to order @ 4:00 PM	Dan Weaver
Roll Call/Introductions	Dan Weaver
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Dan Weaver
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was one change requested to the minutes from the November meeting. It should read that John Allen was voted as vice-chair not Lloyd Lloyd. Moved and seconded, corrected minutes approved as circulated. 	
Communications/Announcements/PVJR Activities	Dan Weaver
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railroad Coordinator Position - At last weeks public meeting, it was decided that Fred's position as Railroad Coordinator will continue on through next year. Dave Hurt – He sent a letter upon his departure from the RRAB. He was supportive of the decision by the RRAB to not have him continue, and was also supportive of the group finding another Port employee to fill the vacancy on the RRAB. BOCC Appointment Letters - Todd Coleman and Scott Dalesandro signed their letters from the County Commissioners for reappointment/appointment on the RRAB. Outgoing Chairman - Dan Weaver, as the outgoing chairman, was recognized. He was thanked. Florence officially thanked Dan for his service as chairman of the RRAB. 	
PVJR Activities	Eric Temple
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Report this month. 	
BYCX Activities	Will Pickering
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Tree Trains – With online reservations, they had around 1700 riders for the trains. There were around 300 trees taken, along with people from 10 different states. Ties – 900 ties arrived from Canada and have been unloaded. Some of the ties have split ends. About 80% of them are good. With the new distributor, they should be able to get first pick of the ties for the near future. Inmate Crews – Crews have been out doing some right-of-way clean up in the past few days and brush clearing. 	
Status of County Activities	Fred Abraham
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DNR Crews – The Larch Mountain Facility is due to close by June 2010. There is concern 	

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<p>over losing the facility and the crews. If they do lose the DNR crews from Larch Mountain, they will have to explore other ways to get the right-of-way cleaned up and repairs done to bridges and site distance clearing and tree trimming. Fred will be watching this development closely as losing these crews will increase labor prices for the work that the DNR crews do by other undefined sources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Shipper – There will be a new shipper coming in January 2010. It will be located at the Sand Spur. They will be loading and unloading from the same spur that the current sand operation is at. It is a special kind of sand used in shingles. They will have approximately 100 cars a year. There is still a grain possibility, but a new method of the way the product flows needs to be developed for it to work. We are still down about 20-22% for the year. • Rails with Trails – Not really anything new to report at this time. The Rails with Trails group went on a high rail trip 1 ½ weeks ago. Some recommendations were made to them for some minor changes. We are at 50% plans right now. Eric Temple will be meeting with the trail user groups in January 2010, and looking at the 50% plan with proposed changes. • 199th Street – WUTC wrote up a violation for the crossing due to potholes. Fred contacted the City of Battle Ground and they were able to patch the holes promptly. Heavier steel, new ties, ballast, and concrete panels are what is needed to fix the crossing permanently. 	
Subcommittee Reports	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety – Will Cahill has drafted up a program for worker safety. Tim McVicker of Risk Management has added some recommendations for the program. There will be a meeting to finalize the program in January. It will then be run by the FRA. 	
Unfinished Business	Dan Weaver
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
New Business	Dan Weaver
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Good of the Order	ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Weaver thanked everybody for their support while he has been chairman of the RRAB. 	
Round Table	ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
ADJOURNMENT @ 4:28 PM	