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RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2011

4:00 PM -5:30 PM

1300 FRANKLIN STREET – PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER

6TH FLOOR – TRAINING ROOM #679

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:	Dick Carroll, Dick Clairmont, Todd Coleman, Bill Ganley, Lloyd Lycan, Jack Melton, Aryana Peiravi, John Shaffer, Tom Smith, Bryan Snodgrass, Florence Wager, Dan Weaver, Jon Yamashita
Excused Members:	
Absent Members:	Scott Dalesandro, Bart Phillips
Ex-Officio:	Will Pickering, Eric Temple
Public:	Doug Auburg
Staff:	Mark McCauley, April Flinn, Lisa Goorjian, Troy Pierce

Agenda Item	Facilitator
Meeting called to order @ 3:59 pm	Lloyd Lycan
Roll Call/Introductions	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The two new members, Jon Yamashita and Aryana Peiravi introduced themselves to the group. Introductions were made around the room. 	
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"> A representative from the RRAB will start attending the monthly NACC meetings again. 	
PVJR Activities	Eric Temple
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yakima Situation – There is no update on this situation as yet. Shipping – A potential shipper has decided not to locate here because there are not enough containers in this region to accommodate the business. Current Shippers – Linde Gas is shipping again. Omega and Food Express have slowed down on shipping. Andersen Plastics new plant should be ready in late January or early February and they should start shipping soon after. Canfield is still busy. They have a contract with Melarky Roofing. There may be other roofing companies that could use Canfield. New Shipper – Dave Burton represents a steel piling company that has located on 10 acres near Barberton. They want to buy out the Grandview Trucking site on the other side of the tracks to have a cement batch plant. This would add lots of rail cars. Rail Condition – The new rail looks good. The ties are ready to be placed, and the surfacing equipment is ready. 	
BYCX Activities (Reported by Doug Auburg)	Will Pickering
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter – BYCX is closed for the winter. They had very successful Christmas tree train runs. Maintenance – They are doing maintenance on the locomotive. Tie Grant – They are starting on the tie replacement of relaying ties. 	
Status of County Activities	Mark McCauley
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railroad Coordinator Search – Eleven applications have been received in human resources. Mark will look at these applications before the end of the week. Mark is looking 	

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<p>into who should be on the interview panel. He wants one from the RRAB, Public Works, and Kelly Sills. Mark will get the panel composition to Lloyd. The ideal candidate will have railroad knowledge and public skills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flagging – The OTS program has been sorted out. There was a concern with the Rails with Trails project. D-rails will be installed on the line for public works to work without supervision or monitoring. • Funds – Mike Burgess, the County lobbyist, is confident that we will get funding. A market survey was performed by county workers for money for the rail. Appropriation requests are being submitted to Senators Murray and Cantwell and Congresswoman Herrera Beutler. It is for \$2.5 million and would replace steel between Rye Jct. and MP 3. Mark has met with Cantwell and Murray staff about this request. • Rail near Bonneville Power – More of the hillside is ready to slide near BPA. Bonneville Power conducted a geotechnical report. It appears that they may step up to pay for the work to be done. Mark Wilsdon with Risk Management is looking into this. 	
Subcommittee Reports	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NACC – An RRAB member will begin attending the NACC meeting again. Doug Ballou, the chairman of the NACC, has asked for this to happen. They are pleased with the rail work and like to hear about the progress. They are happy that the Railroad Coordinator position is being filled. • Legislative/Economic Development – Rail Day in Olympia is January 31, 2011. It will be a long day. A handout with the highlights of the railroad will be handed out. Highlights are that this is a job creation project and a project with an end. The rail line will be brought to standards with funding. All the legislators are aware of the rail line. • Community Reps – BG Council (Bill Ganley). They are still looking at work on Grace Avenue. It appears the GTS Drywall location has been purchased for a wrecking yard. Port of Vancouver (Todd Coleman). In November the Port Commissioners were taken along the Chelatchie Prairie rail line from Rye Jct. to Brush Prairie. It was an eye opener for them. City of Vancouver (Bryan Snodgrass). Not much going on right now. • Rails with Trails – In the pre-meeting it was mentioned that they are looking forward to putting out the bid for the one mile of trail in the March timeframe. The rails with trails website has been updated and can be accessed through the Clark County website. 	
Unfinished Business	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RRAB Make-Up/Duties – Some members think it is appropriate to take a look at the make-up of the RRAB and what it is doing and what it should/can be doing. A discussion will be held about the responsibilities and expectations of the board, and if there should be any changes or modifications. They will look at the bylaws. 	
New Business	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Letter – A letter of support for the appropriations request was approved for Lloyd to draft. 	
Good of the Order	ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name Tags – The print shop can help develop name tags on heavy cardstock for each member to be used at the meetings. 	
Round Table	ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car Counts – The 2010 car count was 499. This is up from 432 in 2009. 	
ADJOURNMENT @ 4:50 pm	