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CLARK COUNTY
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RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2010

4:00 PM -5:30 PM

1300 FRANKLIN STREET – PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER

6TH FLOOR – TRAINING ROOM #679

Members Present:	Dick Carroll, Dick Clairmont, Bill Ganley, Rodger Lance, Lloyd Lycan, Jack Melton, John Shaffer, Tom Smith, Dan Weaver
Excused Members:	Todd Coleman, Florence Wager
Absent Members:	Scott Dalesandro, Melinda McLucas, Bart Phillips, Bryan Snodgrass
Ex-Officio:	Will Pickering, Eric Temple
Public:	Mike Burgess, Doug Auburg
Staff:	Mark McCauley, April Flinn, Troy Pierce
Agenda Item	Facilitator
Meeting called to order @ 4:03 pm	Lloyd Lycan
Roll Call/Introductions	Lloyd Lycan
Introductions were made to the lobbyist, Mike Burgess	
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"> None 	
PVJR Activities	Eric Temple
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rail Install – The rail install is going well. Eric is happy with the improvements. The track still needs to be surfaced, and the crew is still waiting for ties. New Customer – Melarky Roofing is a new customer. They will bring in 70-100 cars per year, to start. They will be working with Canfield and trans-loading granules for roofing materials. Cars should start in about 45 days. Meetings with Commissioners – Eric had meetings with Commissioner Boldt and Commissioner Mielke regarding the lobbying efforts. The efforts should move forward. Main Office – There have been struggles in the main office of CBRR. Eric made an offer to his brother to purchase three of the railroads. His brother wants true market value for these railroads. Within the next month the sale will be sent out to five or six different railroads to buy all three of singly. A Washington DC attorney will market it for sale. Eric has the first right of refusal. This will hopefully be settled by the end of March. 	
BYCX Activities	Will Pickering
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Tree Trains – Around 400 trees were sold on the train rides. The turnout has been between 2600-2700 people due to decent weather. They had good press. Tie Grant – They are trying to get the ties picked up. This will wrap up the grant. County Crews – The crews are still doing work on Bridge 23, on the caps. They have to work around the weather. Washouts – So far there have been no washouts this year. Historic Preservation Fund – BYCX was awarded a good portion of the grant from the historic preservation fund. The signed contract was returned late last month. One of the projects under this grant will be for a passing siding at Heisson. 	

Status of County Activities	Fred Abraham
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Railroad Coordinator – The decision has been back and forth on whether or not to hire a new railroad coordinator. The decision has been made that the position can be filled. A notice will be sent to Progressive Railroading, and other railroading publications. An interview panel will need to be put together. Mark would appreciate input from the RRAB. The top candidate's names will be submitted to Bill Barron. The candidate will have to be flexible and be able to fill in on the economic development side of the job as well. • WUTC Grant – The installation of the no trespassing signs is complete. Only \$4,000 of the \$25,000 was used. The sign shop and corrections crews were involved in this project. • WSDOT Grant – The bids on this grant came in lower than expected. Because of this, quantities were able to be increased. Track was increased from 4,431 track feet to 5,520 track feet. Ties were increased from 6000 to 11,000. Ballast was increased from 900 tons to 2000 tons. Joints were increased from 400 to 500. • Bridge 23 – A while back HDR completed an assessment of this bridge. The jacks being used to work on this bridge punched through the caps, and some of the vertical timbers are in bad shape. The work will have to wait till next year for the new budget. Also, the DNR crews are not available at this time. • Omega Industries – Omega is still trying to advance on the purchase of the Burbuck property. There are some pollution issues. The piece of property the County was pursuing on the track is a difficult situation. • Burton Industries – David Burton Consulting Firm represents DeWitt. They are locating near Grandview Trucking. They need access to the rail. They want to try to access the siding on the other side of the line. They would need to build a crossing and then they would be in Grandview's parking lot. The company should put in their own siding and a spur. The County's practice used to be different and the installation used to be done for them. The current siding is used to store cars for Canfield. The railroad still needs use of the current siding. • 78th Street – This property will go out to bid for a third time in the April-May 2011 timeframe. 	
Subcommittee Reports	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webpage – The page should be updated with current information. Maybe information about Fred's leaving and the open railroad coordinator position. 	
Unfinished Business	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rails with Trails – They are working at separating the crossing from the road at 174th Street. An application has been submitted to WUTC. They are working with Will Cahill on the crossing type. There should still be 99% plans by the end of the year. 	
New Business	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobbyist Mike Burgess – He has a meeting with the Commissioners tomorrow to finalize the legislative agenda. He will also be meeting with Ann Rivers, one of our new representatives. He will be discussing a specific rail agenda for this county. He will work to get money that is available, but money is tight. The legislature is working on a new revenue package, but there will probably not be a transportation package this session. The new modeling for the gas tax revenue has made them lose a significant portion in the 10 year projection. Eric Temple's list of topics to talk to the legislature about will be presented to the Commissioners tomorrow. Legislative Day will be January 31, 2011 in Olympia. Three to four people from the RRAB should attend. A legislative ride the rails day is a good idea. • Vacancies – Two new members need to be seated to fill the vacancies. The names of each applicant were mentioned. John Yamashita was recommended to replace Melinda McLucas. Ariana Peiravi was recommended to replace Rodger Lance. Both were nominated, seconded, and approved. The nominations will be forwarded to the BOCC. 	
Good of the Order	ALL
Round Table	ALL
ADJOURNMENT @ 5:06 pm	