



Clark County Railroad Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 13, 2025, 4:00pm to 4:45pm
Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., 6th Floor BOCC
Training Room and virtual via Microsoft Teams

Advisory Board-Present: Dan Weaver, Dave Rowe, Eric Fuller, Gregg Smith, Jerry Jacobus, Jim Malinowski, Jim Pearson, John Shaffer, Mark Daniels, Mark Herceg, Neil Chambers, Terry Gardner, Zach Keith

Advisory Board-Not Present: David Millar, John Hansen

Clark County Staff and Leadership: Denielle Cowley, Glen Yung, Jennifer Coker, Kevin McDowell, Kevin Tyler

Battle Ground, Yacolt, Chelatchie Prairie Railroad (BYCX): Randy Williams

Portland Vancouver Junction Railroad (PVJR): None Present

Guests: Jackie Lane, Jim McRae, Kim O'Hara, Maggie Derk, Marvin Mathison, Michael O'Connell, Steve Jagelski, Tracy Richards-Brown

4:00pm Quorum present and meeting called to Order – Dan Weaver

4:03pm Election of Officers 2024 - Nominations open for Chair and Vice Chair

- Motion by Jim Malinowski to re-elect Dan Weaver as Chair of Railroad Advisory Board and to re-elect John Shaffer as Vice Chair of Railroad Advisory Board, second by Mark Daniels, all in favor, none opposed.

4:04pm December 9, 2024, minutes adopted (Motion by John Shaffer, Second by Neil Chambers)

Comments from the Chair – None

Portland Vancouver Junction Railroad (PVJR) – Not present

Battle Ground, Yacolt, Chelatchie Prairie Railroad (BYCX) – Randy Williams

- Four Christmas weekends – 4,490 passengers
- Working on 1472 fifteen-year inspection

County Activities – Kevin Tyler

- Bridge Repair Updates
 - Wrapping up bridge 23, working on 20, and planning to start on 12 soon
- Railroad Roadbed Rehab Status
 - Continuing to finalize bid package
- Encampment Cleanup
 - Clean-up of encampment under the Hazel Dell Ave bridge was completed

Unfinished Business – Dan Weaver

- Railroad presentation and open house – Still on hold

- Chelatchie Bluffs Surface Mining Overlay – Waiting for a decision – no timeline

New Business – Dan Weaver

- Commercial real estate firm Fuller Group has been retained by PVJR to lease two properties on the rail line for rail service business – no conflict of interest
- PVJR Environmental Update – PVJR continue to work with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of Ecology (DOE) to work toward voluntary compliance or settlement with the enforcement brought against them
- Lobbying for railroad funding – Suggestion to go to Olympia on Feb 6th, Environmental Day, and talk about Clark County and the railroad – members of RRAB should not take a position on legislation or lobby on behalf of the county. RRAB can make a recommendation to Council on these matters.

Public Comment – Dan Weaver – None

Good of the Order – Dan Weaver

- Michael O’Connell – Noted there was an article regarding a meeting about land use/open space and would like to know more about it – None familiar with it – will look into it and report back

4:45pm Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Chris Walker

Upcoming Meeting:

Date: February 10, 2025

Time: 4:00pm to 5:30pm

Location: Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., 6th Floor Training Room and virtual