



**Railroad Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, November 17, 2011**

The Rochelle Railroad Advisory Board met on November 17, 2011 in the lower level conference center at City Hall, 420 North 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068. The meeting was called to order by Scott Rozanas at 12:00p.m.

I. Roll Call

Present at the meeting were Board Members: Lenny Reynolds, Randy Wakenight, Bob Wingate, and Ken Wise. Others present were Jason Anderson- Economic Development Director, Dennis Berg-Councilman, Jeff Leon-WRHL, Chet Olson – Mayor, Ed Rice-Councilman, Scott Rozanas-Business Development Manager, and Katie Wolf-Economic Development Administrative Assistant
Absent: Malcolm Patterson.

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Lenny Reynolds and seconded by Bob Wingate to approve the minutes of September 28, 2011 with one correction being made. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

III. Review of Financial Results

Scott Rozanas reviewed with the board the financials of the City Industrial Rail (CIR). It was noted that Coated Sand Solutions revenue will be for a partial year in 2012. No additional comments were made.

IV. Comments from the Public

Frank Frisch, who lives in Flag Center, shared his concern about the quality of life in Rochelle and Ogle County with the trains. Mr. Frisch would like to see Quiet Zones implemented in Rochelle. Councilman Dennis Berg commented that the City Council's Public Works Committee will begin researching and addressing Quiet Zone issues. Councilman Berg will gather more information and report back at the next meeting. It was also noted that the crossings related to Mr. Frisch's concerns are not City crossings.

V. Status Report on Projects in Progress

A. Nippon Sharyo

The Japanese Rail company, Nippon Sharyo, continues to move forward on rail work, with the rail bed being stabilized currently and building of the track to continue through the winter. The first two rail cars are expected to arrive at the site on May 15, 2012. The rail work is on schedule, currently to be completed by April 15, 2012.

B. True Grit

Coated Sand Solutions (formerly True Grit) closed on the property this month. The City is working to secure grant funding that will help cover the cost to run the rail across Steward Road to Coated Sand Solutions property. The foundation is expected to be poured in the next 10 days. Coated Sand Solutions will be operational in the fall of 2012.

C. Atwood Property

Fehr-Graham & Associates is putting together some drawings currently for the four, 2,000ft. rail tracks on the Atwood Property. The work on these tracks is expected to begin in the spring of 2012.

D. Quiet Zone

Quiet Zones were discussed during the public comment portion of the meeting.



E. 9th Street Crossing

A letter has been drafted to the BNSF to thank them for their quick work on repairing the crossings. About 7 ½ of the 9 crossings in Rochelle have been recently repaired. The remaining at-grade crossings do not need any work at this time.

F. Creston Road Crossing

The Creston Road Crossing work is completed and the crossing is back open.

VI. Old Business

A. CIR Insurance Coverage

Scott reported to the Board that he continues to work with Lynette Fischer, Human Resources/Risk Manager to ensure that the City Industrial Rail (CIR) has the proper insurance for the functions of the CIR. As of January 1, 2012, the Illinois Municipal League and RMA will no longer be covering any of the rail operations in Rochelle as part of our policy. Scott and Lynette have been getting quotes and researching the type of insurance we need to cover the CIR operations. Ryder and the Burlington Junction currently have the City of Rochelle as an additional insured on their policy. The current estimate for the insurance is a \$12M contingent policy that would be \$10,000 per year. The City of Rochelle is meeting with a rail attorney today to discuss various aspects of the CIR, and the insurance coverage will be one topic discussed.

VII. New Business Discussion Items

A. Long Term Strategic Plan

The Board continues to work on a Strategic Plan for the City Industrial Rail (CIR). Ideas were suggested/discussed for strategic goals. A tentative Mission Statement has been developed, but is not yet final. The Board will continue to develop their strategic goals before the next meeting and will begin placing time lines with these goals soon.

B. Next Meeting January 26, 2012

It was noted that the next meeting will be January 26, 2012 at 12 noon.

VIII. Comments from the Board

No additional comments from the Board.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Lenny Reynolds and seconded by Ken Wise to adjourn the meeting at 1:00p.m.

Submitted By,

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